

Opportunities

OPEN CHURCH Wednesdays 10am - 12 noon: A few volunteers have left recently, which means it's difficult to fill all the dates. If you are willing to spend an hour once a month to be there with a companion, please contact me and I will give you all the details. Thank you. Pauline Evans 01376 331349

By popular request we are making the vestibule more accessible as a creche/quiet area for parents to take young children during the service if necessary. Resources include a small selection of toys and a beanbag

Thank you to all those who have offered to bake for **Saturday Coffee Morning**. We still need servers, so if you are willing to serve refreshments for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning, I would love to hear from you. Thank you, Linda Hendry.

The **Eco, Fairtrade and Ethical stall** stocks a number of fairtrade and environmentally friendly products. These include pasta, tea, coffee and environmentally friendly soap. We even have special seedbombs to help your garden have plants for those very important pollinators. Please come and have a browse and ask us any questions. Thank you, the Youth.



7th April, 2024



Notices

Prayer Points

Assalamn alaikum (Peace be upon you)

Here, in this place of sanctuary, Jesus we rest in the quiet of your calm.

And whether we come as a stranger, have faith, a little or none at all, Your words give a sense of belonging
'Peace be with you!'

So many are longing for peace, living in fear, having no refuge or place to hide, feeling abandoned and alone. In early morning light, in rush of day, in the darkness of night.

Enfold each heart in your deepest peace.

Make known new paths of hope. A way forward, new sources of strength.

For sometimes, we are afraid like the disciples, not quite believing in ourselves, or in You.

Guide and help us trust more to speak, to listen, be your love on earth.

For no matter what is happening within and all around us we are safe in your presence and in this moment, joy is ours.

May these words and your loving spirit bring healing today and always.

Assalamu alaikum. Peace be upon you

Hazel McCorisken

I am new
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If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome! Our Welcome Packs are available for everyone and contain more information about us and the things we do. If you have not already been given one, please ask one of our hosts.

This Week

Welcome to Christ Church

Sunday 7th April

9.30am Service led by Colin Fowler

11.00am Service led by Colin Fowler

3.00pm Afternoon Communion service followed by refreshments

Sunday 14th April

9.30am Service led by Sally Chapman

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Church office hours:

Church Office Opening Hours this week:

Tuesday 9th April 8am – 5pm **only**.

Please Note: David and Mel Sebley will be on annual leave from **Monday 8th to Sunday 14th April inclusive**.



Events and Things To Do

Thursford Christmas Spectacular: Trinity, Chelmsford have asked if we would like to join them for their trip to the matinee performance on 16th November. The cost will be £67. Interested? Please speak to Margaret Gurteen, 01376 340574 for more details.

We are holding a **Puppet Ministry Training Day** here on Saturday 20th April, 10am – 4.30pm. The day will include hands on workshops and inspiring demonstrations and is for anyone whether you are brand new to puppets or want to enhance your skills. If you are interested, please speak to David Sebley.

Our next All Age Worship service will be on Sunday 21st April. Please bring a picnic and join with us for lunch after the service.

Women's Breakfast – Saturday, 27th April at 8.30am Tickets £10.00. Continental Breakfast followed by a talk from Diane Regan who, with her husband Patrick, founded Kintsugi Hope a charity which seeks to build a world where mental and emotional wellbeing is understood and accepted. Tickets can be obtained from the Church Office and will also be before, between and after services.

Doing our bit to save the planet...Did you know...**Soft plastics** can be recycled at Sainsbury's and Tesco's supermarkets. Please take them there instead of throwing them away.

Emailing the office: admin@christchurchbraintree.org.uk, or either
Zelma – zelma@christchurchbraintree.org.uk
Nikki – nikki@christchurchbraintree.org.uk

To email David Sebley: minister@christchurchbraintree.org.uk
Please note: David's normal day-off is on Fridays. Except in genuine emergency please respect his need for some "me" time.

Notices

Please be aware that we now live stream both of our services every Sunday. If you would prefer to not be seen on the camera, please sit in the back two rows on either side. Many thanks.

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Our **Unsung Heroes for April** are our **JCs leaders and helpers**, for giving of their time to help our children grow. Please say a big thank you to them when you see them.

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me for my 5k coloured spectrum walk. I have completed this and I have raised in total £460 for the National Autistic Society. If you have sponsored me, I am starting to collect this in. Thank you very much. Laura Salter

I am looking for accommodation for 3-4 months as I've purchased a property and waiting for completion looking for either a room or a studio flat starting from the 22nd April. Shandon Day – if you can help please contact the Church Office.

I am doing a limited amount of bedding plants this year, in aid of Halstead Day Centre, which will be ready the last week in April. I have several different types of tomatoes both cherry and larger ones and a few yellow ones, all at 50p each. Bedding plants include lobelia in white, red, blue and mixed colours. Begonia mixed, Petunia mixed, Bizzie Lizzie mixed, geranium mixed, Xerochrysium mixed colours, Red cornflowers, All at £3 a tray of 6. A few pots of sweet peas at £3. I also have some beetroot, and pac Chou. I also have some single sunflowers which want planting out now....free to a good home! please contact Dorothy Lodge on 01376 331234 or email DorothyELodge@aol.com to reserve them by the 14th April or after the 22nd.

Christ Church email prayer chain: for prayers about specific situations or people (with their permission). Contact Jean Ware jmware10@aol.com: or 01376 345934 to join the **telephone prayer chain**, receiving or submitting prayer requests by phone. We cannot have too many people praying.

Please send e-mail items for the Weekly Notices to
notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk
by 5pm Wednesday evening. Later items might not be included.

