

Opportunities

Would you like to help look after our church buildings? If so we would love to have you as part of our property group. If you are interested or would like to find out more please speak to Dorothy Lodge or Peter Crow. Thank you.

Are you part of our Christ Church email prayer chain? Requests for prayers about specific situations or people (with their permission) are circulated via the list. Please contact Vivian Salter at prayerchain@christchurchbraintree.org.uk to join the prayer chain or submit prayer requests. We cannot have too many people praying. Prayer chain requests are sent out to those on the chain using 'BCC' option in accordance with GDPR. If you are on the list and do not appear to be receiving e-mail check your 'junk' folder.

Please come and see our **Ethical and Eco stall**. We have special bags made from recycled bottles and eco-friendly coloured pencils. We have the always popular chocolate bars and are still stocking those everyday items too, such as toilet rolls, tissues, tea and coffee. So please take a look and talk to us if there are things you would like that we don't have. Thank you. The Youth.



**Sunday,
6th July, 2025**



Notices

Prayer Points

Show us your ways

Lord, You are our Shepherd.
Show us Your ways and direct us
so we may walk on the right path.
Many things surround us which
pull us away from Your truth or
distract us. Where we have gone
astray, guide us in Your truth and
teach us Your ways. You are our
Lord and Saviour, and our hope is
in You.

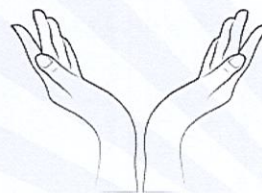
Have mercy on us when we have
gone wrong and forgive all our
mistakes, even the great ones.
Lord, guide us in what is right and
teach us Your ways, so that we
may walk unapologetically in it.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Tolo Ansa-Addo

Immersive Joy URC Prayer
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I am new

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 6th July

9.30am Holy Communion led by
David Sebley
11.00am Holy Communion led by
David Sebley
1.00pm Church Barbecue at 109
The Street Black Notley

Wednesday 9th July

2.00pm The Chosen

Sunday 13th July

9.30am led by Sally Chapman
10.30am led by Sally Chapman

Church Office Opening Hours:

Tuesday 8th July 7.30am –
4.30pm and Thursday 10th July
morning only



Events and Things To Do

Welcoming at 9.30am services We are short of volunteers for this duty, which entails being at the Church from about 9.00am, about once in every 5 weeks. Our welcomers find this very rewarding, particularly if new people arrive.

Come and enjoy Coffee Morning with us on a Saturday 10am – 12noon. We enjoy delicious homemade cakes and a selection of hot and cold drinks. It is a lovely opportunity to catch up with Church family members and welcome members of the community into the church building.

Come and join us to watch the series of films **The Chosen** on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm on 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th July and 13th August. We will follow the film with a discussion. The dates are available on the flyer on the information table, or from the church office.

Our **Church Barbecue** is taking place on **Sunday 6th July**, 1pm at 109 The Street, Back Notley. Please sign the list in the vestibule if you hope to attend.

The Summer **Family Fun Mornings** are being planned for Thursday 31st July and Thursday 28th August. They are going to be Lego holiday clubs and we have some Lego but could really do with some more. If anyone has any unwanted Lego we would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you, Linda

The next **Men's Breakfast** takes place on Saturday 19th July, 9am at the Toby Carvery. Come and enjoy breakfast with great company!

Braintree Male Voice Choir are looking for new members. The choir sing a variety of songs from classics such as Nessun Dorma and Morte Christe through Bring Him Home, Sweet Caroline, Ed Sheeran's Perfect and, recently added, Shut Up and Dance. Their next session will start on the on **Wednesday, 9th September at 7.30pm** for two hours, at St Peter's Church Hall, St Peter's in the Fields, Braintree CM7 9AR. If you are interested contact choir secretary Ron Fosker on 01376 512582 or rfosker@btinternet.com for details. For more on the choir go to sites.google.com/site/thebraintreemalevoicechoir/home

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.

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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.

Our **Unsung Heroes for July** are **Janet Green** and all who are on the **flower team**, those who give of their time to arrange the flowers, sort and distribute them and those who make donations towards the flowers. Please say a massive thank you to them when you see them.

Our next **Church Meeting** is on **Monday 14th July** at 7.30pm. Agenda and minutes from the last meeting can be found in the vestibule. We look forward to seeing you there. We will be discussing our mission collections for 202/26. There will be four collections during the year Mission Boxes, a dedicated Coffee Morning, a retiring collection and the Big Christmas Card. If you would like to nominate a charity for one of the collections, nomination forms can be found with the Agenda and Minutes in the vestibule.

Care & Repair - This year's Care & Repair will take place between the **21st of July and the 13th of August**. A sign-up sheet will be available in the church vestibule in due course. Please speak to Peter Crow for more details.

Please return your **Mission Boxes** to the office for emptying at the earliest opportunity, 27th July at the latest, so that the funds can be given to Compassion. The boxes will then be returned to you ready for you to continue collecting. Many thanks

Doing our bit to save the planet... Did you know? Bees are vitally important for the planet's ecosystem, and yet they are still under threat. **10th July is Don't Step on a Bee Day**. Without the tireless work of our native bees in the UK, over a third of everything we eat would disappear from our tables. As well as not stepping on bees, you can help by planting wildflowers, avoiding mowing your lawn so often and even learning about all the different bees that can be found in the UK.

Our **notice sheet for 27th July** will also cover the whole of August. The weekly notice sheets will then resume for 7th September. If you have any notices for before 7th September, please ensure they are sent in by **5pm, Wednesday 23rd July**. Thank you.

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

