

Christ Church News (10)

Easter 5 10th May 2020



Message from the Rev'd Kenneth Lynch

There are still a few i's to dot and t's to cross but both Wessex Synod and Southern Synod have agreed to the Rev Helen Higgin-Botham moving from Gosport to Christ Church and taking up her post on 1st July.

The Methodist District are also aware of this date. There will be either an actual or virtual Induction Service at an appropriate time and this will also include recognising Helen's ministry within the Methodist Church.

As you probably know, 75% of the scoping of the post is Christ Church with the other 25% to be arranged by Synod Pastoral Committee. We are progressing well with defining what this should be, so that all should be in place for 1st July.

Helen and Colin will be moving into the manse in Chichester once removal companies are working again; until then they will continue to live in Gosport. I think this brings you up to date with the current situation.

Please all take care of yourselves, your family, friends and neighbours in these difficult days.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Kenneth

Word for Today. John 21 vv.15-19

Prayer

We do our best to make amends,
But there are times when even we can learn to live with the wounds,
Others can't, scars running deep and hurts hard to forget.
But you are always ready to offer a new beginning,
No matter how foolish we have been
Or how many opportunities we have wasted.
Whatever we may have done,
You grant us free and total forgiveness,
A new page on which to start a fresh chapter.

The past is done with, the future before us-
And nothing can ever change that.

Receive our thanks and lead us forward,
In the name of Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Access to other prayers

'Thy Kingdom Come' have put out a Prayer Journal for the time between Ascension and Pentecost (21st - 31st May). To access go to 'Thy Kingdom Come' on the internet and follow the indicators to 'Jesus loves all' a Prayer Journal.

Wendy Corney

Pause for thought *from Doreen*

When I was visiting Eric (Blennerhassett) some time in his later years he reminded me of the importance of "Living in the moment"; he also said that "Now" is always with us.

I asked him what difference that made to his life and he replied that it stopped him from being anxious about the future.

He certainly had a remarkable mind and a wonderful way with words.

Poem – in honour of the VE Day 75th anniversary celebrations -

Peace

My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars:
There, above noise and danger
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
And One, born in a manger
Commands the beautiful files.
He is thy gracious friend
And – O my soul, awake! –
Did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake.
If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flower of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress and thy ease.
Leave, then, thy foolish ranges
For none can thee secure,
But one who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Henry Vaughan

Christian Aid Week 10th - 18th May

There are no house to house collections but, with Coronavirus impacting on the lives of some of the world's poorest, least protected communities, relief need is ever more acute.

Online donations: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give-money/make-donation>

Or cheques to Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL.

Daily Christian Aid services: www.christianaid.org.uk

An update, from the Foodbank

Priorities:

UHT milk, Smash, long life fruit juice, sponge puddings,
tinned items - tomatoes, fruit, rice, custard, vegetables.

St John's Hall Mon/Thurs 9 am- 3 pm (*Wed 9-12. Orchard St **not open***).

Doris Lynn

We remember Doris Lynn, who died recently. She came from Croydon, lived in Pegasus Court then Wellington Grange, and always appreciated Christ Church's pastoral care and flowers.

Aziza Temple (Zizi)

We say 'Farewell and Good luck' to Zizi Temple. She writes:

"I'm sorry to say that I'm going to have to bow out of choir because I've been offered a place at UCD in Dublin for my Masters and that would be some commute...!!"

Her BA in English Literature and Creative Writing at Chichester will finish this summer but, as there is no longer any tuition, she is currently living with her mother in Bristol.