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The Messenger

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May 2019



The Easter Garden

Alleluia



Christ is
risen

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May 2019

Thur	2nd	2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship	- speaker Liz Young
		10.15am	- 11.30am Two Bridges Café	
Fri	3rd	7.30pm	Jazz Night at Sticklepath	see page 6
Sat	4th	7.00pm	Jubilee Singers Concert	- see page 14/15
Sun	5th	10.30am	Rev John Robinson	Communion
		6.30pm	Rejoice!	
Wed	8th	7.15pm	Elders' meeting	
Thur	9th	10.15am	- 11.30am Two Bridges Café	
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship NO MEETING	
Fri	10th	7.00pm	Sing for your Supper	- see page 11
Sat	11th	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	- speaker Rev Terry Spencer
Sun	12th	10.30am	Rev Tony Coates	
		4.30pm	Café Church	
Mon	13th	7.30pm	Friendship Group	- AGM and Summer Programme
Tues	14th	10.00am	- 12noon 'Sound it Out'	see page 9
Wed	15th	7.00pm	Church Meeting	
Thur	16th	10.15am	- 11.30am Two Bridges Café	
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship	- with Sylvia Jones
Fri	17th		Last day for contributions to the June Messenger	
			Barnstaple Concert Band - concert	
Sat	18th		Table Top Sale for Christian Aid	- see page 10
Sun	19th	10.30am	Ladies Fellowship Anniversary - Rev Sue Macbeth	
		6.30pm	Rev Don Macalister	Communion
Mon	20th	2.30pm	3rd Monday House Group at Saw Mill Court	
Thur	23rd	10.15am	- 11.30am Two Bridges Café	
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship	- speaker Heather Bolt
Sun	26th	10.30am	Rev Don Macalister	
		6.30pm	Rev Don Macalister	
			Service on Prayer - Jim Ware from The House of Prayer	
Mon	27th	5.30pm	Friendship Group	
Tues	28th	10.00am	- 12noon 'Sound it Out'	
Thur	30th		No Two Bridges Café - Half term	
			Holiday Club	
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship NO MEETING	

Bible Study - there are four Bible study groups, two in Christ Church Barnstaple on Thursday evening and Friday morning, one in Sticklepath on Thursday lunchtime and one on the third Monday afternoon of the month at the home of Reg & Muriel. (For information on the third Monday Group - Sue Macbeth 345445)

Most of the groups take a break after the Lent course - see page 7 for further details

Dates for your Diary

June	Saturday 1st - Tea in the Garden at the Seymours' home
	Sunday 2nd - 6.30pm Easter Offering dedication service at Newport, no service here
	Saturday 8th - Step out for Children - A4C Walk.
July	Saturday 13th - Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12noon
	at the home of David & Ronnie Wilson

Message

Dear Friends,

In his book "Bizarre World" (Warner Books, 1995) Bill Bryson wrote about how doctors told an American named Craig Boyden, who was just thirty-two, that he was suffering from Crohn's disease and had three months to live. Craig decided that if he only had three months, he'd better make the most of them. He went back to his job as a credit manager at a carpet company and embezzled \$30,000. He then used the money to live it up — dining in the best restaurants, throwing parties for his friends, buying drinks for everyone in every bar he went into.

But the funny thing was that as the weeks went by, instead of feeling worse and worse he just felt fine, if anything, even better than he had done. So he went to a different doctor for a second opinion. There he discovered that he wasn't suffering from Crohn's disease at all, but just a hernia, which was good news, but it left him with another problem: the firm had found out that \$30,000 was missing. Fortunately for him, when he explained everything, the court was understanding, and gave him a suspended sentence, on condition that he paid the money back over some years.

It's strange the way some can live life when they believe they may have only a short time left. The moment Craig Boyden discovered he had longer left than he'd thought, he realised he would have to face the consequences of his actions. With the knowledge of eternity that we have on this joyful side of Easter, comes a widening of our horizons. But above all else the resurrection shows us that God's care is greater than we at first realise, bringing true life.

"Because he lives I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives all fear is gone.
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because he lives." *(William and Gloria Gaither)*

I wish you joy and peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Don' followed by a flourish.

Easter Offering dedication service.

This Circuit service will be at Newport, at 6.30pm on Sunday June 2nd. All money from our Easter Offering envelopes goes to the Methodist Church Fund for World Mission. This year's service has the theme "Longer Tables, Lower Fences" and features stories of shared hospitality across the world. The lead writer this year is Anne Browse, President of MWiB 2015-2017 and a local preacher in the Tiverton and Wellington Circuit.

(There will be no service at Christ Church that evening)

Marilyn

Prayers for May

5th May

Lord, you know everything. You know when we have tried and failed. You know when we have let ourselves and others down.

You know when we have criticised too soon, and understood too late. You know, and you forgive – again and again and again.

And so, we bring our hearts to you to be cleansed, renewed and strengthened. Amen.

12th May

God of hope and consolation, when death comes to someone I love, may I be brave – brave enough to cry, brave enough to reach out for comfort, brave enough to talk about the one I miss so much.

And may I be strong enough to ask for help, strong enough to be there for others when they are grieving too. I ask this in the name of your risen Son, Jesus. Amen.

19th May

God of all ages and all stability, change can be exciting and threatening, division can be dangerous and protective, dogma can be safe and stifling, difference can be fun and frightening.

Help me to discern the difference and to be a helper, not a hinderer, to the work and growth and mission of your kingdom.

I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

26th May

Holy Spirit of God, when we are closed, open us – as a nation, as a church, as individuals.

When we are unresponsive to your prompting, challenge us – as a nation, as a church, as individuals.

When we fortify our boundaries and you would push them back, reassure us – as a nation, as a church, as individuals.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Northern Devon Foodbank – Barnstaple – Providing emergency food relief for individuals and families in crisis and those experiencing hardship, has seen an increase in the number of people needing food parcels.

Items that the Foodbank are most in need of are –

Tea bags	Milk – dried or long life
Instant mash	Tinned soup
Pasta Sauce	Tinned tomatoes
Tinned vegetables	Tinned sponge puddings
Toiletries	Toilet rolls
Tinned casseroles	Tinned fish
Small jars of Instant coffee, including decaff.	

All your contributions and prayers are really making a big difference in many peoples' lives. Thank you.

Elaine's brother Richard has recently returned from Kenya and she has put together news of some of his escapades for us to read - thank you Richard and Elaine.

On 8th January this year, Richard Andrew once again returned to St. Francis School in Makemo, Kenya. He was given a very warm welcome and was immediately thrown into the deep end with teaching, as the physics teacher had had a motorcycle accident and damaged his hand, and would not be returning to school for several weeks....

All the equipment that I had purchased to take I wrapped in bubble wrap and packed very carefully, it all arrived safely with no damages, for which I was thankful.

All the locals, and the school, were suffering from an acute shortage of water, a tractor and trailer brought tanks of water to the school daily.

A contract was signed during my first week there so that drilling for water on the site could begin. The whole process of tanks and pipework and water in the taps was promised before I was due to leave.

A shaft of 100 metres was drilled through soil and rock, and a pump installed. A platform was erected on which 2 huge tanks, each holding 10,000 litres, were to stand. When the tanks were first filled, the platform buckled and the water had to be hastily released. The tanks had to come down again and the platform had to be strengthened. On lowering the tanks, one fell and ripped open and had to be replaced. Trenches were dug for all the pipework and eventually everything was connected up and the girls were able to have showers for the first time, and water through the taps. They were overjoyed!

There are many more students at the school now, it used to be only students whose parents could afford the fees, but now the Ministry has said that all primary school children must move on to secondary school. No extra resources have been provided, the schools are just expected to cope. There are so many students now that 1st year students are sleeping 2 to a bed, and a hastily erected corrugated iron dormitory had to be put up.

A lot of the students wished to do some home baking, they made sultana scones. None of them had seen or even heard of sultanas (even the staff) and they were classed as a very rare treat indeed. They all disappeared very rapidly!

The clinic is really busy, mainly patients with malaria, they regularly run out of beds and the youngest patients are expected to share beds.

The maternity ward is also very busy and is the safest place to give birth in the area.

I purchased a car (a heap of junk!!) for the Motor Mechanic students at the Sinoko Vocational Training Centre.

The car does actually work, unlike the only previous vehicle that they had been learning on, which had so many pieces missing and was propped up on bricks. They will completely restore the car both inside and out so that it can be sold and another vehicle in need of restoration purchased for further training.

I went on a staff outing to Busia on a bus. The trip was marred by the police who stopped the bus for half an hour to analyse a small crack in the windscreen. The police really wanted bribes, but no-one was prepared to give in and pay

out. The driver had to get a certificate from the police in Bungoma, the only man to be able to provide this document did not turn up for over an hour and all had to wait in the hot sun.

I was also interrogated at length by the police for taking a photograph of a very striking bank with a lovely garden, a public building. The police looked through all the photographs on my camera and asked what they were all about, asked why I was in the country and what I was doing. I had to delete the photo from the camera!

Overall my time at St Francis was very productive and a lot was achieved whilst I was there.

I look forward to returning again next year.

Sticklepath Methodist Jazz Night
Friday 3rd May
7.30pm
The Jazz Ramblers
Tickets £7 from Sue 375939
or Sandy 325602

Men's Breakfast
Saturday 11th May
at 8:30am
speaker Rev Terry Spencer



EVENTS

Saturday 1st June 2pm - 5pm. Tea in the Garden with the Seymours. Come and relax in the garden with a lovely cup of tea and cake and have a nice chat to others that you do not get so much time to talk to when attending formal worship. Enjoy the sunshine and watch the world go by. There will be a Plant Stall. All welcome.
(By the way, Liz Seymour is still collecting good quality items of unwanted gifts for the Winter Fair)

Saturday 13th July 10am - 12 noon. The Wilson's Coffee Morning at their home address.
Please support this event if you can. This is another opportunity for us to get together less formally.
Carol Bolter will be running a stall.

Are you able to run a Coffee Morning to support the church?
Please speak to either Jack Neville or Joy Morley. You do not have to own a huge house to do this.

Andy Morley (Secretary - Events Committee)

Recently received from :-

Janet Gray, Synod Pastoral Adviser for Cornwall, Plymouth and North Devon.

South Western Synod
WEDNESDAY
8TH MAY 7.45 PM
Saunton Sands Hotel
EX33 1LQ Nr Braunton

FREE TICKETS
from
Synod Office
01823 275470

Spring Harvest
EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

BBC RADIO 2
Miranda

"A comic wave that just keeps coming.
As effortless a writer as he is a performer."
- *The Stage*,

Comedy evening with
PAUL KERENZA

FREE Tickets speak to Dinah at the Synod Office 01823 275470
secretary@urcsouthwest.org.uk

Saunton Sands Hotel, Saunton, Nr Braunton EX33 1LQ www.sauntonsands.co.uk

The poster is for an evening with Paul Kerenza. He is coming to this year's Minister's Spring School to offer us an evening of Christian comedy. Our Ministers first encountered his act last year when all the Ministers of the URC met for a conference. He was extremely well received and the Synod asked him to perform at our Spring School this year.

As you will see this is taking place at the Saunton Sands Hotel which is a very close venue for many of you. It is a free evening out and should be well worth coming to. I do hope that you will publicize this widely in your church and as many of you as possible will be able to come.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings, Janet

FREE tickets - speak to Dinah at the Synod Office 01823 275470

Bible Study Groups.

Over 30 people joined in one of the Lent groups 'Who is the Christ?', thinking together about different aspects of Christ's character, and enjoying time spent together. The regular Friday morning Bible study group will resume on May 10th, and the Thursday evening group plans a further short series starting on June 6th (more details available soon). Details also available soon of plans for the Thursday Sticklepath group.

Contacts: Sticklepath - Joan Cole, (326348)
Thursday evening - Marilyn Tricker (830869)
Friday morning - Shirley Baxter (375560)

Marilyn



**Christ Church
Café Church
April 14th -The
Easter Story**



Local action for Christian Aid's campaign for the 'Big Shift' to clean energy



Young Families Work

It was lovely to welcome children from Yeo Valley School for the Easter Experience led by Don, Marilyn, Maureen, Alison, Louise and Anthea. The children moved in groups between the stations which included Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Crucifixion and Resurrection. In each station the children heard part of the story and enjoyed a related activity.

At our last Café Church the children enjoyed making props for the Easter story, including palm leaves and crosses. As usual, the children's favourite activity was the food craft – chocolate egg nests this time thanks to Eff and Nicola.

We are applying for a grant for an art practitioner to join us at Holiday Club to create a mural for our outside Noah's Park area. The theme will be a celebration of creation and the environment. Our Holiday Club in August (14th and 15th) will be inter-generational. More details on this will follow in the next Messenger.

Love and Prayers, Jo



SOUND IT OUT!

Tesco Bags of Hope in May - All Barnstaple Branches
Please nominate Sound It Out for Community Funding
Ask for Tokens at the Cashdesks and choose us please.

We're powered up for climate justice

Members of the Braunton Christian Aid Group, representing three Braunton churches, visited HSBC Bank on Barnstaple High Street on Saturday April 6th, to protest at HSBC's continued funding of the mining of coal - the dirtiest fossil fuel – in Vietnam, Bangladesh and Indonesia, three countries incredibly vulnerable to the effects of a changing climate. HSBC also continues to support the building of coal fired power stations. HSBC, one of the biggest banks in the world, refused to join with an agreement made by other banks to put their money into green energy schemes.

As part of Christian Aid's campaign for the 'Big Shift' to clean energy, people around the country have been visiting their local HSBC banks to hand in letters to the CEO of the bank to demand a change in HSBC policy on energy production. During Lent, thousands of people have signed a petition to that effect. Thank you so much to all the people of this church who signed.

Margaret Robinson

Our family matters

Christ Church Family News

There are many of our church family on the sick list and some house-bound. Some are named in the Prayer Book, which is kept in the vestry and used at prayer meetings, but may not always be used in Sunday services while we consider the implications of new legislation around data protection.

If you would like your name to be added to the list in the Prayer Book, please speak to the duty elder on a Sunday, and indicate whether or not you would like to be included in congregational prayers in the Sunday service.



Christian Aid Fund Raising Event on Saturday 18th May: at Christ Church, Barnstaple.

We are holding a Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning on the Saturday ending Christian Aid Week.

Tables will be offered at £5.00 to non church vendors, and £3.00 to church associates. Also the church will be open to offer coffee and cake. We hope you can come - either behind a table, or simply to have a hot drink and cake.

Once again, thank you very much for all the support to Christian Aid so far.
Carolyn and Ronnie

Christian Aid

Following the recent appeal for funds to help the people of Mozambique, Malawi & Zimbabwe after the devastating cyclone in East Africa, the retiring collections at church raised £281.13 (including £14.50 reclaimable under gift aid tax relief - see opposite).



Tuesday coffee rota

May	7th	Pam, Gordon & Sylvia	June	4th	Ena, George & Rose
May	14th	Wendy, Anne & Gill	June	11th	Tony, Celia & Lorna
May	21st	Pam & Rose	June	18th	Pam, Gordon & Sylvia
May	28th	Joy & Andy	June	25th	Wendy, Anne & Gill



Gift Aid - a reminder

Reclaimed tax on gift aid donations forms a very important part of the church's income. (More than £8000 last year.) We can only reclaim this money on regular donations if you are a tax payer, have signed the appropriate form and given it to Judith Smith **and** either use the 'envelope scheme' or make direct payments from a bank/B.Soc account. For a 'one off' donation, like the recent Christian Aid collection, you need to use an 'Orange envelope' - available in the vestibule. We need this paperwork to identify gift aid donations and provide the 'audit trail' required by the inland revenue.

Early warning for the tax year 2019/2020

The tax free personal allowance is increasing for the year 2019/2020 so if you currently gift aid your offertory please check that you will have paid enough tax to cover what the church would reclaim and any other gift aid commitments you may have (equivalent to a quarter of what you donate). The year 2018/2019 is not affected. You are the only one who knows your income - it is your responsibility to let Judith know if your tax position has changed and you are no longer eligible for the gift aid scheme - by the end of March 2020 at the latest please.

Judith & Kathy

The Worship Group invite you to...

Sing for your Supper

Friday 10th May at 7.00pm

An evening of joyful singing and good company

with the opportunity to learn some new hymns for Pentecost as well as to sing and rehearse some of our favourite ones.

Supper of your choice will be served at 8.15pm

either from the Silver Cod Menu - fish, pies, sausages, chips etc - or home-made soup and roll. Special diets catered for.

In order to book please let Anthea Coates know your choice by Tuesday 7th May 01237 471740

Should you have a new hymn or song to share or a particular one you would like included, please contact either Jo Grant (07450 582414) or Anthea Coates

Looking forward to seeing you!

Christ Church Away Day 2019 - Saturday 6 April

- 'Together with God' -

We all very much looked forward to this day together with God – both alone and in company – having time and space in the beautiful and inspiring setting of Lee Abbey. We were not disappointed. Here are some reflections from those who went...

... Lee Abbey was the perfect place for our Away Day. It was awe-inspiring, peaceful and we were graced with good weather. The creative prayer stations were a wonderful addition to the day and the opportunity to walk and talk in the beautiful surroundings of Lee Abbey was refreshing. I especially enjoyed the therapeutic art activity led by Carol. Thank you to the Worship Group for providing ideal opportunities for resting and listening to our loving Father God.

... For me the whole day was a joy, starting with worship led by Lee Abbey, and an interesting short talk by the warden.

We then went on to participate in a range of activities, everyone joined in amid an atmosphere of real friendship.

Downstairs in a lovely room (can see why it's called the Cave), a Lenten Prayer Trail had been created. Each Prayer Station was so well prepared and must have taken hours of thought and hard work.

After lunch I went on a guided walk, the weather was glorious, and the grounds were awash with spring flowers. We then went into the Abbey and sat down to partake of a most welcome drink. Gill Greenland and Jo went into the large lounge which had a grand piano in the corner. Jo started to play and I followed them, on the right was a long window with a stunning view of the bay and grounds, with the blue sky as a backdrop. As I stood there looking at the beauty of the scene before me, Jo started to play a gentle piece of classical music, it was all so perfect, a wave of emotion filled my eyes with tears, it was a spiritual, magical moment which will stay in my memory forever.

...The setting of Lee Abbey is truly perfect & the warmth of inclusion was wrapped tightly round me right from the start. The singing touched me deeply ... It was beautiful & brought back many happy memories.

I just enjoyed the feeling of inner peace which surrounded me, a very precious & rare thing & I really want to thank you all SO much for that wonderful day

... From the first Worship Song to the messy chocolate cake as we left, it was a wonderful day to be near God and with friends.

Thank You to All those who organised such a lovely Away Day at Lee Abbey.

Everything was perfect, the Venue, the people, the atmosphere, the activities offered and the food.

It is a day that will be remembered for a long time.

Elaine



Christ Church Away Day at Lee Abbey 2019



Downstairs a peaceful and powerful Lenten Prayer trail in a quiet space

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

STEP OUT FOR CHILDREN WALK 2019

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**ACTION FOR
CHILDREN**
WORKS

This year's walks are going to be based around EBBERLY
(EX38 7JT - near Roborough), with a lunch to follow at 1 o'clock.

The date is **SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2019**

There will be 2 walks:

Walk A Starting from the church at 10.30 am prompt
A 3 mile circular walk along quiet lanes, passing Ebberly House.

Walk B A shorter circular walk (max 1 mile) starting at 11.00 am.
again along quiet lanes and suitable for buggies/pushchairs.

Lunch at the Church 1.00 pm. as usual - approx cost £5.50. For catering purposes, please advise prior to the day if you would like to join us for lunch. There will be a raffle as usual.

**SPONSORSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CIRCUIT OFFICE.
PLEASE ENCOURAGE OTHER PEOPLE TO JOIN US FOR A WALK OR
JUST LUNCH.**

CONTACT NUMBERS:

Circuit Office in Barnstaple:

Meg Jeffrey 01271 379116 Tues/Fri 9.30 – 12.30

Office email: barnstaplecircuit@hotmail.com

Home number 01271 344335 Email: emjeffrey@tiscali.co.uk

Walk Organiser: Meg

Concert on Saturday May 4th

Barnstaple Jubilee Singers rehearse in Room 1 on Wednesday evenings, and are currently preparing for their Annual Concert here at Christ Church on Saturday May 4th at 7.00pm – see details elsewhere in the Messenger.

This year the proceeds from the concert will be shared between Christ Church and North Devon Hospice (the latter chosen by choir chair Maureen Sobey, who celebrates a Special Birthday that weekend!). We do hope members and friends of the church will come along to support and to enjoy a happy evening together.

The choir is always happy to welcome new members (ladies only – sorry, gentlemen!) – speak to Marilyn Tricker, Gill Tucker or Alison Cairns for more details.

Marilyn Tricker

Churches Together in Barnstaple - There will not be a united service for Pentecost in the Pannier Market this year, Sunday 9th June. Instead churches in the Barnstaple area are asked to celebrate as individual churches. However, there are plans being put in place for a big celebration next year in the Pannier Market for Sunday 31st May 2020.

The international "Thy Kingdom Come" 10 day, prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost will take place from Thursday 30th May to Sunday 9th June.

Christ Church have agreed to pray between 8:00am and 8:00pm on the 4th of June.

There will be a rota available by the end of May for one or more people to sign up for a prayer slot. Please take part in this event if you are able.

A recent report from the **Barnstaple Street Pastors** says that this spring 7 new volunteers have undertaken training. There has also been an increase in the number of people willing to go out with the Street Pastors to observe the work that they do, and who may possibly sign up for training.

Please pray for all the **Barnstaple Street Pastors** as they regularly take the Good News of Jesus out into the streets of our town.

Shirley

Barnstaple Jubilee Singers

Musical Director: Viv Gregory

Guest Pianist: Sue Trick

Compere: Cllr. Ian Roome (choir president)

Saturday May 4th 7.00pm






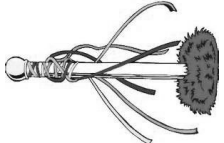
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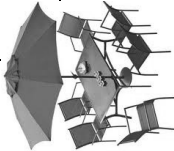

Free admission

Refreshments – Raffle

Retiring Collection for

North Devon Hospice *and* Christ Church Barnstaple

SUNDAY ROTAS	5th May	12th May	19th May	26th May
Coffee 	Sally Blackmore	Muriel Symons	Pauline Dawson	Jennifer Allen
Flowers 	-	Pauline Dawson	-	Pauline Dawson
Projector 	Gordon Pearce	Jack Neville	Kathy Jeacock	Andy Morley
Preparing Communion Morning 1st Sunday Evening 3rd Sunday	Gordon & Pam Pearce		Shirley Baxter	
Serving Communion 	Jack Neville Ian Allen Celia Huxtable Mike Smith			
Vestry Steward Morning Evening	Jack Neville Anthea Coates	Ronnie Wilson Sylvia Jones	Gill Greenland Jenny Newman	Elaine Stevens Alison Cairns

SUNDAY ROTAS	2nd June	9th June	16th June	23rd June	30th June
Coffee 	Gill Tucker	Joy Morley	Nicola Wilkins	Elaine Stevens	Elaine Stevens
Flowers 	Pam & Gordon Pearce	Hilary Iley	-	Christopher & Shirley Punt	-
Projector 	David Wilson	Gordon Pearce	Jack Neville	Kathy Jeacock	Andy Morley
Preparing Communion Morning 1st Sunday Evening 3rd Sunday	Gordon & Pam Pearce		Jack Neville		
Serving Communion 	Liz Seymour Ronnie Wilson Reg Symons Andy Morley				
Vestry Steward Morning Evening 	Liz Seymour Shirley Baxter	Ian Allen Eff Poole	Jack Neville Anthea Coates	Ronnie Wilson Jenny Newman	Gill Greenland Alison Cairns

Weekly Meetings

Monday		Short Mat Bowling ...	contact Hilary Iley tel 375554
	10.00am - 12.00 noon	morning session	
	2.30pm - 4.30pm	afternoon session	
	7.00pm - 9.00pm	evening session	
	7.30pm	Friendship group	(2nd & 4th Mondays of each month) contact Rose de la Cour tel 830824
Tuesday			
	9.30am - 12.00 noon	Coffee morning	
	9.30am	Prayer meeting ...	(except the last Tuesday of each month)
	10.30am	Holy Communion ...	(last Tuesday of each month)
	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Brownies ...	contact Heather Collins 07803841000
	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Rainbows ...	contact Nicola Wilkins
	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Guides ...	{ tel 07813620615 or 01271377154
Wednesday			
	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Parents & Toddlers	contact Jo Grant 07450582414
Thursday			
	2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship ...	contact Sylvia Jones tel 346607
	7.30pm	Bible Study...	contact Shirley Baxter tel 375560
Friday			
	10.00am - 12.00 noon	Hobnob coffee morning	
	10.30am	Bible Study...	contact Shirley Baxter tel 375560
Saturday			
	8.30am	2nd Saturday of each month - circuit event	
		Men's Breakfast	contact Mike Smith tel 345019

All at Christ Church Barnstaple are committed to the following Safeguarding Principles:

- * the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and all adults.
- * the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- * the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
(Methodist Safeguarding Guidelines, online: www.methodist.org.uk)

Sunday Offertory for March 2019

		Cash	Envelopes
Mar	3rd	£	£
	10th	£	£
	17th	£	£
	24th	£	£
	31st	£	£

An increasing number of people are donating money direct to the Church account by standing order. Currently this offertory is £ per month. *If you are a tax payer* and would like the church to claim back the tax on your giving or if you change your address or other details, please contact Judith Smith on 01271 345019 or speak to a serving elder - Thank you.



*If you are visiting Christ Church today we extend a warm welcome.
Please take a Messenger home with our good wishes.*

Christ Church Minister
Rev Don Macalister
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Young families worker
Jo Grant

jogrant-christchurch@outlook.com
tel 07450 582414

Elders

Ian Allen	Kathy Jeacock (treas)	Liz Seymour
Shirley Baxter	Sylvia Jones	Elaine Stevens (sec)
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