

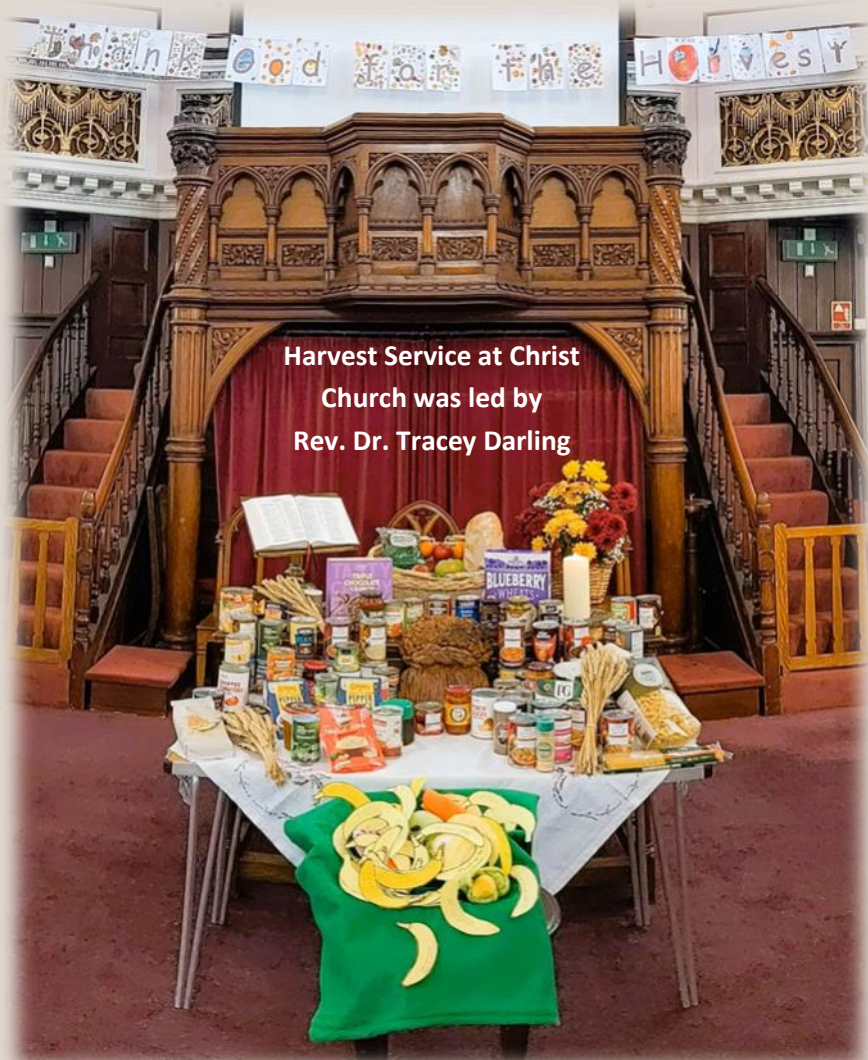
The Messenger

Christ Church Barnstaple
Methodist & United Reformed Church

“Grace, mercy and peace from God the father and from Jesus Christ, the Father’s son, will be with us in truth and love.”

2 John:3

November 2024



Harvest Service at Christ
Church was led by
Rev. Dr. Tracey Darling

Thank God for the Harvest

More harvest pictures on the back cover

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November Diary

Sun	3rd	10.30am	Morning Worship and Holy Communion: Rev. Dr. Tracey Darling
		3pm	Causeway Service
Sat	9th	10am	Christ Church Winter Fair (see page 6)
Sun	10th	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Morning Worship: Rev. Marilyn Tricker
		4.30pm	Café Church
Mon	11th	10am	Sound it Out
		2.30pm	Friendship Group
Sun	17th	10.30am	Morning Worship: Rev. Stephen Caddick, immediately followed by the Annual Church Meeting
Wed	20th	10am	<i>Deadline for December/January Messenger</i>
Sun	24th	10.30am	Morning Worship: Rev. Terry Spencer, followed by Bring & Share Lunch
Mon	25th	10am	Sound it Out
Sun	1st Dec	10.30am	Morning Worship and Holy Communion: Rev. Jonathan Richards
		3pm	Causeway Service



Regular meetings :

Tuesdays - Rainbows and Brownies 5.30pm (Term-time only)
 Wednesdays - Parents & Toddlers 9.30am (Term-time only)
 Thursdays - Bible Study 2pm; Circuit Zoom Service 7pm
 Fridays - Hobnob 10am (except Bank Holidays)



On Sunday 24th November Rev. Terry Spencer will lead the morning service. There will be a bring and share lunch following the service so that everyone will have an opportunity to chat to Terry. Tea and coffee will be available.

Correction

The Annual Church Meeting will be on **Sunday 17th November immediately following the morning service**. This meeting will be chaired by Rev. Stephen Caddick and will include the election of Elders

Message from Mrs Shirley Baxter

On Sunday the 27th October at 2am, the clocks throughout Great Britain go back one hour, indicating the end of British Summer Time, BST, and the start of Greenwich Mean Time, GMT, the beginning of winter. For the greater majority of us whether we live in families or on our own we find this time change difficult, as it marks the beginning of shorter days, challenging weather and difficulties in getting around and being with our friends and those we care about.

At Christ Church we are blessed with many activities as we share and show our Christian faith and witness to others. We have weekly morning worship services including a Sunday Club for the young people. There are other monthly services such as Causeway and Café Church.

During the week there are many different activities including the Friendship Group, Bible Study, Mums and Toddlers, Sound it Out, Rainbows & Brownies, and the Tuesday prayer group to name just a few.

Regular Circuit activities include a Zoom service every Thursday evening at 7pm and the weekly Hobnob at Christ Church on Friday mornings serving tea, coffee and cake etc for those who want to meet up and chat with others.

Christ Church has a group of people called the Church Friends who are in regular contact with people who are unwell or in need of support from their individual Church Friend with either a phone call or a visit encouraging everyone to feel that they are not forgotten.

There is also a weekly service sent out via the internet called Worship at Home for those who have mobility issues or are unable to come to Sunday services. All of these activities encourage people to know that they are all still part of our church and that they are valued.

As the nights draw in and as we begin our journey towards Christmas and the New Year it's good to remember that no matter what challenges and problems we face in the coming months we can do so together knowing that God will always be beside us giving us the strength, wisdom, and courage to follow Jesus and be obedient to His will for us in all things.



For our prayers -

Please pray for the Circuit Leadership Team that they will be led by Holy Spirit in all the decisions that need to be made throughout the Circuit and as they seek to engage a new leader either a presbyter or a deacon in September 2025.

Pray for the Elders at Christ Church that they will know God's guidance in all things as we move forward towards Christmas, the New Year and beyond.

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Please give thanks for all the many and varied people who come into Christ Church for whatever reason, that they will find a warm welcome and be encouraged to seek a life of faith or to renew a relationship with God through Jesus.

Love and blessings,

Shirley

Stained Glass in the Small Chapel

I want to say a huge thank you to those of you who were able to support our appeal for money towards the cost of replacing and repairing the stained glass in the doors between the Small Chapel (at the back of the Sanctuary) and the stairs up to the gallery. Every contribution helped.

When you are next in the Church please do take a look. We are grateful to Woody Hudson for doing such a great job and to the Benefact Trust for their kind grant.

Paula

(photo - page 20)



The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 17th November and will be led by Rev. Stephen, who will be leading a shortened morning service that day.

The ACM will begin very soon after the service, and is expected to last less than an hour.

To avoid a lengthy meeting it has been decided to ask the different Church Groups to submit their ANNUAL reports to me - preferably via pdf, so that the reports can all be printed off well before the meeting as Christ Church's Annual Reports for 2024. Please make sure that your annual reports are sent to me by the 1st of November so that they can be collated and printed off in time.

For anyone who would find it difficult to send their annual report on a computer, please either write your report and give it to me preferably by Sunday the 3rd November or speak to me, so that Alison and I can print off and include your reports.

Blessings,

Shirley

From the Church Meeting held on Wednesday 16th October **Finance Report (edited)**

For several years now I have reported that the church is not covering its costs and we have been running with an annual deficit. Last year the deficit was around £8,000 (Income around £57,000 and expenses around £65,000). This year looks to be considerably worse, with a deficit of around £15,000 to £16,000. Our income has dropped and our expenses have gone up – we can no longer continue with 'business as usual'.

Our income is derived from many sources: offertory from the congregation, organisations using our premises, donations and grants for specific purposes, solar panels and interest on our deposit account.

Sadly we have lost many members of our congregation in recent times and our regular income from the offertory has dropped by around a further £2,000 since last year (about £9,000 over the last 9 years). Income from use of our premises and the solar panels remains much the same. Interest on investments has increased as interest rates have risen, but other sundry income (events, bequests etc) has fallen. So, at the same time as losing some of our income, our general expenses have gone up.

The money spent on maintenance has increased with the essential jobs which were agreed by Church Meeting to be necessary to keep the building safe for use. Over £11,000 spent, rather than a more usual £6,000. The cost of insurance, gas, electricity and water, have all risen, as we know from our own household expenses. Also, we are once again paying for use of the circuit photocopier. However, at a cost to us of £840pa this is cheaper than using available alternative commercial copying or printing facilities.

At the end of the financial year - 31st August 2024, we had around £50,000 in our CFB deposit account, which will cover our assessment for 12 months. We had about the same amount in our TSB current account, which together with income from this year should cover other expenses for 12 months.

I feel it would be irresponsible to accumulate debt, knowing that we would have difficulty covering our costs. I have therefore advised the Elders to give serious consideration to what should happen at the end of the next financial year. However any decisions must come from the Church Meeting. If I do not think that a viable way forward has been found, I will not agree to continue as treasurer and the church meeting will need to appoint someone else.

Meanwhile, on behalf of all of us I would like to record thanks to Jack for looking after the church diary and use of the premises and to Janet for applying for the Gift Aid tax refund. Without the income from these two sources, we would run out of funds even sooner. Many thanks as well to the events team who are skilled at arranging lovely social events which also provide additional income for the church. And thanks to the multitude of people who 'do their bit to help'.

Kathy Jeacock
Church Treasurer



Christ Church Winter Fair



Saturday 9th November 10am - 2pm

**Gifts, Crafts, Decorations, Cakes,
Games & Puzzles, Raffle**



Tea, coffee and cakes

**Light lunches served from
11.30 - 1.30**



**We are looking forward to seeing you at the Winter Fair
on Saturday 9th November from 10 am till 2pm.**

Refreshments will be served: tea, coffee, cold drinks, soup,
savoury snacks, cakes and delicious light lunches.

So come and do your early Christmas shopping and
enjoy a snack and a natter with friends old and new.

There will be children's activities too, so all ages are very welcome!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you have any of the following, we would be very glad of them: books and toys, puzzles, unwanted gifts, 'Good as New' items, raffle prizes, craft items and Christmas decorations. Please bring them on a Sunday morning if possible.

If you are able to provide baked goods, please bring them on the day or to Hobnob on Friday.

If you can help on a stall, please let us know, we are very grateful for all your help to raise much-needed funds for Christ Church.

Thank you,



Joy, Elaine and Liz

Future ministry for Christ Church and the Circuit

In the Methodist Church there are two forms of ordained ministry:

Presbyters – a ministry of Word, sacrament and pastoral responsibility – we are familiar with these (but often call them just ‘ministers’).

Deacons – a ministry of ‘witness through service’. Deacons are also ministers: men and women called by God to serve in many different ways, wherever needed, as part of a lifetime commitment. Their role seeks to bridge the gap between the church and the world. Talk with Joan Cole (retired Deacon in our Circuit) and to find out more, go online:

www.methodist.org.uk/about/the-diaconal-order/



The Circuit Leadership Team feel the ministry of a Deacon would move forward the vision at Christ Church and across the Circuit to build and grow ‘Community Links’. Among other things we would look for a person who is a good listener, making people feel valued, loved and included; someone who wants to share God’s love with everyone, and who will encourage others.

The appointment would give 50% of the Deacon’s time to developing the community links of Christ Church Barnstaple: supporting existing groups plus building contacts in the wider community – identifying needs and encouraging the growth of work with children and families, and older people.

In the other 50% of the time they would give support to the churches of Sticklepath, Fremington, Newport and High Bickington, and help them build their community links. The Deacon would also lead worship (mostly in the named churches), encourage Bible Study and prayer, and chair church meetings.

We look for someone to join the ministry team, who will encourage us to grow in faith, and share the love of Jesus in new ways. It’s not just about inviting people into our building, and making them welcome, but also about being in touch with the wider community. God is among us, calling us to share his love, to get involved.

May we seriously think and pray about this.

Rev. Marilyn Tricker



Parents and Toddlers



A happy group of parents and toddlers meets on Wednesdays during term-time

<http://christ-church-barnstaple.org.uk/groups-2/parents-and-toddlers/>



It's wonderful that our new Brownies have had such an enthusiastic start - here are some of their latest works of art

Young Families Work News

Sunday Club

Our sessions during October were from the Book of Job. They helped us understand Job's steadfast faith. Although he experienced many sufferings, Job was rewarded many times over.

After a busy start to the school year, we are also looking forward to the half term break when Sunday Club will be in holiday mode.

The November sessions are also from the Old Testament – Ruth, Samuel (Hannah & baby Samuel) and Daniel – his vision of the future birth of Christ. That leads to the celebrations for Christmas with Advent Sunday being on 1st December. Details will be made available when our plans are confirmed.

As Safeguarding Officer for the church, I am appreciative of the commitment shown by everyone concerned from Christ Church in attending the Advanced Safeguarding training on 10.10.2024. Particular appreciation to all the Sunday Club Leaders for their participation.

Café Church

October's Café Church continued our Harvest Festival celebration. The food table invited everyone to produce their own picture from a mix of mini citrus, kiwi fruit and blueberries and that set the scene. We then met the challenge of constructing our own paper plane following Christopher's explicit directions. Later in the afternoon, he conducted "test flights" of them all, using the balcony as a runway.



There was an additional challenge of tasting and identifying a variety of locally grown apples. The connection between the fruits and the planes was unravelled during worship. We were asked to consider the transport costs of getting "exotic fruits" to the UK, compared with the delivery of locally grown varieties – an important message in caring for God's wonderful creation. Everyone had then worked up an appetite for tea. The highlight was a first on our varied menu – home cooked apple crumble using locally based ingredients. Many thanks to all who contributed to a happy afternoon.

Maureen



Parents and Toddlers

Our Parent and Toddler group has continued to meet. Our happy group consists of 8 families, 6 children have now started school or full-time nursery but we have had 4 new families join us. We have introduced some different toys which have been enjoyed and they all love our music and singing with Christopher.

The parents/grandparents enjoy that it is a smaller group and many friendships have developed. Many thanks to our wonderful team.

Joy

Notes from the Elders meeting - 2nd October 2024

Rev. Stephen opened the meeting with a prayer.

News of the Fellowship was shared – Prayers were said for those who are facing difficulties.

Safeguarding – A daytime advanced safeguarding course is scheduled for Thursday 10th October.

It was noted that vigilance is required to maintain security on Tuesday evenings as the Brownies leave and the Choral Society members arrive.

Worship – There is to be a Communion service at Church on Tuesday 15th October beginning at 10am.

Community Links – A meeting is to be organised very soon to look at what we need in relation to the possible appointment of a Deacon in September 2025.

Finance – The Elders have serious concerns about the financial situation and the future viability of the Church. A draft of a letter is to be written by Rev Stephen and shared with the Elders and other Ministers, once agreed the letter will be available to all members and adherents.

Property – The cracks in the walls and ceiling upstairs in the church have been seen by a structural engineer, who has advised that we do some work to find out how serious the situation is. The emergency lighting needs to be replaced at a cost of £3,000. It was agreed to ask individuals to sponsor one or more lights.

Sunday Club – In September the presentation of books to the children in Sunday club went very well.

Rainbows & Brownies – Both the children and their leaders are very happy.

Events – The Quiz and Pasty evening in September went very well - £341 was raised. Donations for the Winter Fair on the 9th November and any help on the day would be much appreciated. Please speak to Liz or Elaine. Posters and fliers will be available soon.

The ACM on Sunday 17th November, will be chaired by Rev. Stephen. The morning service on that day will be led by Rev Stephen and will be a shortened service so that the ACM can begin soon after. The meeting is expected to last no more than an hour.

Elaine is looking for homemade Christian symbols for the Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church.

There will be a Property & Finance meeting on the 23rd of October.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Date of the next meeting - 4th November 2024

Friendship Group

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

On Monday 23rd September a small group from the Friendship Group met outside the Queens theatre for a guided tour of backstage theatre land.



None of us knew what to expect but were soon enjoying an interesting and enlightening look at what it takes to successfully run a theatre.



We started with an interesting and informative talk about the history of the theatre and the many uses of its present building. Next we started to ascend the stairs and met a scarily realistic model of a theatre critic. It is believed to be from the 1970's and can be mechanically operated. At present it is not working and the theatre has applied to the Repair Shop to have it renovated, I do hope it is accepted as it would be a very different project.

We went up further steps and were shown the green room and several dressing rooms. After even more steps we were shown the workings of the various drops and curtains. Today these are mainly operated by the touch of a button on a computer, the hangings are really heavy and I can't imagine what back breaking work it must have been before mechanisation.

Apparently, we may not have been alone in the theatre, like all the best entertainment venues Queens has its own ghost, I think she must have been a little shy that day as none of us managed to catch a glimpse!

November Meetings

Monday 11th - Devon Air Ambulance

Monday 25th - Christmas Lunch at
The Williams Arms

Jennifer



Causeway

On October 6th we had our Causeway Harvest worship. Deacon Joan Cole was our speaker and she focused on 'sharing'. We all took part in the story of 'The Stone Soup' as each of us gave a vegetable to add to the stone in the pot. Potatoes, courgettes, carrots, swede, parsnips, Brussels sprouts and seasoning all made the soup delicious, according to Joan! We were reminded that even if we think we have only a little to give, actually together we are able to make a huge difference. Mark, Sarah and Ashley read the story of the young lad's lunch that Jesus used to feed the five thousand. We watched a video of the Harvest Samba whilst we all enjoyed a cuppa soup. Gifts of food that people kindly brought have been distributed to the Freedom Centre or the Food Bank. Many of our friends were given flowers including beautiful sunflowers that had been used in the Harvest displays. The next Causeway service will be led by Brenda Prentice on November 3rd at 3pm. All are welcome.

The Causeway Team

Thank You



Celia would like to thank all who sent good wishes, cards, flowers and love after her recent fall. Special thanks to my Church Friend Liz for her kind visits and phone calls and keeping me up to date. Thank you all, *Celia*

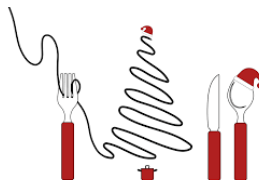
Grosvenor Church Christmas Day Community Lunch

Shirley received this message from Julie Hunt at Grosvenor Church:

We are now in our 10th year and will once again be serving our Christmas Dinner in Grosvenor Church, as in previous years both on the day for the meal and also to help beforehand, we are looking for those wonderful volunteers to not only help with the lead up to but to also help on the day.

Thank you all for the support you have provided in the past to what, I am sure we will all agree, is a wonderfully worth-while event.

*Many thanks and Every Blessing,
Julie Hunt*



Please contact Shirley for more details



children's hospice
SOUTH WEST

Message from Christopher Punt (see photo opposite)

Serena and I completed the Children's Hospice 10k run on 29th September. Serena ran the final mile with her school, having done a mile a day at school to total 13 miles - a half marathon. Our sponsorship raised £285, so many thanks to all who contributed.

Christopher



Causeway

Deacon Joan Cole led the well-attended Causeway Harvest Service where the theme was 'Sharing'

Congratulations



Serena and Christopher with their medals after the Children's Hospice 10K run



Well done to Serena and Emilie for winning 3rd prize in the Carnival

Amigos and Kira Farm

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" Genesis 1:31

Amigos' work and mission is about supporting locally led development, so September proved to be a busy month for the team in Uganda as they undertook visits to all the rural communities where Amigos works. They heard from participants about what they have achieved and the challenges they face. Learning from them in this way is essential to Amigos. It enables better partnerships to be built with the communities so that they can appreciate together what has worked well and then can assess how to develop and improve their work.



The teams visited Community Farming Groups, which included appreciating the results of their harvests. They also visited families, communities, pastors and schools involved in the Family Sponsorship Team (see photo) and delivered essential supplies to the children - pens, pencils and books in time for the new school term.

They have also been interviewing and recruiting for next year's intake of Kira Farm trainees. Unfortunately, there has been only a low turnout of girls, which is likely due to the many challenges they face in their communities.

For some time, Amigos has been longing to start a new work in South Sudan, which borders northern Uganda. They are pleased to announce now that they have appointed a South Sudan Coordinator Ignatius Opolot who has already started work. He is spending 6 months with the Uganda team before beginning in South Sudan in April 2025. He says *"As I embark on my new role in South Sudan, I am filled with excitement and hope for the transformative impact we can make in South Sudan. My dream is to see communities empowered to break free from the cycles of poverty and conflict, and instead, thrive with dignity and purpose. I envision Amigos... ultimately contributing to a brighter future for the South Sudanese people."*



Please pray for all the work in which Amigos is engaged but especially this month that God will continue to strengthen and provide for those young people who have made it through the interviews for Kira Farm, enabling them to join others in the months ahead. Also remember the young women who have been unable to attend their interviews, that they may overcome the obstacles they face.

Anthea

Help Needed

Many thanks to Rod and Geoff for joining the team who programme the Digital Hymnal and use it to provide music for Morning Worship when needed. As we are moving out of the area next year, we need another volunteer to take our place.



We will also need people to take over production of The Messenger - the next issue will be our last one. We currently maintain the Church Website - so that's another volunteer needed please!

If you are able to help, or want to find out more, please contact us for a chat. Many thanks,

Bruce and Liz



Thank You

We are all so grateful to Staveley and his amazing team: Chris Marshall, Christopher Punt and builder Nick Henderson.

They spend so much time and effort keeping our lovely church safe and well-maintained inside and out, despite the weather!

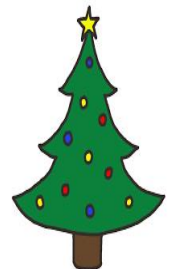
Thanks so much to you all for your service to our church family.



Christmas Tree Festival Decorations Needed

We have signed up for Christ Church to decorate a Christmas Tree in the Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival in December.

We would be grateful to receive any homemade 'Christian Symbols' to decorate the tree with, about 2-3 inches long. These can be made using any materials that you are happy to work with. Ask us if you need more details.



Elaine and Eff

ROSA PARKS

Rosa Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement, best known for her role in the Montgomery bus boycott. The United States Congress has honoured her as “the first lady of civil rights” and the mother of the freedom movement.

Rosa was a devout Christian and truly believed what the bible says that “all men are equal in the eyes of God”. Rosa became an activist in 1943 and participated in several high profile civil rights campaigns.

On 1st December 1955 Rosa was riding the bus in Montgomery, Alabama when she resisted the order by bus driver, James F Blake, to re-locate from a row of seats reserved for white passengers, because there had been a complaint. Rosa had paid the same fare as the white woman and felt she had as much right to a seat as anyone else. She was arrested for civil disobedience for violating the Alabama segregation laws.

Rosa was not the first black person to disobey these travel laws, but it was widely thought that she was the best person to challenge these laws in court. The black community were inspired to boycott the bus company for a year until the law was changed. Many of them had to walk many miles to their place of work and worship. In November 1956 it was decided that bus segregation was unlawful under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The fight for equality did not end there, Rosa’s act of defiance and the Montgomery bus boycott became an important symbol of the movement. Rosa suffered for this act of defiance, she lost her job as a seamstress at the local department store. For many years she suffered death threats and was often ill from mental health issues. After the incident she moved to Detroit and found similar work. Later she became secretary to John Conyers, an African American US representative. Rosa was also a member of the black power movement and the support of political prisoners in the US. After retirement she wrote her autobiography in which she maintained there was still much work to be done in the struggle for justice. Rosa continued to fight for justice and was present at many demonstrations and marches. She continued to write and in 1992 published *Rosa Parks: My story*. A few years later she wrote *Quiet Strength*, her memoir which focused on her faith.

Throughout her long and challenging life Rosa never doubted that she was doing the work that God had meant for her, she did not take the easy path. It is thanks to her that so many changes have been made, both legally and in the behaviour of the public.



SOUTHERN TOMATO PIE

Ingredients

Heat oven to 180 fan, 5 gas

1 unbaked pie crust (bought or you can make your own)

4 – 5 large tomatoes or equivalent in smaller tomatoes

1 tsp salt

10 fresh basil leaves

approximately 3 tbsps chopped chives or spring onions

4 oz(100g) grated mozzarella cheese

4 oz (100g) strong cheddar

6 oz (150g) mayonnaise

Black pepper to taste

1 crushed garlic clove

Method

1. Skin the tomatoes, line a baking sheet with a few layers of kitchen towels.

2. Slice the tomatoes and lay in a single layer on the towels, sprinkle with salt to draw out the juices. Let sit for a few minutes then pat dry with fresh towels.

3. If you are using your own make pie crust roll out the pastry and use to line a pie plate, approximately 8" (20cms) . Bake blind for about 10 minutes, then remove the beans and paper and return to oven for a few minutes.

4. Meanwhile, combine basil, chives, and garlic in a bowl and stir. In a separate bowl combine the cheeses, mayonnaise and seasoning.

5. When the pie crust is ready, remove from oven and layer half the tomatoes on the bottom, sprinkle with the chive mixture, then add the rest of the tomatoes, then the remaining chive mixture. Spread the cheese mixture on top and bake for approximately 30 minutes until cheese begins to brown.

Note In the South many people like to substitute some of the flour for cornmeal, and also use cornmeal to roll out the pastry, this makes quite a crunchy pastry so is a nice contrast to the soft filling. If you cannot get cornmeal use polenta or semolina.

Music to Listen to: Scott Joplin Maple Leaf Rag

Florence Price Symphony No 3



Jennifer

Lighten our Path Appeal

Urgent work is needed to bring our emergency lighting up to current standards and we have to do this immediately.

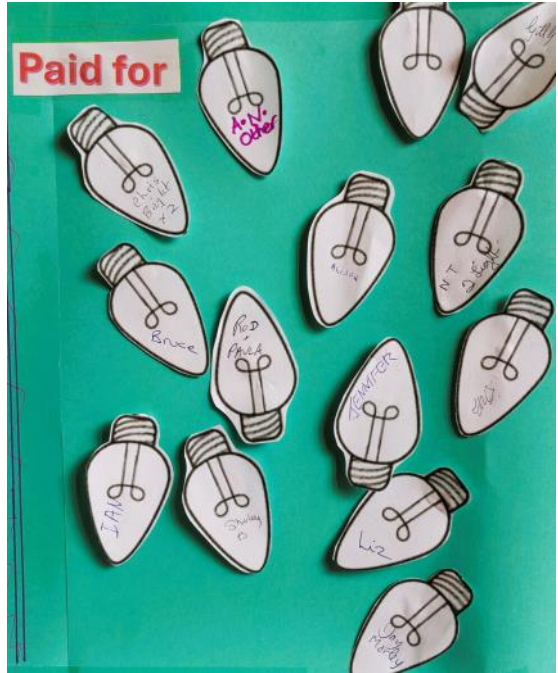
The cost will be over £3,800 for the 76 lights affected.

Are you able to **“sponsor a light”** for £50? (or any amount that you are able to give)

If so, please place your donation in the envelope provided in the vestibule, and move a “lightbulb” over to the *Paid For* side of the poster.

Many thanks in anticipation of your generous help to resolve this issue.

The Elders



Offertory

Offering our time, talents, prayers and money are all part of our worship.

We give thanks for all these during our morning service.

Although we have returned to the offertory bags being passed round during the service, we do not want anyone to feel uncomfortable if they don't put anything in - which could be for a number of reasons.

We know God values whatever we offer Him, in whatever way we can.

An increasing number of people are donating money direct to the Church account by standing order. Many thanks to all of you.

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 Janet Marshall or speak to a serving elder.

Cash offerings can be made at Christ Church on a Sunday morning. Gift Aid envelopes are also there if you wish to use one.

Thank you

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Church seeks to express
the love of Christ for everyone.

**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)

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

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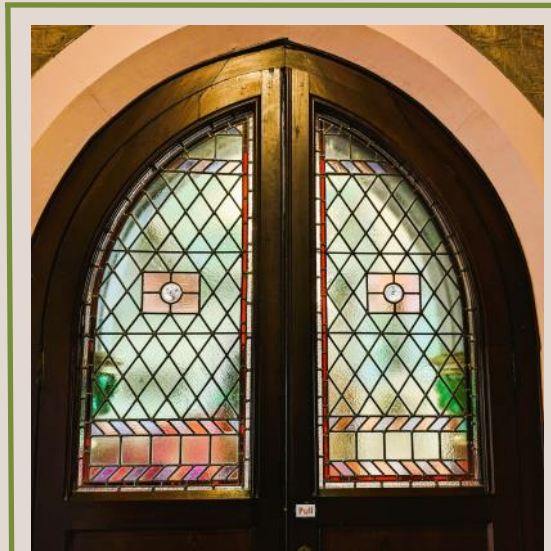
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Thanks to everyone who helped create the beautiful harvest decorations adorning the church, including Sunday Club and Gill, Pauline and their team



The beautifully restored stained glass doors in the Small Chapel