

Notices

Refurbishment of toilets continues. Unisex now working and one toilet across courtyard. Keys on hook by door.

Sunday 20 August 6 pm Tree Cathedral Service at Newlands (nr. Gullivers Land)

Monday 21 August 10.00 am Officers' Meeting at Bob's.

Monday 21 August 2.45 pm Service at Highclere. Also 2 October.

Thursday 24 August 6.00 pm: Andy is starting a short, informal preparation course this week at 1A Atterbrook, Bradwell MK13 9EY, and then 31st August and 7th September.

Thursday Home Bible Study re-starts 7th Sept.

Friday Family Tots restarts 8th Sept

Saturday 9 September. End of Summer Open Day at Cross & Stable Church: Details later!. Tea and Coffee and Cake from 10am-12noon.

Starting **Sunday 24 September** 7.00 – 9.00 pm "THE CALL" - "a monthly prayer gathering for the city of Milton Keynes" at Christ the Cornerstone. Further dates: 29 Oct; 26 Nov.

Monday 9 October 2.45 pm Service Neath House. Future dates: tba

CoMPass courses – Autumn 2017

Mission Shaped Course – Katherine Crowsley. (From 13 Sept. at Holy Trinity, Wolverton)

Understanding Faith – John Robertson. (From 19 Sept. at Cross & Stable Church)

Prayer – Anthony Purvis. (From 6 Nov. at Christ the Cornerstone). More info at www.missionpartnership.org.uk/compass/

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday 30th September. **Planning Meeting** Monday 4th September 7:30 in the vestry.

We are exploring the way forward. Christ Church are planning to hold a Messy Church on Sat. 21st October as part of their 'Coffee & Cake' morning. We hope to run a Messy Church at Cross & Stable on a Harvest theme on Saturday 30 September 3.30 - 5.00 pm. We need a team of 8 people minimum (half from C & S, half from the Partnership). Please let Andy know if you'd like to experience Messy Church and lend a hand. You don't have to have any experience or expertise.

prayer

Words of gratitude

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen

*On Sundays during Trinity
- from now until December -
we shall offer a favourite prayer
each week.
If you have a favourite
you would like included
please let Gwen know.*

THE CROSS AND STABLE

20th August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity



NEXT SUNDAY the service is led by Mike Morris

But also Andy will be baptising Zuwaira together with her 3 children Adetokunbo (Abigail), Adetomiwa (Jeremiah) and Adekoya (Daniel).

Zuwaira will be taking the baptism name Hephzibah which means 'my delight is in her'.

"No longer will you be called Deserted or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you". *Isaiah 62:4*

**Next Sunday - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity - 27th August
11 am Morning Service- Mike Morris**

**Andy's Summer Theme - Jesus & the Great Outdoors
Jesu by the lake shore ---- Matthew 13:1-9 & James 1:22-25**

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Hymns

Make way MP - MP 457
Jesus, we enthrone you - MP 388
Jesus is King and I will extol him - MP 366
Lord Jesus Christ - MP 435
Make me a channel of your peace - MP 456

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer;
give us patience and courage
never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Prayer Pointers

For our members and friends: Gill Grant, Amy Head, Damayanthi and Suresh Joseph, Alice Maynard.

Congratulations to Ric and Martina on arrival of Lena Victoria in July as little sister to Lucas

For the sick: Joan Archer in hospital, Becca Page awaiting op at end of August, Ruth Chilcraft and her husband Steve, Shirley, Phyllis, Doreen, Shelley

Please pray for:

- The people of Freetown, Sierra Leone and the desperate work to recover from the floods and mudslides.
- A wise and courageous response to the hatred that corrodes, as we grieve for those killed and injured in Charlottesville, USA and Barcelona and Cambrils in Spain.
- Zuwaira and her children being baptised next Sunday, and for all those currently attending the Baptism preparation course.

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

- Our officers' meeting tomorrow, working on vision for the future.
- The Mission Partnership and Canon John Robertson in his role as Director of Ecumenical Mission.

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Matthew 12:1-8

Hear the Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

At that time Jesus went through the cornfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some ears of corn and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, 'Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.'

He answered, 'Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread – which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. Or haven't you read

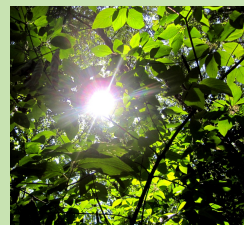
in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. If you had known what these words mean, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice," [a] you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

"In Him all things hold together"

* Hope for creation *



Sunday, 20 August 2017 at 6.00 pm
(rain or shine)

**An outdoor service of worship, prayer
and reflection at the**

TREE CATHEDRAL, Newlands
(parking in public car park off Livingstone Drive – Newlands roundabout
on V10 near Gullivers Land – 80p an hour)

led by members of the Cross & Stable Church, Downs Barn

All welcome.
(Please bring your own chair/rug/umbrella).



MESSY CHURCH in SEP

Please join us!

Saturday, 30th September from 3.30 – 5.00 pm.

Planning meeting
Monday, 4th September at 7.30 pm
Cross & Stable Church Vestry

See text notice for details