



Christ Church Cheltenham



May 2024 Newsletter

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:9-11

**Christ Church Parish Office, Malvern Road,
Cheltenham, GL50 2JH**

office@christchurchcheltenham.com | 01242 578 163

This month at Christ Church

MORNING PRAYER IN CHURCH

8:45am on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM

8:45am on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Contact Simon to join - 01242 515983 or

vicar@christchurchcheltenham.com

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday morning Holy Communion this month will be at

10.30am on **May 8th** and **22nd** in The Music Room.

COFFEE MORNINGS

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Holy Communion.

CHURCH SERVICES

5th at 8am - Holy Communion BCP.

5th at 10:30am - Holy Communion.

9th at 7:30pm - Holy Communion for Ascension Day.

12th at 8am - Holy Communion BCP.

12th at 10:30am - All Together Service with baptisms.

12th at 5pm - Choral Evensong.

19th at 8am - Holy Communion BCP.

19th at 10:30am - Holy Communion.

26th at 8am - Holy Communion BCP.

26th at 10:30am - Morning Worship.

CRECHE during 10.30am Sunday Service in the Side Chapel.

See website or social media for Christ Church Without Walls



www.christchurchcheltenham.com



[@christchurchcheltenham](https://www.instagram.com/christchurchcheltenham)



[@ChristChurchChelt](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchChelt)



www.youtube.com/christchurchcheltenham



[@ChristChurchCh7](https://twitter.com/ChristChurchCh7)

ADDITIONAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Wednesday 1st - Craft Club.

Wednesday 8th - Friendship Club (see back cover).

Thursday 9th at 10:00am - Plan B: Bereavement Group at Webbs Garden Centre, Evesham Road, Cheltenham.

Wednesday 15th - Craft Club.

Wednesday 22nd - Friendship Club (see back cover).

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, **Sue Jenner and Philip Whitefield** were elected as **churchwardens** for the coming year and at our Annual Church Meeting, **Heather Gates, Mandy Whitefield and Wendy Williams** were elected to the **Parochial Church Council (PCC)**. You can find reports from various church activities on the noticeboards in the Hub and at the back of church.

24 hour Bible Reading - We will be reading from the Bible (New Testament and Psalms) for 24 hours non-stop at Christ Church from 10am on Saturday 11th May until 10am on Sunday 12th May. Come along and read for as long or as short a time as you like. Refreshments all day and night long. Sign up for a spot at the back of Church.

Alpha Course - Alpha is a series of weekly sessions where you can explore life's big questions and the Christian faith in an open-minded and welcoming environment. Each session includes food, a short talk and time of discussion. There's no cost, and no pressure. Starts Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm. For more information please contact Rev Simon Heron.

FRIENDSHIP CAFE

Drop in on Friday mornings 9am to noon for refreshments.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club coffee mornings (11:00am) and soup and cheese lunches (12:30pm) take place on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of each month. Please pre-book for lunches with Mandy (07880 715200) or Sue (01242 692193).

We are very pleased to tell you that our **Fitness Group** has resumed with Tony, our new trainer, and will take place **EVERY Wednesday from 11.30 - 12.15** in the Music Room. All are welcome. A contribution of £3-£5 per class would be welcome but is not obligatory.

Everyone is most welcome to come to our talks. They take place in the Harwood Hall at 2.30pm and last for about one hour after which there is always homemade cake and tea to enjoy. Cost £2.

On **Wednesday 8th May** we welcome back our very own Christchurch Playgroup. They will be entertaining us with some songs, games or stories which will be fun! Afterwards we will have our **Friendship Club A.G.M.** where we will look at the last year and forward to the future of the club. If you have any concerns or questions please do share them with us.

We are very pleased to welcome a new speaker on **Wednesday 22nd May**. Barry Wicks is a retired trustee of the RSPCA Oak & Furrows Wildlife Rescue Centre near Cricklade. His talk will tell us what he's encountered, what happens to some of the animals and birds in his care, and how their injuries happened. He now works for the Centre in a different role.