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NEWSLETTER

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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

- Sun. 3rd Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Thurs. 7th 2.00 p.m. Women's Club in Parlour
- Sat. 9th 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. – “OPEN CHURCH”
Family Trail and Games with Cream Teas
- Sun. 10th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship – All Age Service
Followed by Church Annual General Meeting
- Tues. 12th 4.15 p.m. Rainbows (Tuesdays until break)
5.45 p.m. Brownies (“ “ “)
7.15 p.m. Guides (“ “ “)
- Wed. 13th 8.00 p.m. Premises Group Meeting
- Sun. 17th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Thurs. 21st 2.00 p.m. Women's Club in Parlour
- Sun. 24th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship & Junior Church
Followed by Church Meeting



OCTOBER

- Sun. 1st 9.00 a.m. TOAST – Prayer Meeting in Parlour
 Rev. Ruth Moriarty
 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Thurs. 5th 2.00 p.m Women’s Club in Parlour
- Sun. 8th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
 HARVEST SERVICE
 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship – All Age Service
 Followed by “Bring and Share” Lunch

Sunday Church Services usually take place in person at 11am. and are also available online and on our YouTube Channel – see our web site for further info. (www.christchurchnsfb.org). A paper copy of the service is available to download or can be sent by post (please contact the Minister or Church Secretary).

FAMILY NEWS

After the service on the first Sunday in July a number of us went across to the park to enjoy a picnic together. Later in the month some of us were able to visit St. Paul’s Church New Southgate to celebrate their 150th Anniversary weekend. We hope that many of you have been able to spend some time away on holiday for some well-deserved recuperation. We thank God for all these occasions.

We think of all who have just received their exam results and remember them in our prayers.

As we move forward toward Autumn, we remember all who may be unwell and especially those who have been in hospital recently. We pray for them all at this time.

PASTORAL LETTER

September - the start of a new school term. People are moving schools, on to college or just aware that more people in uniforms are around early and late in the day. We wish the best to all those connected to our congregation who are starting new schools, classes or new locations - in the UK and abroad. We are praying for your success in your endeavours.

We never really know what life will throw at us in the future and this last year was definitely like that for me - if you had told me that I would be running a course for International Students and be acting Head of my school then I would not have believed you. Thankfully, other people have now been appointed to share out the responsibilities and so I hope for a calmer new year.

This need to step up and help where needed is also true in churches. There are many tasks to be done and it is always lovely to welcome new people to help out. One of the odder things that needs to be done at church at least once a year is what I refer to as 'high level' gardening. This involves someone up a ladder removing plants from gutters and from growing between the bricks and me standing at the bottom of the ladder in a hat (a necessity discovered from experience) and glasses (ditto) keeping the ladder steady.

Our sermon series this month is based on Romans 12-14 and then Philippians. Which are both about thinking and acting in a Christ like manner. Which involves service to others, this can be in gardening, in helping out at, for example, a club or group or assisting activities such as the Cream Tea that we are planning for Saturday 9th Sept 3-5pm - where servers, runners, talkers, game supervisors and people having fun will all be required.

There are many ways that we can serve our church community -some are obvious - speaking up front for example, others are less so - gardening, finances, talking and praying with people - but these are all essential to the good functioning of a worshipping community. All being many parts of one body.

There are always challenges when moving forward but we need to do so as standing still is not possible. People move on for many reasons and people join and need to be brought into our worshipping body and feel a part of it. What each of us can do as part of the church also changes and what we did before might not work now.

So, we need to be open to change the way we serve our Lord throughout our lives and be willing to change what we do.

Clare Jenkins

CHURCH MEETING

Held in the Parlour after service on Sunday 27th August.

13 present, 4 non-members.

NS &I Account

We have some money in this investment account that we do not know how to get hold of. We have filled a form to change signatories in February but this was not acted upon.

What we would like to do is:

To close the account and transfer the balance to the BU trust accounts we hold which have a clear draw down of money policy that is easy and quick.

We have the following options:

That the church meeting agrees that Diana and Clare be signatories using the form we have.

But also, we can check who the current signatories are by phone and then get them to sign that we aim to -

To close the account and transfer the balance to the BU trust accounts we hold.

Following discussion at Church Meeting on 25th June, Clare, Diana and Robert went to Metro Bank last week.

They only open one community account a week – hopefully we will be able to open a new account on the 11th Sept. All 3 of us were able to register, so this part is done.

We aim to use the automatic switching service, so all standing orders and direct debits will be moved without issue.

Preliminary works have been done on development to maintain planning permission.

Monkey puzzle tree went Friday 11th August. Do have a look, it is a dramatic change.

Admin

Safeguarding policy will be discussed at September church meeting as we settle back into a routine of reviewing policies every year. If there is time, we will also look at Health and Safety. This will be circulated a week before the meeting.

Directory - this was put on hold due to changes in Clare's job that meant she had less time available. Hopefully we can produce soon.

Future Dates

“Open Church” - 9th Sept., with Cream Tea.

Aim is for an outward looking event - not just for church people but neighbours and friends too.

AGM – On Sunday, 10th September. Delay due to not having access to Barclays account information. So, this meeting will have the accounts finalised and presented.

8th Oct., probably Harvest, with a “bring and share” lunch after service.
2nd Dec. - Advent café.

Aiming to do different activities that will invite and involve different people to our church.

No other items were raised and the meeting closed with the saying of the Grace.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

I hope your summer was enjoyable even if you did not go away on holiday. One of the enjoyable things I did in summer was to attend a friend's forty years of ordination celebration. A key part of the celebration was friends, and colleagues were invited to share memories of their encounters with him. It felt like those who shared their memories had spoken to one another beforehand, but they had not. Some of the memories were sent by people living abroad and read out to us. Everyone used wonderful words such as selfless, gentle, peace-loving, diligent, caring, innovative, helpful, jovial, to describe him. It made me wonder what words will be used to describe one. What mattered is to try and be Christ-like like my friend. As stated below by Apostle Paul, when we try to do this, we will be become blameless, pure, and shine like stars in the sky.

Philippians 2: 14-16a

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

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Our monthly Newsletters can also be viewed on our website (www.christchurchnsfb.org). Just Click on NEWS in the menu bar along the top. To go direct to the Pastoral Letter hover over NEWS and then click on the dropdown.

It is always lovely to hear from you all and receive your news or articles for inclusion in the Newsletter.