

March 2008 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christchurch

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, .. he was buried, .. he was raised again on the third day according to the Scriptures, and .. he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve. (1 Cor.15:3-5)

Over the next couple of weeks we will be celebrating the events surrounding the first Easter – Palm Sunday, when Jesus was cheered into Jerusalem as the new king, Maundy Thursday, when he met for his final meal with his disciples, Good Friday, when he was crucified, and Easter Day, when he rose again.

According to the apostle Paul, these events are '*of first importance*' – taken together they are the most important event in the world. But it is all too easy with the passage of time for the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection to become dulled. When that happens we can lose what is most wonderful about the Christian life, because it is only through the death of Jesus that we can have :

- ◆ hope beyond death,
- ◆ confidence about judgment,
- ◆ a real sense of our own worth,
- ◆ the hope of victory over suffering,
- ◆ and the power to live a new life.

These are things that we really should want to celebrate! But our joy can so easily be dulled because we have forgotten how wonderful this all is. If we are to avoid that, we will need to make time. Whilst church is always important, I think that the next few weeks are even more important than usual – because they will refocus us on the heart of our faith. So please make a priority of our services this month – and use them as an opportunity to invite others.

Yours in Christ

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.15 pm Art Group
Wednesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	1.30 pm Toddler Group
	-	5.00 pm Rainbows
Thursday	-	1.00 pm Craft Group
	-	9.45 am Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am Keep Fit
	-	5.30 pm Brownies
	-	7.30 pm Guides
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers 'n' Others
	-	Evening Bowls

Please note the above activities will not meet during Easter holiday week (beginning Monday 24th March).

**WORK PARTY DAY
Saturday 15th March**

Lots of small jobs need doing around the church and the Parish Centre, jobs we can do ourselves. It doesn't matter how old or

young you are, there will be work for you to do, so please plan to come along. The more people who turn up the more work we will be able to get done.



AGM 2008

An important date for your diary is Wednesday 23rd April – our AGM. More details will be coming out later, but please do plan to be there.

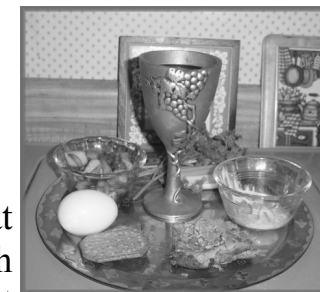
In the run up to the AGM we will be updating our **Electoral Roll**. This is the official list of church members – so if you think of yourself as part of Christ Church, but aren't yet on the Roll, please do fill in a form and give it to Eileen Hughes, our Electoral Roll Officer. If you aren't sure whether you are on the Roll, please ask Eileen – she will be able to tell you!

Passover Meal

Maunder Thursday

20th March - 6.30 pm

We will be having a Passover Meal at the Parish Centre on Thursday 20th March at 6.30 pm. Please sign the list at the back of the Church if you intend going, as this will help us with the catering. Cost £2.50, or £5 for a family. Thank you.



Coming Soon.....TLC



TLC stands for Tea, Listening and Company and is a new project starting at Christ Church in April. TLC aims to provide a friendly no pressure environment in which you can relax and find people who will listen.

We will be commissioning the TLC team on Sunday 6th April - the day before they start, but please be praying for them as they prepare. If you'd like to know anything more about TLC do speak to Lynn Hindle.