



News & Notices

10th - 23rd October 2021

A Very Warm Welcome to St Christopher's

the Parish Church for Thornhill, in the Church of England Diocese of Winchester



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St Christopher's is a **Fairtrade church** and has an **Eco Church bronze award**



Please make sure you have your copy of the **Autumn edition of St Christopher's News**

(either electronically or a paper version),

so you can keep up to date with what's happening in
the worship and social life of St Christopher's.



LARGE PRINT BOOKS / SONG SHEETS are available for all services;
and there is a **Loop system** ('T' setting on hearing aids).

Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please mention it to a Welcomer before the service.

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall following the 10.00am service on Sundays

Sunday 10th October : *The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity*

Bible readings:

Psalm 90:12 - end

Mark 10:17 - 31



As well as following the Ten Commandments we should ensure that nothing has become so important to us that it keeps us from following Jesus; this may be money, but it could be many other things that stop us relying on God. We may find these obstacles hard to overcome but the rewards are great - in this life and the next.

A special prayer for this week:

*Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:*

*grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

What's happening this week:

Sunday 10th 10.00am Parish Communion, followed by refreshments in the Hall

Tuesday 12th 9.00am Personal Prayer time in church - a moment of quiet

10.00am Communion & Coffee with prayers for healing

10.45am Refreshments served in the Freeman Room for anyone to drop in - until 12noon

Friday 15th 2.30pm Thanksgiving Service for the late Kate Harley, St Alban's Church, Swaythling.

In view of the continuing infection rate, we advise everyone who is able, to continue the wearing of face coverings inside the Church Centre and to sit considerately. Thank you.

Sunday 17th October : The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Bible readings:

Psalm 91:9 - end

Mark 10:35 - 45



Love. Grow. Serve.

We learn, as the disciples had to, that living the Christian life involves serving others rather than ourselves. We endeavour to follow the example of Jesus in service, rather than following worldly ambition.

A special prayer for this week:

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's happening this week:

Sunday 17th 10.00am Parish Communion, followed by refreshments in the Hall

Tuesday 19th 9.00am Personal Prayer time in church - a moment of quiet

10.00am Communion & Coffee with prayers for healing

10.45am Refreshments served in the Freeman Room for anyone to drop in - until 12noon

Saturday 23rd 3.00pm Wedding of Laura Jacobson and Lewis Craven, everyone is welcome to attend.

General notices & dates for your diary:

Appointment of a new incumbent: Do please pray for the PCC (Parochial Church Council) as they start the procedures for advertising for a new Vicar of Thornhill. They will begin by preparing a description of Thornhill and St Christopher's Church for potential applicants, and you are all invited to write on a slip of paper 'I value St Christopher's Church because . . . ' and then place it in the box provided. Thank you, this is one of the ways we can all be involved in the selection process.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Jumble Sale, and especially Lesley for all the organising; a lovely opportunity to work together, get to know each other, support our church and provide an event for the community.



Christmas Shoe boxes and leaflets are available from the back of the church, or you can use your own shoe box, to pack small Christmas gifts for a child in need somewhere around the world. Information about items that are suitable can be found in the leaflets and on-line. You could pack a box on your own or with a friend. Boxes will need to be returned by Sunday 21st November please.

Forthcoming dates for your diary -

Sunday 31st October 4.00 pm All Souls' Worship, followed by refreshments. A reflective service when we remember our loved ones who have died.

Sunday 14th November: Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Short, said Communion Service 10.45am Service of Remembrance



Saturday 20th November 10.00 am An Introduction to Autism An informal talk and chat in the Freeman Room, led by Chris O'Brien, about the Autistic Spectrum and how we might improve the experience of church for those on the spectrum.

Saturday 27th November: 1.30 pm Christmas Bazaar

All offers of help and support will be gratefully accepted for this significant community event in the life of St Christopher's and Thornhill

All events subject to any Covid restrictions

Prayers

Prayers by name for those in need are offered at the Tuesday service
& by St Christopher's Prayer Chain by request.



Please pick up a blue Prayer Diary card to pray at home for the people of Thornhill and Southampton.
Prayers and prayer requests can be written on the Prayer Board at the back of the church.