

## Christchurch—Mini Directory

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### Welcome to Christchurch Clevedon

If this is your first time with us, or if you are visiting us today, then a very special welcome to you. We hope you have a great time with us. If you would like to find out more about Christchurch then please talk to one of our welcome team.

### 12th November ~ Remembrance

10.30am Morning Worship with time for Remembrance  
Jean Balcombe and David Sims

6.30pm Encounter

Don't forget...

We still have some places available at our Table Tennis Tournament on Friday 17th. Come along and have some fun playing or supporting the players.

### Parents and Carers

Please remember that, once the service ends, the doors are open, and it doesn't take long for a child to get onto a busy road from here.

If you do need a helping hand with the children, so that you can have a coffee, please ask.

Christchurch is a member of the United Benefice of Clevedon of the Church of England  
And the Gordano Valley Circuit of the Methodist Church

Our Church bell recordings are provided by St Michael's Church at Angersleigh, Somerset

## What's on next

Monday 13th November  
3.30pm Table Tennis Club

Tuesday 14th November  
2pm Something to Do  
8pm Men's Group

Wednesday 15th November  
9am Shorter Morning Worship

Thursday 16th November  
10am Toddlers

Friday 17th November  
10am Toddlers  
6pm Table Tennis Tournament

Sunday 19th November  
10am Morning Worship  
5.30 pm & 7pm The Fridge

Monday 20th November  
12pm Lunch & Communion

### Christchurch Table Tennis Championship

First Tournament Friday 17th November 6pm @ Christchurch  
Players ~ £2 entry to include refreshments for players  
Supporters welcome - Tickets in advance £2 including ringside or  
balcony seats and refreshments  
Prize and plaudits for the winner !!!  
Runners up prizes too  
Please speak to Will for an entry form or if you'd like to come and watch  
and support the players.  
Or for more information contact Tina in the office on  
Christchurch.tinapa@gmail.com

## What's on...

### Christmas Tree Festival 9th & 10th December

With over 40 trees expected at the festival from a wide variety of groups and clubs, it looks like this year's festival is going to be a busy one!  
We need your support to help this be a successful one:

We are looking for volunteers to help for a couple of hours over the weekend so please sign up on the form at the back of church today.

As in previous years we are running a Chocolate Tombola which is very popular - so we are asking for chocolate donations - sweets, biscuits, hot chocolate - anything chocolate related.  
There will be a collection box in the foyer.

Nearer the time, we will be asking for donations of homemade cakes. If this is something you think you will be able to help us with please let one of the committee know

If you have any questions, please ask one of the committee :  
Carolyn Waite, Janet Flexer, Rob Pearce, Janet Flexer, Deb Tovey,  
Sonia Eggleston & Jo Sims

This year proceeds are going to Clevedon YMCA, Springboard Opportunity Group and Christchurch's work in the community.  
Many thanks for your support.

Don't forget that the minutes of ECC meetings are available in Church, but please don't take them away!

The Mission and Pastoral measure 2011 Proposal is nearing completion. See information on the main entrance door and in the ECC minutes file. If you have any questions please speak to Clive, Russ or the Wardens no later than 20th November

## News .....

Football News... Saturday 5th November against Bishopston Utd Red U15s—abbreviated report from Mike...

Wow what a game – for those that were at Swiss Valley today – you saw two very good competitive teams give everything... for me I was really chuffed for the boys....., regardless of the result...they came close but we had a brilliant game and the game ended in a fair 5-5 draw.

The boys worked their socks off today – I know those that watched appreciated the match, likewise the rest of the Church backroom staff

The parents, supporters and fellow church goers saw a really fantastic game today – full credit to both sets of boys....

We are the only team to take a point from Utd this season – the return fixture should be one to watch.. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2017....

Next game—Saturday 18th November  
Home against Rising Starts U15. 10.30am Kick off at Clevedon School—please come and support the boys if you can. Your prayers are always hugely appreciated too.

The foodbank will be providing Christmas hampers to people in crisis in Clevedon, Nailsea, Portishead and the surrounding towns and villages.

So at the moment they need:

Christmas Puddings, Christmas Cakes, Sweets, Chocolates, Boxed biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Ham, Tinned Salmon  
Trifle kits, Custard, Hot Chocolate, Soft Drinks, Cranberry Sauce  
Stuffing Mix, Savoury Biscuits, Crisps/savoury snacks  
They need these donations by December 1st to have time to get them into the hampers.

Monetary donations are also welcomed to support running expenditure for rent and basic admin. Please see the website for details of how to contribute. [clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

## Information.....

Homestart North Somerset is recruiting volunteers now

You can make a real difference to families who are struggling to enjoy family life for a variety of reasons by volunteering for Home-Start.

You will need to be a parent and able to offer friendship and support to a family with children under 5 in North Somerset. We offer comprehensive support and training.

Call the Home-Start Team on 01934 419396 or Email [admin@home-startnorthsomerset.org.uk](mailto:admin@home-startnorthsomerset.org.uk) or visit [www.home-startnorthsomerset.org.uk](http://www.home-startnorthsomerset.org.uk) for more details.

Exciting news... CHURCHSUITE is here!

We have purchased a fantastic administration tool for use by everyone at Christchurch.

If you are on a rota, have children here, attend a small group or activity, etc its all going to be a lot easier to communicate from now on.

During this coming week, if you have an email address which is used by Christchurch, you will receive an invitation to sign up for Churchsuite. All you have to do is click on the link in the email and follow the instructions to go to your own personal page where you can enter some details about yourself and decide how much information about you other people at Christchurch can see.

If you do not currently use email then this will make no difference to you at all—the newssheet and prayer sheet will still be available for you.

If you have any questions you can pop in and see me in the office any afternoon between 1.30pm and 2.30pm or between 7.30pm and 9pm Thursday 16th November or 9am and 10am on Sunday 26th November. Alternatively call or email me and I'll see if I can arrange to meet you another time.

The system is incredibly secure and complies with all Data Protection guidelines.

## Information...

### Church Transport

Each Sunday a willing group of drivers bring to church many of our older members, who would otherwise not be able to attend. I am very grateful to those who help in this way, many of whom also have other commitments at church. It is sometimes quite difficult to juggle available drivers with lifts needed so I am keen to expand the number of drivers who can be called upon. If you have spare seats in your car and would be willing to help with lifts either regularly one Sunday a month or occasionally please contact me. Thank you.

Gill Robinson Transport coordinator 01275 877657 /  
[petergillrobinson@btinternet.com](mailto:petergillrobinson@btinternet.com)

Are you new to Christchurch?

Would you like to meet regularly to study the bible or follow our teaching series in more depth?

Then have a chat to Carolyn about joining one of our Growth Groups..  
340689 or [carolynmwaite@gmail.com](mailto:carolynmwaite@gmail.com)

### **Refresh @ Christchurch Women's Day 2018** **Saturday 27th January 2018 – 10am-4pm**

Ladies, why not come and join us at Christchurch for a relaxing day of prayer and praise along with a great speaker - Anne Calver - who has spoken at New Wine and Spring Harvest. Anne will be speaking of God's Goodness.

The cost for the whole day is only £10 which includes refreshments and cake (bring your own packed lunch).

Registration forms are now available at church, the church website ([www.christchurch-clevedon.org.uk](http://www.christchurch-clevedon.org.uk)) or from any of the Refresh team: Louise Lambert, Deb Tovey, Mandy Jennings, Bethan Baker, Marilyn Barrow

There are Christchurch Electoral Roll Membership forms by the offering bowls. If you are new to Christchurch, or have been coming along for some time and not got round to completing one, please do take a form and consider your commitment to our community at Christchurch

## What's on...

Headspace is a time of contemplative prayer, where we focus on a short Bible passage. It is a time to encounter God in quiet and peacefulness over a period of between 30 and 40 minutes.

Our next Headspace will be on Sunday 26th November at 7.30pm.  
Bring a bible, a pen and an open mind to listen to God.

If you have been bereaved or have a loved one that you want to remember, our annual memorial service is on 26th November at 3pm. If you would like to come along please let Tina know the name of your loved one and numbers of those attending if possible.

Do you need some help with reading the bible?

If so, talk to Gay Maxwell (875316) who has a great selection of Bible Reading notes. She would be delighted to show you some so that you can get a taste for what is available.

### **FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS EVENT**

**SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER**

**10.30 am – 2.00 pm**

**CHRISTCHURCH**

Range of fairtrade crafts, gifts, food, Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, food hampers to BUY or ORDER.

Win a beautiful Traidcraft Christmas hamper in our RAFFLE

Refreshments available throughout the event with 'SOUP & PUD' lunches from 12.30pm

Details & catalogues from Terry Game (878049)

**THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR** - a great way to share the Christmas story. NEW design featuring: free 24 page Christmas story/activity book; a line of the Christmas story behind each window plus FAIRTRADE chocolate. £3.99 each available to order from Terry Game (878049) and also on sale at branches of Tesco.