

## SERVICES THIS MONTH

Morning Prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.00am  
Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 5.00pm to pray for our community

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Time for God *
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11.00am	Communion Service at The Maples
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship, with Children's Groups
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion, with Children's Groups
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	11.30am	Communion Service at Homenene House
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Morning Worship, with Children's Groups
	6.00pm	Healing Communion
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10.00am	All Age Harvest Holy Communion Followed by Harvest Lunch in Church

\*An informal service, especially for families, children & young people

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## CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

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September 2017

Greetings everyone! Last month I was talking about the end of a school year; a few weeks later we are at the beginning of another. I am sure I have said this before, but a new school year, to me, is always a place of great hope and expectation. I used to look forward to buying me new pencils, pens and pencil case; now I understand it might be electronic gadgetry. However, the same is true, that it is a new start. Although it is not the beginning of a new church year as such, that starts in Advent, September is still a time for hope and expectation in our own lives with God, and in the life of our church with God. I encourage us all to pray for one another and for this coming year in the life of Christ Church that together, and individually, we would be a people of hope and expectation as we travel onwards with our incredible God.

Being part of three denominations gives us so many opportunities and possibilities too. This month is no exception. There are two occasions when we can meet with the wider church. I encourage as many as possible to come and join with me. The first is on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> when a few of us will go to St Mary's Church in Ely, invited as one of the churches to participate in an Introduction to Partnership for Missional Church. It is 7.30pm – do come along if you can. Do let me know. Also, a week later, along with other churches across the United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod, we are invited to a Roadshow in Sleaford at which Rev'd Peter Meek, the Moderator, will be present. This will be at Sleaford United Reformed Church from 7.00pm. I will be there and would welcome the company of others. Please let me know.

As you will see from the Newsletter there are also lots of other things happening. Do let me know if you would like to be involved with the Harvest Messy Church, for example... or if you would like tickets for the Quiz Evening. Also, for your diaries, we are celebrating Harvest, this year, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. After the service there will be a Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall. Do come along and bring your family and friends....

... and should your birthday be during this month of hope and expectation, a very Happy Birthday to you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

*Sarah*

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

CCH\* is Christ Church House

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting, CCH*
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	7.30pm	Partnership for Missional Church Meeting With Ely Diocese at St Mary's Church, Ely Anyone welcome to join us.
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	11.45am	Lunch Club (for 60+) Please ring Gay on 01733 233230 before 3 <sup>rd</sup> September to book a meal if you haven't already done so. Concluding with
	2.00pm	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Thursday Evening Group, Church
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	11.00am	Communion Service at The Maples
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	7.00pm	United Reformed Church Roadshow at Sleaford URC. Everyone welcome to come
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	1.15pm	Little CCogs
	7.30pm	Thursday Evening Group, CCH*
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	2.00-4.00pm	Coffee Connect @Christ.Church Come along for Coffee, Cake and a Chat
	7.30pm	Churches Together in the Ortons Quiz Evening at Christ Church - see note
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	7.30pm	Harvest Messy Church Planning Meeting, CCH* (TBC)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	7.30pm	Worship Group Meeting, CCH* (TBC)
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept:	11.30am	Communion Service at Homenene House
	7.30pm	Thursday Evening Group, Church
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	10.30am	Coffee at QD
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1.15pm	Little Cogs
	7.30pm	Thursday Evening Group, CCH*

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 11.00-1.00pm Harvest Messy Church

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE ORTONS QUIZ NIGHT

Everyone is welcome to attend the Quiz Night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm onwards, which is raising money for The Orton Oracle. Tickets will cost £5.00 or £1.00 for children. Do come along with a team of 6-8 people and enjoy a fantastic evening. A Ploughman's Supper will be served. We invite you to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please be in touch with Sarah for tickets.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: Please pray for all the families that have been affected by hurricane Harvey, please pray that they remain strong over the next weeks and months as they rebuild their lives. Please pray for those that have lost friends and families.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sept: Please pray for everyone as the new school year begins, for those that are starting a new school, college or university and those that are returning to their schools for another year.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Please pray for everyone that works in the emergency services, please pray that they stay safe whilst they carry out their jobs and that they receive guidance when faced with difficult decisions.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sept: Please pray for the people who live and work in and around the Orton area.

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

02/09 - Valerie's Group  
07/09 - Thursday Evening Group  
16/09 - Prayer Breakfast  
23/09 - Keith's Group  
30/09 - Messy Church

### NOTE

If there is anything that you would like included on the Notice Sheet for October, please Contact Kerry before the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Please pick up the Newsletter for Children, Families and Young People.