

## 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 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Time For God *
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.00am	Communion Service at The Maples
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship <i>with Children's Groups</i>
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.30am	Homenene House Communion Service
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>with Children's Groups</i>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	All Age Palm Sunday Morning Worship
	6.00pm	Healing Communion
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.00pm	St John's Church School End of Term Easter Service – All Welcome
	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	GOOD FRIDAY	
	10.30am	Easter Messy Church
	2.00pm	Good Friday Reflective Service
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	EASTER DAY	
	6.30am	Sunrise Service
	10.00am	Holy Communion

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

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## CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

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Greetings everyone, as we continue our journey through Lent.

I was choosing hymns for this week's service and I was struck by one, the first verse of which I share with you....

Name of all majesty,  
fathomless mystery,  
King of the ages  
by angels adored;  
power and authority,  
splendour and dignity,  
bow to his mastery –  
Jesus is Lord.

It is a hymn written by Revd Timothy Dudley Smith, a great hymn writer of the twentieth century. As we take the time this Lent, leading up to the celebration of Easter, I commend these words to you as a wonderful way to think about Jesus. One of our images of Jesus, as we go into these weeks, is of Jesus being baptised, and hearing God's voice, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Then Jesus goes into the desert to be alone, and to find time to spend with his Father, as he prepares for all that lies ahead. It is Jesus, who has lived through his time on earth, who has died on the cross, and who has risen and ascended to be with God, who is the subject of this wonderful hymn – Jesus who has and who is alongside us day by day, and who is also at his Father's side, interceding for each of us. May we grasp, even just a little, that Jesus is Lord, the name of all majesty. To do so, would be to spend our weeks of Lent well.

'Bon continuation....' as they say in France.

And, if you have a birthday during March, we do all wish you a very Happy Birthday or Bon anniversaire, as they also say in France!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

*Sarah*

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

CCH\* is Christ Church House

Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	11.45am	Lunch Club Please ring Gay on 01733 233230 before Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February to book a meal if you haven't already done so. <i>Concluding with</i>
	2.00pm	Holy Communion Service
	7.30pm	Thursday Evening Group, Church
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	2.00pm	Churches Together in the Ortons Women's World Day of Prayer at Christ Church
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Messy Church Meeting, CCH*
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1.15pm	Little CCogs
	7.30pm	Thursday Evening Group, CCH*
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.00am	Communion Service at The Maples
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.15am	Prayer Breakfast
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.00 noon	Lent Midday Prayer, Church
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30pm	St John's Church School Reception Class Blessing Service
	7.30pm	Church Council, Church
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.30am	Homenene House Communion Service
	7.30pm	Thursday Evening Lent Group, CCH*
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.00-4.00pm	Coffee Connect @Christ.Church Do come along to chat, eat cake, laugh
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am	Men's Breakfast, Church
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Standing Committee Meeting, CCH*
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.00 noon	Lent Midday Prayer, Church
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	1.15pm	Little CCogs
	7.30pm	Thursday Evening Lent Group, CCH*
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.00 noon	Lent Midday Prayer, Church
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.30am	Coffee at QD
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.30am- 12.30pm	Easter Messy Church
	2.00pm	Good Friday Reflective Service
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	6.30am	EASTER Sunrise Service
	10.00am	EASTER DAY All Age Holy Communion

## LENT LUNCHES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – St Andrew's Church, Alwalton

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – St Michael's Church, Chesterton

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Christ Church, Orton Goldhay

## MESSY CHURCH

Good Friday – 30<sup>th</sup> March – is our next Messy Church from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Do come along. Do bring friends and family. And if you would like to help, please let Sarah or Sarah know.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar: As we celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer, please pray for the women of Suriname who prepared this year's materials, and please pray for all women across the world.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar: Please pray for all who work in hospitals and in any form of care, especially with the increased pressures caused by the weather, especially recent snow and ice; as well as the increased likelihood of 'flu and other illnesses.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar: Please pray for peace in, and across, our world.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mar: Please pray for one another as we continue our journey through Lent. Pray that we will all know God better, that we will remember his promises to each one of us, and to us as a Church. Please for the Church, for our hopes and dreams and for all that God is encouraging us to do at this time. Especially we pray, as we come into Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

1<sup>st</sup> March – Thursday Evening Group

10<sup>th</sup> March – Prayer Breakfast

17<sup>th</sup> March – Keith's Group

24<sup>th</sup> March – Ayo's Group

30<sup>th</sup> March – Messy Church

## NOTE

If there is anything that you would like included on the Notice Sheet for April, please Contact Kerry before the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please pick up the Newsletter for Children, Families and Young People.