

Ride & Stride (Saturday 8th September):

Please could you spare an hour (or 2) to meet & greet participants visiting our church for this annual event? We hope to have the Church open 9am – 6pm. By taking part yourself & visiting local churches, 50% of your sponsorship money goes to *your* nominated church. Please sign up at the back of the church. Thank you. Andy or Linda Banks will answer any of your queries.

Gift Day (Sunday 16th September): Financial giving is an important part of discipleship, so please consider prayerfully your response to our annual Gift Day. We are about to embark on roof repairs which will cost in excess of £10,000, after which we hope to resurface the church drive. We do not receive any external funding, so need to raise these funds ourselves. Letters with further details will be available from the beginning of September.

Lifts to Church We need a few people to be on a rota to offer lifts to and from our 10.30 service. If you can help, please speak to Andy.

Diary Dates

Saturday 8th September: Ride & Stride

Sunday 16th September: Annual Gift Day

Saturday 1st December: Advent Fayre

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Christ Church

For Christ. For you.

Welcome to our services today.

Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service.

Sunday 26th August 2018 – 13th after Trinity

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

1030 The 10.30 Service

This Week's Activities

Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer

Thursday 1000 The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)

Friday 1400 Friday Friends Cream Tea

Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning

Sunday 2nd September 2018 – 14th after Trinity

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)

1030 The 10.30 Service (Baptism of Bertie Wilson)

Mission of the Month: School Pastors

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: John 6:56-69

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you O Lord

⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" ⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." ⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ