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*We will remember them*

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## WORSHIP

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> Rev Stephen Day's act of worship on YouTube All Age Worship on Zoom led by Mrs Comfort Croffie
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Our worship continues via the internet and telephone. The link to **Revd Stephen Day's service** for either live or later viewing is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjsqXYbmrBE9GD4hNOUVEjg?feature=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fchannel%2FUCjsqXYbmrBE9GD4hNOUVEjg%3Ffeature%3Dem-lsb-owner>

**All Age Worship from Christ Church takes place at 11.15am on Sundays via Zoom or landline** – the links are on the email sending out the weekly Keeping in Touch sheet. Don't forget you can listen to previous services via the Christ Church website and also view 'special' services: <https://www.christchurchmeth.org.uk/worshi/sunday-worship>

**Cafe Worship on 15 November at 5.00pm** – the Zoom link will be sent out by email from Wendy. If you don't receive it, please contact her.

Also on Sunday mornings, **early prayers** are being held weekly at 9.40am for half an hour on Zoom. If you would like to join in, please contact Fiona.

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**Welcome to the November edition.** We hope you enjoy reading the magazine. Any suggestions to Fiona please, *Please note that any opinions expressed in articles are personal to the authors and may not be endorsed by the editors.*

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*Editorial team*

## OUR MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear friends,

One of the joys we've found during the lockdown is, as many of you do, having a time of walking every day. Sarah and I enjoy walking through the field and the wood, and particularly at this time of year, we also enjoy collecting chestnuts at Selsdon Wood, of course, appreciating the lovely colours of autumn, as well. By the time you read this letter, you may find yourself at the end of autumn and moving into the season of longer nights of winter.

Autumn is, in a sense, a season of contradictions. It is filled with beauty and life. Yet, it is a time, full of death and sadness, as the leaves fall down on the ground. It is a time of dead leaves, but on the other hand, as an American naturalist, Edwin Teale said, it is a time when nature sows and scatters something new abroad. I think it is an interesting observation that dead (fallen) leaves can be seen as seeds sown and scattered. It is a mysterious and beautiful process that the green leaves turn to yellow, orange, and even to red before they fall to the earth, and the fallen (dead) leaves still contribute to something new. What strikes me in this process is that there is a similar cycle for human life. As we all know, we are to face physical death at the end of our journey. But, not only that, we also face at some points of our life loss of our connections, such as death of a loved one, or an end of relationship, which obviously causes us to experience a painful 'fall'.

This month, November is called a month of remembrance, remembering those whose lives were sacrificed in wars. Thousands and thousands, even millions of people lost their lives, perhaps without knowing why they had to die. In terms of losing loved ones, this year we have experienced unprecedented number

of deaths because of Covid 19. What saddens us is that we were not allowed to grieve enough those sudden falls of our loved ones.

However, the good news is that we never fall forever. Jesus showed us the hope that death is not the end but the beginning of new life. And, he promised us that when we come to our life's end, even then new life would be in the making. I hope we all may see this truth from the fallen leaves this autumn.

Every blessing,

Rev. SC Choi.



## **LEST WE FORGET**

It will be a different kind  
of Remembrance this year  
but no less important



# FAMILY NEWS



We remember all those undergoing hospital treatment whether as inpatients or outpatients, those recovering at home and those who have long-term health conditions. We pray that the current restrictions will only be temporary and that with God's love and comfort, they will be assured of his presence daily.

We also remember those who may not be able to leave their homes, that they will know they are in our hearts and we pray that when the time comes, they will rejoice in being able to worship once again, safely, as a community.

We thank God for our minister, local preachers, worship leaders, stewards and all those with responsibilities, and pray that they will continue to serve us with God's help through these strange times.

And we thank God for all our congregation, some of whom we see or hear on Sunday mornings, that they can be optimistic about the future in the knowledge of your guiding Spirit.

*Please tell/send any family news to Fiona. We really want to make sure our prayers are offered for all our friends. Do remember the prayer chain – again, contact me if you would like to include anyone on the prayer chain but remember to ask their (or a family member's) permission first.*



*See weekly Keeping in Touch sheet  
for updates or email me*

**We meet on the third Sunday of the month  
SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 5PM on Zoom  
Led by Lindsey Macfarlane**

*The link will be on the Keeping in Touch sheet*

We are not able to worship on church premises at the moment due to the continuing coronavirus restrictions but we haven't stopped worshipping. All are welcome for an informal hour or worship and fellowship.

*Wendy Thompson*



## **Remember, Remember**

November is here, remember the 5<sup>th</sup>?  
The cold snap, woolly hats and gloves,  
Children excited, with faces caught by the bonfire's  
glow, where oohs and aahs abound as the Roman  
Candles spurt and splutter, their gold sparks close  
to the ground, the Catherine Wheel refused to spin,  
so Dad checks it again and then weee, it goes,  
finished in a second or two.



The rockets fill the sky with millions of stars, in a circular moment after  
the bang caught your ears, forcing your eyes skyward, toffee apples  
sticky in your hand, eager teeth nibble at the toffee, to get to the flesh  
within. Smoke hangs in the air as the bonfire falls into an embered glow  
and there just for a moment we had forgotten the Covid threat, and  
whether the lockdown would come again.

Kids sleepy and smoky, drift off to bed whilst the remains of the fire are  
raked away and it's all over for another year, sigh, and it was for a brief  
moment there, opening the door for Celebration in December and the  
coming of our Lord. Cheers one and all.

*Bob Horne*

## **Autumn Woods**

Wet oak leaves underfoot  
glowing orange in the sun and  
a shiny polished holly bush  
prickling the warm light.

Above me the green tracings  
opal in the sun;  
no wind no clouds make  
thankful days of bright blue skies.

The nuts have formed and leaves  
have done their work,  
soon both shall fall carpeting my path  
over last year's leafed tea-leaves.

*Rex*





## **Autumn Woods**

Breeze is bending  
leaves are raining,  
gently falling,  
twisting turning  
now the wind has passed.

Colours showing  
separate patterns;  
nuts are lying underfoot,  
squirrels stop  
their distant gathering:  
as I move they  
freeze to statues,  
then instant spiral  
climbing exits.

Ragged clouds  
spoil sun spot  
coloured carpets,  
here and gone  
and here again;  
all things changing,  
wind and clouds:  
autumn days of  
different moments.

Here and gone  
and here again.

*Rex*

## **Christ Church Financial update**

Christ Church's finance committee has been meeting regularly over the last few months and in May this year wrote to the congregation to draw attention to the impact of lockdown on our offering income which would have been received during Sunday worship and on the church's lettings income. In our letter we also set out the various alternative ways in which we can make our offering towards the work of Christ Church, such as by direct payment or standing order.

At our recent church council meeting our church treasurer Adrian Howe presented the church's accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 which show that our total offerings for the year were just over £34,000, which is a small increase of £900 on the previous year. The Finance Committee would therefore like to say a big thank you to everyone in the congregation for giving generously during the last few months.

Of course, because of the closure of our premises our letting income reduced significantly, from almost £26,000 in the previous year to £20,000 in the year ended 31 August 2020, and although we have benefited from some savings on property related costs, our general fund, which receives our income and pays for the church's day to day operating costs, sustained a deficit of just over £3000 for the year as a direct consequence of the lower letting income. This means that our general fund reserves carried forward at the end of the financial year were reduced to £16,200, very close to the minimum under our reserves policy which requires that the amount of our general reserves should be not less than 3 months' worth of the church's annual expenditure.

Although it is reassuring to note that we have ended the financial year end with just enough reserves to meet our policy requirement, we are conscious, as we look forward at the beginning of the new current financial year to 31 August 2021, that to cover our expected operating costs will require total offering and letting income of £58,250. In preparing our budget we have assumed that offerings would rise by just under 6% to £36,250 leaving £22,000 to generate from lettings, and although the premises have been available for use by our hirers since September, many of our hirers have not yet returned and the outlook remains difficult.

Please do continue to consider what you are able to give to Christ Church. Our Gift Aid secretary, David Matthews, has set out in the article below the various ways we can give to the work of Christ Church and would also be pleased to hear from any taxpayers not currently taking advantage of the Gift Aid scheme who by using Gift Aid could increase their giving by 25% at no cost to themselves. Also, if you are currently giving via the envelope scheme and would like to arrange for any envelopes to be collected then please get in touch with our church treasurer Adrian Howe.

With thanks and best wishes

Robin Haslam , Finance Committee Chair

# **Giving**

## **How to give at Christ Church**

Church members contribute to its life and work in a variety of different ways – one of these is financial, as we respond to the giving of a generous God. Regular giving enables the church to plan and budget for its various areas of work and there are several ways in which you can give:

### **Online giving**

Click on **<https://www.give.net/20303706>**

This is Christ Church Methodist Addiscombe's online giving portal provided by Give.net. You can choose to set up a regular monthly donation or make a one-off donation to Christ Church.

### **Bank transfers and standing orders**

You can make a one-off payment or regular standing order directly with your bank either by telephone or internet banking using these account details:

Account name: Christ Church Methodist Addiscombe

Account number: 70248053

Sort code: 20 -24 – 61

Bank name: Barclays Bank UK plc

Please ask your bank to quote your name as a reference.

# Gift Aid

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The Methodist Church is a charitable body that is able to benefit from Gift Aid donations.

If you pay tax in the UK, then Gift Aid is a simple way to increase the value of your gift to charity.

## **Can anybody give through Gift Aid?**

Yes, provided that you are a UK Tax Payer.

## **How can I go about giving through Gift Aid?**

Please speak to **David Matthews**, the Gift Aid Secretary for your church to discuss the procedure used. It is possible to make donations in cash, by cheque and by standing order. Special giving envelopes are used for collection plate donations to make it possible to identify who has made the donations and make the claims. It is all done in complete confidentiality.

## **How will my donation qualify for Gift Aid?**

In order for your donation to qualify, you must:

- Be a UK taxpayer
- Pay at least as much Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax as the charity will recover on your donation in the tax year.
- Complete a declaration to indicate that you are happy for the Methodist Church to recover the tax on your donation(s).

There are standard forms that should be used and the Gift Aid Secretary for the Church will be able to provide full details.

## **How much does the Church gain financially?**

A donation of £10.00 under Gift Aid is equivalent to a donation of £12.50 to the church.

## Gift Aid Declaration

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made (tick ALL relevant boxes)

today

in the past 4 years

in the future

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

Gift Aid is reclaimed by The Methodist Church from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

**By completing this form you confirm:**

"I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference."

Please complete in capitals

Date:

Church Name: Christ Church Methodist Addiscombe

Title	Initials*	Forename(s)	Surname*
<b>Address* (House Number and first line of address at least)</b>			
<b>Post Code*</b>			<b>Signature (Optional)</b>

**\*Please note that the details marked with \* are mandatory.**

Please notify your Gift Aid Secretary if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or Capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at a higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

**You can either provide initial or forename or both, but you should AT LEAST provide one of the two.**

## Wonder Workers

'Entangled Life' by Merlin Sheldrake is a stimulating book detailing recent and remarkable discoveries from the world of mushrooms, their activities and behaviour. This book should be as relevant to nature lovers as to farmers, as to green climate activists.

Most people are wary when picking mushrooms in the wild but the author, Merlin Sheldrake, starts by pointing out that the parts of fungi we see above ground are simply the small and visible spore-bearing parts of each fungal network. Under each toadstool or mushroom is a vast subsoil network, including nodules of fungal mycelium.

Without fungi we would be walking over mountainous, inconvenient piles of dead trees and plants. Decomposition and the return of nutrients, minerals and elements to the soil, is just one aspect of the work fungi do.

In the history of evolution fungi were late arrivals. Evidence for this is seen in the vast world-wide layers of coal (compressed dead plants) laid down in the Devonian era. That fungi do their demolition so well enables current and future plants to access returned nutrients in the soil and flourish.

The author builds on this general knowledge by outlining research details that have only recently begun to emerge. These discoveries have come to light because of new and exciting genome techniques. He covers details of how well fungi underground networks further assist root systems from different plants and trees. In woodlands, scientists talk of the 'wide wood web' from impressive research details that have only recently emerged. Fungal networks can transfer carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and

water between plants, and in meaningful quantities. All of which has implications for both farming and our understanding of the threats to climate change.

He details research that has discovered new details of evolution too. Most people have an understanding of the vertical, linear working of evolution where change comes through occasional



beneficial mutations in offspring. In recent years there is now evidence of a horizontal and faster evolution at work. This has come through advances in work techniques with genes joined with close observation of how symbiosis and mutualism started, for example, in lichens and how there has been short cut takeover of groups of genes, a rapid horizontal and permanent horizontal evolution involving bacteria and fungi, described as comprehensive linear evolution.

It is now claimed that fungi can determine which plants grow where. They can even drive the evolution of new species by isolating plant populations. This new publication involves at least one Nobel prize.

*Rex*



## On National Safeguarding Adults Week (16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020)

As Grahame Snelling said in his Safeguarding blog on the London District website “One of the key daily themes (of the week) is concerned with developing safe spaces and so there is a link here with our own Methodist Church agenda that all our churches are safe places for young and old alike”

Every year, Safeguarding Adults Week draws attention to certain key safeguarding themes:

### **Monday** – Safeguarding and Wellbeing

There’s a strong link between safeguarding and mental and physical wellbeing. In short, if someone’s wellbeing is suffering, they may consider certain actions that put them at risk. The link between safeguarding and wellbeing is fully explored. Advice and resources will be shared to help to keep your wellbeing in check, and to look out for your friends, your family, and others.

### **Tuesday** – Adult Grooming

Grooming is a form of abuse that involves manipulating someone until they’re isolated, dependent, and more vulnerable to exploitation. What it is and the signs of grooming are explored.

### **Wednesday** – Understanding Legislation

All safeguarding matters are governed by certain legislation, including The Care Act and The Mental Capacity Act. In the resources section of the Ann Craft Trust you’ll find an overview of numerous relevant laws and initiatives.



### **Thursday** – Creating Safer Places

This is a focus on safeguarding at a grassroots level.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. This theme looks at ways everyone, from all walks of life, can help make the places they live, work and play safer for everyone. Consider: "What's my role in safeguarding?"

### **Friday** – Organisational Abuse

Organisational abuse includes neglect and poor care practice within a specific care setting. This could be a hospital or a care home, but also the care you receive in your own home. Definitions, signs and symptoms will be explored.

### **Saturday** – Sport & Activity

Safeguarding Adults in Sport and Activity is a project funded by Sport England, Sport Wales and UK Sport. Safeguarding adults is a responsibility for every sport and physical activity organisation. Getting this right will ensure a wider participation in sport or physical activity and ensure safe access for everyone.

### **Sunday** – Safeguarding in Your Community

We all have a responsibility to be there for each other, and to look out for each other. For communities to come together and to recognise our shared responsibilities towards keeping each other safe.

*Head to the official Safeguarding Adults Week 2020 event page for more information and to register for updates:*

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/events/national-safeguarding-adults-week-monday-16-sunday-22-november-2020/>



## **A memorable weekend in 1965**

Although I had owned a bike for many years, my fiancé Carl was a newcomer to cycling. We had met at a Youth Hostel group and got engaged in 1964, planning to marry in 1966.

Carl was living nearby and I expected him to pick me up about 7.00pm. I rode round to his place to find he had not eaten or packed. I went to the fish shop to get fish & chips. We left soon after 8.00pm to get to Hindhead Youth Hostel, round in the valley off the Hogs Back, where we would meet the rest of the group. We had a tent each and walking boots. In 1965 we would not share a tent.

Going to Wimbledon, we stopped for a few minutes when we saw my aunt. From Wimbledon, we got the train to Guildford and then the hard ride to Hindhead. The bikes were loaded with tents, sleeping bags, groundsheets and walking boots. It was a bright, warm, moonlit night and we arrived about 2.00am and were able to pitch our tents. I was soon asleep.

The next morning the sun woke me, I looked up to a blue sky and warm sun. Where was my tent?! I climbed out of my sleeping bag to see 4 or 5 young men on a bench, including Carl grinning. He had moved my tent about 6 feet while I slept. I saw the funny side. We had a good walk with the group before picking up the bikes for the journey – easier going back.

When I got home, Mum seemed a little cold. The next morning over breakfast, 'And where did you sleep on Friday night?' She had seen my aunt who said we'd arrived later than I had told Mum. [I said we had arrived at Hindhead earlier than we had.] I knew she watched me for the next nine months. Remember, it was 1965!

*Sheila Szzvanowski*

***Catherine Porter, a member of Christ Church, has recently returned to the UK after spending nine years in Japan as a missionary. She writes of her homecoming:***

Dear Friends,

I want to say a really big THANK YOU to those who have been in contact over the last couple of months asking how I am, praying for me and sending support. It's meant a lot to me in this time of transition. Thank you from my heart.

It's hard to believe I've been here almost 2 months now. My three weeks in Yorkshire were a real blessing. It was amazing to have help with shopping, cooking and everything and just have time to completely rest. Also to have the chance to talk when I wanted to and to pray with and be prayed for by others. I moved to Bournemouth at the beginning of August. The house I'm living in has trustees from a number of local mission-minded churches. One of the trustees picked me up at the station when I arrived, took me to dinner with their family that evening, helped me navigate the local supermarket the next day and has offered help since then. Another huge blessing for me.

I'd heard about re-entry stress and reverse culture shock for missionaries returning to their home country, but what I'd read about this made me think that the main issue was just that supermarkets are bigger in the UK than they are in developing countries, and I thought, honestly, coming from Japan, how hard can it be? It's been hard. I'm used to buying one carrot a week in Japan for about £1.50 and eating it over the course of a few days. It completely blew my mind when the fewest number of carrots I could find in Tesco was one and a half kilograms, and the price for what, 15 carrots? was 47 pence. Also, the kidney bean tins are huge! I'm used to buying a tiny packet with a dozen or so beans in it costing maybe a couple of pounds. My first thought was, 'why would I want that many beans?' And my second thought, 'why would I not, when it only costs 30 pence?' At the check-out, I put my card in the card-reader the wrong way up twice and almost shoplifted a bar of chocolate that I'd accidentally left in the trolley. Another huge blessing has been that the same trustee who came to pick me up on my first day here has lent me a car. It makes such a difference! But, to start with I felt like I was driving in a foreign country. Getting beeped at a couple of times and not knowing why totally threw me. In Japan, we don't have any roundabouts. I'm up for the UK developing new road systems without roundabouts too.

I've been really blessed to find a church that is meeting in person. For me, living in an area I've never lived in, this makes a huge difference in terms of making friends and having and people contact. I've been going to a church called Twynham Church for the past few weeks. Although I didn't know before I went, it turns out that the Pastor and his wife have missionary experience in Asia and that since returning to the UK, they have started their own missionary member care organisation. When we met for coffee, I found them a really pastoral couple and it was easy to talk. The average age of the church does seem to be quite high, but after a week of praying for a friend my age, the following Sunday, I met Rachel. It turned out that she is also a mission partner and had moved into the area a few weeks before for a new assignment. It was great to have dinner with her last week and get to know her a bit more.

There are many blessings to count. God's definitely got His hand on me. There are also many things for me to process from the last 9 years in Japan. Things that didn't make sense at the time are coming up inside of me as questions that I want to process. It's hard and I feel emotional. This morning I read Mark's account of the Garden of Gethsemane. I imagined what the disciples might have been feeling. They had seen Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. They had heard people shout Hosannas. They had shared this really special Passover meal with Jesus, remembering God's faithfulness to His people. That He had seen their suffering, heard their cries and He had led them into the Promised Land. The disciples and Jesus sing a hymn together and go to the Mount of Olives. Did it feel for the disciples that finally things were going their way? That Jesus was going to bring an end to their suffering and life was going to get easier? (As in, take the lead and overthrow the Romans without having to go through anything so painful and humiliating as the cross?)

If they did feel that, I feel like I can relate. The fullness of God's blessings and all the good things He gives seem in tension with all the suffering, and today, I can't quite find a resting place within this. Today these are my questions, but tomorrow maybe I will have different ones. There is much to process. I'm grateful to be living in an incredibly beautiful area, so between the processing I can just watch and listen to the waves lapping onto the beach. Finding God's rest.

With love, Catherine

## Layworker's Lock-Up



Who would have thought we would still all be inside for the vast majority of our life? The prospect of being free to roam again seems an increasingly far off reality. Autumn heralds Winter with a different sense of staying in than we would really like to face. We give thanks to God for freedoms we used to enjoy, things we used to do and people we used to meet with.

All is not without hope however. Five of our Circuit's eight churches have felt able to meet back in the building for worship and three meet on Zoom. Wednesday Lunch Club at West Croydon Methodist Church continues to feed over 60 people a hot lunch each week and the Food Stop at Parchmore Road Methodist Church has continued non-stop. Pre-school is meeting at Addington Methodist and Reaching Higher are providing activities for young people through their office base at South Norwood Methodist, actually increasing their work through additional funding. There are other activities as well as these provided in and through our Circuit Church community.

One of the many things done in a different way this season has been the Borough Awards to young people by the Deputy Lieutenant, Colonel Ray Wilkinson. Instead of meeting in the Mayor's Parlour in Croydon Town Hall a much more informal Zoom meeting conveyed the honours. Twelve young people received awards and two of them were from Downsview Methodist Boys' & Girls' Brigades! Both young people have served in the Drum and Pipe Band for many years, faithfully apprenticed by Pipe Major Tickle and his team of musicians, whereby they too have become teachers. It was fascinating to hear from the young people at the awards evening, about the various activities

they have contributed to their local community, and a privileged insight into the work of all the Youth Organisations in Uniform in Croydon who make up YOU Croydon.

Zoom meetings are now a reality of many of our lives and if we accept the situation for what it is they have enabled young people to share well with each other. For one it means that young people are not otherwise 'on their phone' and distracted, since their phone is usually the device through which they are now concentrating on each other!

Seahorse Explorers and 5<sup>th</sup> S&A Scouts supported by Addington Methodist and both Boys' and Girls' Brigade at Downsview have been meeting weekly on Zoom since the beginning of the Lockdown. It has proved to be a great connection for them and a place to explore new types of activities as well. Leaders have risen to the challenge of craft, cookery, quizzes and visiting speakers all in a virtual way. They are to be commended.

For any young person who would like to join one of these groups there is a warm welcome. Scouts meet on Wednesdays from 7.30pm, Boys Brigade meet on Thursdays at 8pm, and Girls' Brigade and Explorer Scouts meet on Fridays from 7.30pm. They can be directly contacted through [pinewoodseahorses@hotmail.com](mailto:pinewoodseahorses@hotmail.com) or [5thsanda@gmail.com](mailto:5thsanda@gmail.com) for Explorers and Scouts or [pennyfuller43@gmail.com](mailto:pennyfuller43@gmail.com) or [fullertw@googlemail.com](mailto:fullertw@googlemail.com) for the Brigades, or through me. If you are able to encourage young people to get involved that might just be the word they need.

Thank you to well wishers who have phoned and sent cards during my recent time off-work. This has been very kind and uplifting and I am grateful. It also proves that magazines are being read and if you've got this far I wish you peace as we journey through this month and the various changes it brings us.

'hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil' [Hebrews 6:19](#)

With best wishes,

**Lindsey Macfarlane**

**Croydon Circuit Youth Development & Safeguarding Officer**

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More online information via [www.croydonmeth.org](http://www.croydonmeth.org) and Facebook: Lindsey Croydon Meth



### **Future Events**

Face to face meetings are currently suspended due to the global pandemic situation. However some events will be taking place online and other activities we ask that you pray for blessings on our community as we live in a different way.

### **Prayers please:**

- on **Monday** for **Children and those who are Vulnerable**
- on **Tuesday** for **Families and those who Care**
- on **Wednesday** for **Guides and Scouts**
- on **Thursday** for **Girls' & Boys' Brigade**
- on **Friday** for **Young People, Schools & Futures**
- on **Saturday** for **Special Occasions and Celebrations**
- on **Sunday** for **All Ages and Community**

### **Future Events**

**Café Worship** – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm, contact Wendy Thompson, Christ Church, for online details



**Prayer should be  
the key of the day**

**and the lock of the night**



<b>Weekly Services and Meetings at Christ Church</b> <i>(We hope that worship and meetings/groups will be back at Church soon)</i>			
09.15	Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)		
09.30	Time for quiet prayer (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)		
10.10	Songs for Worship (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)		
10.30	Morning Service (Parade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)		
10.30	Holy Communion (4 <sup>th</sup> Sun)		
10.30	Junior Church / Youth Fellowship		
10.30	Crèche		
17.00	Cafe Worship (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)		
<b>Monday</b>			
09.30	0-5 Stay & Play		
18.00	Monday Club (monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)		
<b>Tuesday</b>			
19.00	Rangers (fortnightly)		
19.30	Emmaus Bible Study Group		
<b>Wednesday</b>			
18.30	Guides		
<b>Thursday</b>			
09.30	0-5 Stay & Play		
18.45	Brownies		

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