
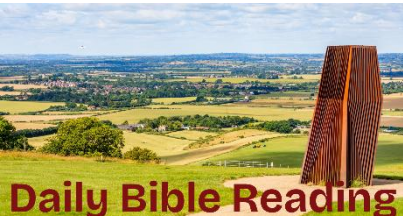


Welcome to Christ Church Dunstable!





We're delighted you're here and trust you feel at home amongst us. If you are new here, we would love to get to know you better. Please visit ccd.church/welcome or use the QR code to provide your contact details.



OUR SERVICES TODAY

 <p>Seeking God 1 and 2 Chronicles</p>	<p>Morning Services 9.15am & 11.15am</p> <p>Whose are You? 1 Chronicles 1-9 Phil Hammersley</p>
 <p>Daily Bible Reading</p>	<p>Evening Service 6.15pm, including the Lord's Supper</p> <p>Restored! John 21:15-19 Gareth Mitchell</p>

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORK TODAY

	<p>Crèche facilities for under 2's are available in the Church Hall.</p>
	<p>2-4's in the Church Hall (beneath the auditorium) Thank you God for making me (Psalm 139:1-24) Big Idea: God made every part of us.</p>
	<p>4-7's in the Lounge (Church Office) & 8-11's in The Way The King is Here (Mark 1:9-13) Big Idea: Jesus' baptism shows he was chosen by God as the one who is willing and able to conquer sin.</p>
	<p>Nano is for 11-14's and Frontline is for 14-18's</p> <p>Nano: Jesus & the Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-28) Big Idea: Jesus helped a Canaanite woman who humbly came to him, knowing that she didn't deserve his kindness.</p> <p>Frontline: AfterChurch at Matt and Bethan Sunners'</p>

Church Family News

THIS WEEK

Mon 5		Bank Holiday
Tue 6	10am – 12pm 2pm 2:30 – 4:30pm	Art: in The Way Prayer Central: in the Church Building Foodbank: in The Way
Wed 7	9:30 – 11am 9:45 – 11am 5:30 – 6:45pm 7:00 – 8:45pm 7:30pm 7:45pm	Workshop Wednesdays: in the Cabin W@CC: in the Church Building, Study 3 Wednesday Club: in the Church Building Nano: in the Church Building Game On!: in The Way Elders meeting: in The Lounge
Thur 8	10am – 11.45am	Connect: VE Day - 80 Years of Celebration
Fri 9	9:30 – 11:30am 12:30 – 2:30pm	Knit and Natter: in The Way Foodbank & Drop in: in The Way
Sat 10	<p>We look forward to being together at Stopsley Baptist Church next Saturday. Car parking is from 9am and doors will open at 9.30am. You will receive an email this week with further information about the day. Please remember that lunch and dinner is provided as part of your booking.</p> 	

NEXT SUNDAY – 11th May

Please join us for our **Morning Service at 10:15am** which continues our **Church Weekend**. Please note the **different time** and the **one service**. As part of our Church Weekend, there will be opportunity to have lunch together (more details to follow) and therefore, there will be **NO Evening Service**.

'Around the World' – Saturday 17th May

On Saturday 17th May, we will be attending the town council's event which celebrates the cultural diversity of Dunstable. We want to celebrate the diversity of God's church; all one in Christ. We would love to form a team of many nationalities and tongues to help run activities, and to talk to folk at the event. We usually share out the day across the team by running two shifts (am/pm). If you would like to join us this year, please go to **ccd.church/around** to sign up or speak to Steve Neal for further information.

Global Mission

Tiago & Melisa Bugalho

Ramada Baptist Church in Portugal

On Sunday 9th February, we held an important church members' meeting, when we reminded ourselves of all that God did amongst us in 2024; approved new projects; and, by God's grace, welcomed seven married couples as new members. Glory to God!



We recently hosted a training event in biblical counselling in partnership with NUTRA, a Brazilian ministry that prepares Christians to be biblical counsellors. They also produce books and resources for the Portuguese-speaking church. We welcomed 75 participants, who spent 5 hours studying for 6 days. We praise God for what He is doing in His church in Portugal through trusting in the superiority and sufficiency of the Scriptures.

At the end of March, we held our second missionary conference in partnership with other churches. We studied 'The church in Jerusalem and missions'. It was a blessing and encouragement to be challenged to contribute to missions with joy, in imitation of the early church.

Our children are growing well. Laura has had quite a few asthma attacks after coming home from our time in Chile due to the change of climate, but they have been manageable. Filipe will have to wear insoles for both his feet for 6 months for corrective purposes. Pray for Melisa and her hypothyroidism. Her most recent test results were good; however, they are now testing her blood pressure as she has had many oscillations. Pray too for Tiago, that the doctors will be wise in their decisions regarding his meniscus tear in both knees. Paulo remains undefeated! Laura and Filipe have recently turned 8 and 4 respectively; we are so grateful for their lives. Thank you very much for your love and constant support!

GATHERING TO PRAY

At our recent Church Members Meeting on 15th April, Gareth encouraged us to continue to pray in the lead-up to our next meeting on Tuesday 20th May. We would like to share with you some opportunities we have to gather for prayer in the coming weeks. Our aim is to offer a variety of prayer meetings, so each of us can attend something—without feeling any pressure to be at everything. Here's a summary of what's planned:

Tuesday 6th May – 2pm – Daytime Prayer Central in the Church Foyer

Tuesday 13th May – 7:45pm – Home Groups: A further opportunity to pray while continuing with the planned Bible study

Thursday 15th May – A Day of Prayer – 7am Online Prayer Meeting via Teams; 12:00pm – Lunchtime Prayer Central in the Church Foyer; 7:45pm – Prayer Central in the Church Building

Church Membership

Applications for Church Membership have been received from Dan Bliss and Adrian Katso.

Minutes of the Church Members Meeting – 15th April

The minutes of the Church Members Meeting from 15th April are available on request. If you would like a copy, please contact the Church Office or email hello@ccd.church

Holiday Bible Club Leaders – 26th – 29th August

Holiday Bible Club will be running from **Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th August**. If you are able to help whether as a leader, in tech, registration or offer other help, please sign up at ccd.church/hbcleader

Safety in the Church Forecourt

As we are now heading towards better weather, our Church forecourt is more popular for people to use to spend time in fellowship on Sundays. We love having so many children at our Sunday services and we want to keep them, as well as everyone else, safe. Please can we remind you of the following, thank you:

- Please be aware of those leaving and arriving who need more time and space to walk through the forecourt and who are therefore more vulnerable.
- Please also be aware of the open gates, main road and of strangers passing through the site.
- Children must be supervised by an adult once they have left their groups. Please do not allow them to play downstairs in the Church Hall, on stairwells or on the balcony. When outside, children should always be in sight of their parents and not climbing on walls, fences, etc. or playing with leather footballs.

In need of the T-loop for better hearing?



We have a hearing loop installed in the auditorium and the Foyer for use by people with hearing aids. There are many places around the auditorium ground floor that you can pick it up well, but it is best to avoid the first 3 rows for the best reception.