# **Church Matters**

20 April 2025



# 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.



# **EASTER GREETING:**

Leader: Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

Together: Hallelujah!



<b>ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICES</b>	BAPTISMAL SERVICE
9.15am & 11.15am	6.15pm
"Do not be Afraid."	From Head to Heart
Matthew 28:1-10	Proverbs 3:1-6
Gareth Mitchell	Steve Neal

We warmly welcome the friends and family of Daniel Bliss who is being baptised during the Evening Service.

#### **CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORK TODAY**

Crèche	Crèche facilities for under 2's are available in the Church Hall.
Footsters	2-4's in the Church Hall (beneath the auditorium)  Easter Story – The Resurrection (Luke 18:31-33; 24:1-35)  Big Idea: Jesus rose from the dead so that we can know he really is the King.
Adventurërs Explorers	4-7's in the Lounge (Church Office) & 8-11's in The Way Enjoying the Service
Frontline	Nano is for 11-14's and Frontline is for 14-18's
	Nano: On Easter break – enjoying the service
	Frontline: AfterChurch at McDonalds

# **Church Family News**

#### **THIS WEEK**

Mon 21		Bank Holiday
Tue 22	10am – 12pm	Art: in The Way
	2:30 – 4:30pm	Foodbank: in The Way
	7:45pm	Home Groups: An Anchor for the Soul: Chapter 4: 'I am Crucified'
	7:45pm	Gateway: Meeting in the Lounge, Study 3 of Life with Jesus: Church
Wed 23	9:30 – 11am	Workshop Wednesdays: in the Cabin
	9:45 – 11am	<b>W@CC:</b> in the Church Building, Study 1
		Wednesday Club: on Easter break
		Nano: on Easter break
	7:30pm	Pudding Night: in The Way
Thur 24	10:30 – 11:45am	Connect: 'Relax Together – with Art Table', in the Church Building
Fri 25	9:30 – 11:30am	Knit and Natter: in The Way
	12:30 – 2:30pm	Foodbank & Drop in: in The Way
Sat 26	10am	CCD Walkers: (see below for full details)
	7:30 – 9:30pm	Frontline: in the Church Building

# **NEXT SUNDAY – 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Please join us for our Morning Services at 9:15am & 11:15am and our Evening Service at 6:15pm.

Next Sunday morning is 'Moving Up Sunday' when the children in Year 2, Year 6 and Year 9 at school will be moving up to their new groups. Your child should have had a taster session already. If you have any questions, please speak to Katie or Bethan.

# **Global Mission**

## **Luke & Riss Crowter**

## **Serving with Silver Street Community Church, London**

Thanks so much for your prayers! The Lord is at work, with several people professing faith in Jesus in recent months. Join us in praising Him for this, and ask for His help as we seek to help baby believers grow up in their faith.

Please pray also for our Easter outreach. We've designed a gospel message leaflet that will be going to around 5000 homes in our local area. We also have a men's breakfast, a children's craft event and an online introduction to the central claims of the Bible. In addition, we're really excited to have an opportunity to go into a local school on 24th April to run an "Easter Experience", in partnership with a Christian schools work organisation. It will involve 300 primary school children hearing something of the Easter message through an interactive drama trail. This is the first time we've managed to get any traction with this huge school of 1000 pupils, including three Crowters! Please pray this is the start of many opportunities and a growing relationship.

Praise the Lord for a new elder (Mark), appointed in our March members' meeting; and for new mission partners - Robin and Maddy (and baby Elizabeth) are part of our church family and we hope to send them to West Africa sometime next year.

Finally, we have a sabbatical from May-July. Please pray for refreshment in the Lord and fresh insights in study for us. For Silver Street, pray for a time of continued growth for those who'll be covering extra ground in our absence!

# CCD Walkers - Saturday 26th April

The next CCD Walk is on Saturday 26th April, starting at 10am from the free car park opposite St Mary's Church Woburn (MK17 9PG). The walk is just under 6 miles and is mainly through Woburn Park and surrounding countryside. If anybody would like a lift to the start point, please speak to Lorraine Nuttall. Do feel free to invite friends and family to join us on the walk.

# Thanksgiving Service - Tuesday 29th April

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Patsy Mowbray is on Tuesday 29th April at 11am. If you are able to be here, please come along to give thanks to God for Patsy's life and to support the family.

# Poverty Simulation – Tuesday 29th April

On the 29<sup>th</sup> April, we will be holding a Poverty Simulation event in the Church building at <u>7pm</u>. Our Global Mission Partners, Steve and Katey Kenworthy, have been involved in many of these events and found them so helpful to give people an understanding of what it means to live in poverty. Please save the date and come along and share the experience so we can better pray for them.

### Church Weekend – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May



**April at midday!** If you are planning to come, please sign up before the bookings close. You can sign up at ccd.church/weekend, scan the QR code or use the booking email sent out to you.



## Needed for the Church Weekend - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May

We will be serving cakes on the Saturday of the Church Weekend. If you are able to make some cakes for this day, please email gemma@ccd.church

### **Holiday Bible Club Leaders**

Holiday Bible Club will be running from **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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** 

#### **Sharing together**

#### Available

A massage couch in very good condition which folds for travelling and has a carry case – see Roz Kearey for further details.

#### Needed

For the upcoming Poverty Simulation event, we are looking to collect more **newspapers** and some second-hand **large containers** (e.g. washed out food containers). If you can donate either of these, please put them in the labelled boxes in the Foyer, thank you.

### 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.