Church Matters 28 July 2024

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.



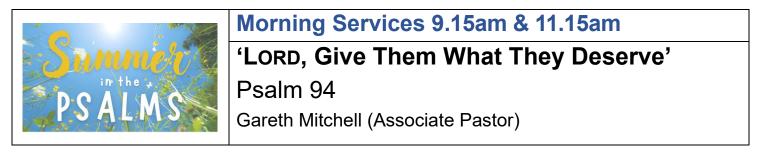
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OUR SERVICES TODAY

Philippians

TO LIVE IS CHRIST





Standing Firm Together

Philippians 4:1-3

Mark Lawrence (Lead Pastor)

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) God is always with Us (Psalm 139:7-12) BIG IDEA: Everywhere we go God is there to look after us.
Adventurërs Explorers	 4-7's in the Lounge (Aletheia House) & 8-11's in The Way Praying on Mission (Matthew 9:35-38) BIG IDEA: Everyone needs to hear the good news about Jesus so we must ask God to send out more workers.
Frontine	Nano is for 11-14's and Frontline is for 14-18's Nano: on summer break Frontline: on summer break

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Church Family News

THIS WEEK

Over 70 of our church family are attending the Church Family Camp in Kent. Please pray for them.

Also today		Our Lead Pastor, Mark Lawrence, is preaching away at The King's Church, Flitwick, this morning.
Tue 30	2:30 – 4:30pm	Foodbank: in The Way
	7:45pm	Prayer Central: in the Church Building
Thur 1	10:30 – 11:45am	Connect – Keep in Touch: in The Way
Fri 2	12:30 – 2:30pm	Foodbank & Drop In: in The Way
Sat 3		Contagious Go West: A number of our Nanoers and leaders will be attending this youth camp in Kidderminster from today. Please be in prayer for them as they study Paul's letter to the Philippians together.

NEXT SUNDAY – 4th August

Please join us for our **Morning Services at 9:15am & 11:15am**, and for our **Evening Service at 6.15pm**, including the Lord's Supper.

Sharing Together

<u>Available</u>

An under-counter drawer freezer. Dimensions (cm): H85.1 x W60 x D62.8. For more details, please contact Jonny Clavey.

A Spear and Jackson strimmer. For more details, please contact Beryl Hawkins.

The Way Coffee House

The Way Coffee House will be closing at 3pm on Wednesdays during the summer holidays. We will open all day on Wednesdays again on September 4th with Game On in the evening.

Minutes of the Church Members' Meeting

The minutes of the Church Members' Meeting from 25th June are available in paper format. If you would like a copy, please collect one from Gemma Peacham or contact the Church Office.

Advance notice for Nanoers

On Saturday 14th September, Nano will be having their next BIG DAY OUT. For more details and to sign your Nanoer up for the event, use the link ccd.church/nanobigdayout or use the sign up email sent out to you.

<u>Global Mission Update</u> <u>Jonathan & Felicity Carswell,</u> <u>serving in the USA with 10ofThose</u>

Thank you so much for all your love, care and prayers over the last month. We have really felt the way in which you have been lifting us to the Lord and have seen His hand at work in the upheaval of all that has been going on. It was lovely to connect with some of you when we visited recently and we continue to be so grateful for our Christ Church family.



Give thanks with us for the way in which the Lord allowed Felicity to return to the US for a brief visit in order to speak at The Gospel Coalition Women's Conference. There were no issues entering the country and it was an encouraging and fun time with her sister in the midst of 9,000 women. A very un-English experience, but full of light and truth and love. Jonathan was very sad to miss it all, but the 10ofThose team did a fantastic job at delivering the bookstore and serving the many women. Praise God that the team were able to step up and that these events don't depend on Jonathan being there. He, Rufus and Billy had a good week together; praise God for deepening relationships between them all in Felicity's absence.

Please do pray on for our visa. We are waiting on the American embassy in London allowing us to book a renewal appointment, but the administrative machine is painfully slow. Please pray that we might get an appointment soon, so that we know where we stand. The uncertainty of it all is tiring and we're anxious to know that we can get back to the US before the new school term begins on 14th August. Please pray for our hearts, that we would continue to trust the Lord in all of this. Pray that we would give Him each day and be able to enjoy what is in front of us rather than continually thinking of the 'what ifs' and that which we don't know. We're tired, so please pray that the Lord would sustain us and keep us loving one another well.

Alongside the visa challenges, Felicity is walking with her closest friend through a terminal cancer diagnosis. Give thanks for visa things meaning that we are in the UK longer than expected and so enjoying precious time with Caroline. Please pray for healing, but also for Felicity's heart and sadness in it all. Please pray that she, and Caroline, would be able to trust the Lord with the path that is ahead and for renewed conviction that the hope of heaven is real and Jesus is life.

Give thanks for the way in which Rufus and Billy are adjusting to being back in the UK, for their friendship with one another and for good conversations with them. They are enjoying seeing family and friends. Please pray for our time with Felicity's parents, that we would be a good witness and that there would be opportunity to share Christ with her Dad.

Thank you so much. We will keep you updated on visa things. We're so grateful for your prayers.

Sermon Notes

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