



CHRISTCHURCH NOTICEBOARD



Mary Bell

Mary Bell's funeral service will be held at Skipton Crematorium this coming Wednesday, 17th March at 2.10 pm.

Spaces are limited there so the family have asked me to share the online viewing details with Christchurch. The live stream facility is through the web site; www.obitus.com ; username: wara8643; password: 122301.

Free School Meals at Easter

Ilkley Great Get Together (IGGT) are organising food hampers over the Easter holidays for 80 families with children at Ilkley Grammar School who qualify for free school meals.

To get the funding from Bradford council they have been asked to provide some enrichment activity to go along with the food. So they are asking us at Christchurch if we have any used board games, packs of cards, jigsaws, skipping ropes or anything appropriate for children between 11-18 years old that could be classed as an activity, either indoors or outdoors, and that could go in a food hamper. **Please don't buy new** but please do check they are in good condition with all pieces present!

If you find anything in the back of your cupboard please either drop it off at church on Friday March 12th or March 19th between 1-2.30p.m. or leave in our porch at 3 Hill Top, Ilkley LS29 9RS or ring 01943 430634 for collection. Many thanks, Chris Knamiller.

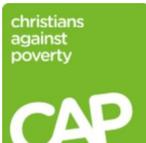
Christians Against Poverty - Easter Baskets

The Wharfedale and Aireborough CAP Debt Centre is putting together Easter Baskets for the families they are working with.

Each basket will include eggs for the children and some other goodies for the whole family to enjoy.

If you would like to purchase something to go in, contact Samantha Price via:

samanthaprice@capuk.org
Tel: 07935223663



Melting Pot—Sunday this Sunday at 7:30pm by Zoom.

Following our animated conversation about Climate and Extinction, we will continue the discussion by looking at Responses to the Climate Crisis, looking at some suggestions from experts, the local Climate Action Ilkley group, and Gary's suggestion of a Christchurch group looking at our response as a church.

If you don't usually 'come along' to Melting Pot but would like to get involved with this discussion, then please let me know and I'll add you to the meeting invitation.

Steve Amos

Melting Pot

Change of Date to Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting date has been brought forward to Sunday the 21st of March at 3:00pm via Zoom.

More details and the Zoom link will follow.

14th March

Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley
www.christchurchilkley.org.uk

I am preparing stewards rotas for when we reopen church for worship in April. I hope previous volunteers will be able to continue, but would welcome new volunteers also. If you would like to help in any way to support our welcoming or PA/audio teams, please contact me at brianpatcscott@gmail.com or on 07982 300233. Thank you.

Brian Scott

Appreciative Conversations

Appreciative Conversations are starting this month as our church is beginning a consultation with everyone linked to Christchurch. This is something that the URC has developed to help churches hear the thoughts of as many people as possible in a church community.

A member of the leadership team or another church volunteer will be getting in contact with you to ask if you would be willing to chat to them about Christchurch. This must be done in a COVID-safe way so probably over the telephone or by zoom or some other electronic platform.

The conversation is broadly to find out what you appreciate about the range of things our church does. Your name will not be taken and your thoughts will be shared anonymously with a member of the Methodist Regional Learning Network team. This person is going to put together all the replies and help us as we prepare to develop our mission going forward.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to hear the thoughts of everyone who is willing to participate. I do hope that you will enjoy the chat! All the conversations need to be completed by the end of April.



**Tuesdays 10.30am:
Christchurch Coffee
Morning**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81411595487?pwd=cy9nZk5Nc0pLM09ZRnkrRENhdjdhUT09>

Meeting ID: 814 1159 5487 /
Passcode: 671031

**Thursdays 4.00pm
Christchurch Afternoon Tea**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89141489699?pwd=R21YSjllcDUwQ3lwZHYrN1p1NTB2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 891 4148 9699 /
Passcode: 172615

Fairtrade Fortnight

Thanks so much to everyone for all the support over Fairtrade Fortnight.

The Fairtrade Tea and Coffee Parties were exceedingly well attended, were lots of fun and raised a fantastic amount of just over £407 in donations.

Thanks also go for all those who put in Fairtrade Products orders which totalled over £450 at the last count. It was a super contribution to Fairtrade Fortnight, now let's remember to keep Fairtrade in our minds whenever we are shopping throughout the rest of the year.

Chris Knamiller and Polly Hosking.

A date for your diary - Annual Elders Conference

Date - Saturday 17th April.
Times - 10.00am to 3.30pm

Wise and wonderful: the gift and responsibility of God's creation

Originally planned for March 2020, this conference will now run online.

Led by Simeon Mitchell and Roo Stewart from Church and Society in London.

More details will be available soon.

This is an event for everyone and will be as interactive as we can make it.

We look forward to seeing you on 17th April.

Wider Horizons – Next Sunday, 21 March, is the deadline for the April edition of Wider Horizons. This will cover any arrangements for Holy Week and Easter as well as any planning ahead for the Summer term (such as Housegroups for example). Any snippets of information, reflections or book reviews (surely someone has read something worth recommending?), planning ahead for the Autumn even . . . Please get items to me at steve.amos.gb@gmail.com - many thanks.

Steve Amos - WH Editor