



CHRISTCHURCH NOTICEBOARD



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 this Sunday 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.

ALSO we are collecting Easter Eggs. Please can you drop off to the boxes outside 30 Nelson Rd. We need 140 boxes of Eggs - is anyone able to donate?

AND if you fancy baking Easter biscuits we are also offering a treat box for each family with Easter Eggs, knitted chicks, and Easter biscuits.

If you are able to donate Easter Eggs or Easter biscuits please contact Becky on:-
ilkleyggt@gmail.com



On the 2nd April (Good Friday) at All Saints, Christchurch, and St John's (Ben Rhydding) you can come along and lay a stone on a cairn.

A cairn is a pile of stones that often marks a stage on a journey.

A cairn can help us to look back and remember and look forward with hope.

Laying a stone on a cairn can be a moment to say a prayer or hold someone in your heart.

Stones can be plain or painted, with a word or picture.

Anyone is welcome to come and lay a stone during the time when stewards are present. Social distancing and other covid guidelines will be followed. For times and more details visit:

www.churchestogetherilkley.org.uk

Stewarding

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 brianpatscott@gmail.com or on 07982 300233. Thank you.

Brian Scott

Reconnect each Sunday morning at 10:00am with our short, informal and friendly service hosted via Zoom.

Email

office@christchurchilkley.org.uk or rev.robstatopham@gmail.com for more details, or to request the link.



21st March

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

Our Café Manager- Kathryn Emmott- is retiring on March 31st. We will be very sorry to let her retire (surely she's too young!).

We thank her for leading the café through the changes that were made and continuing to make it a welcoming and very comfortable place serving 'the best scones in Ilkley'!

We are collecting for Kathryn and if you would like to contribute please send any contributions to the office in the form of a cheque or make a bank transfer to the Christchurch account marked KE.

You will continue to see Kathryn as she helps us with the intervening period of change'



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

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 – Today, 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