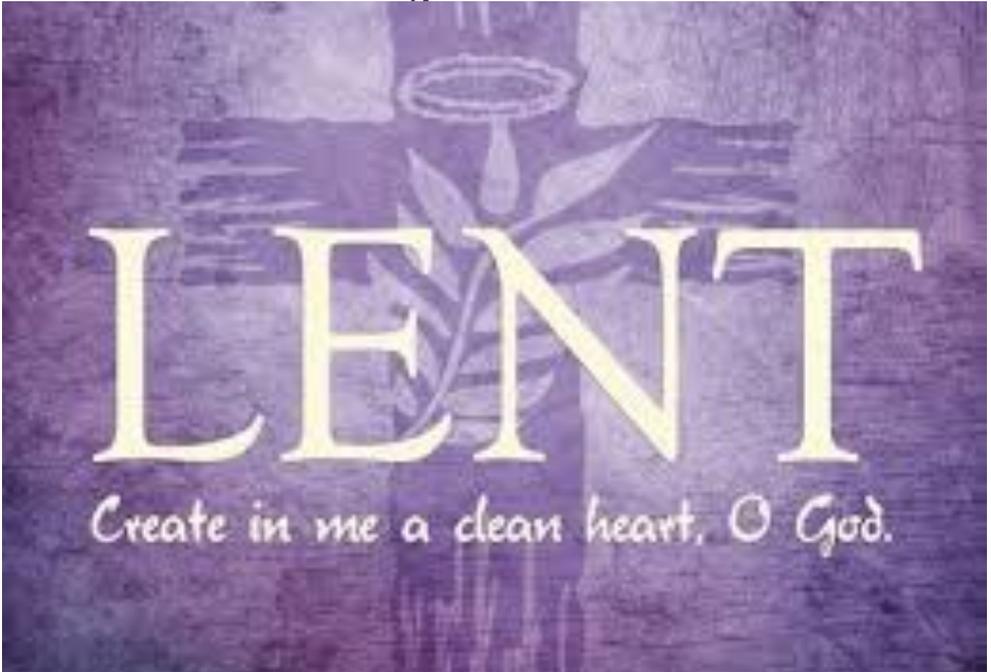




CHRIST CHURCH

Swanley

1st March 2020



Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.

Psalm 51 : 7, 10, 12

*Our vision is to make the love of Jesus clearly visible to one another
and to the world around us.*

Welcome to Christ Church Swanley!

Today's Services

"Walking with Jesus"

10.30am: Morning Worship

Service Leaders: Andrew & Karen Jefferys



Scripture: Romans 8 : 1—17

After the service, please join us for refreshments in The Centre

6.30pm: Encounter Service

Our Encounter service this evening is titled '**Touch of Heaven**'.

For anyone who hasn't been to one of these services, they are a time to draw closer to God through soaking (resting), reflection, prayer (a team of prayer warriors are on hand if you need healing, release, or a listening ear). It's a time for hearing from God, dancing, singing, or just laying still whilst quietly being renewed and refilled by the Holy Spirit. For those of you who enjoy arts and crafts, there's usually an area where you can literally draw closer to God as you create something. Encounter Services offer a safe environment to worship in an entirely personal way. The evening is suited to adults and youth of Super Nova age upwards as there are no separate children's groups. For more information please speak to Linda, Joanna or Matt (Worship Leaders). We look forward to seeing you there.



Did you know that recordings from our Sunday Services are available to listen to on iTunes? If you subscribe to Christ Church Swanley Media you will be able to catch up on talks you have missed, or want to listen to again. Search for us on iTunes Podcasts or email the church office and we will send you the hyperlink directly for you to 'click' on!

Next Week's Services

08.45am Early Morning Worship 10.30am Main Morning Communion

Prayer this Week

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4 : 6-7

The World - O Lord, we pray for Somali Christians, utterly despised and rejected by Somali society for believing in Christ, facing great danger every day because of other Somalis determined to hurt or kill them. May they be filled with peace and confidence as they trust in You, their shield and their deliverer. We remember especially Somali Christian women, the most vulnerable of all. May they know that You bestow glory on them and lift up their heads. We ask this in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Psalm 3:1-3). [excerpt from Barnabus Fund prayer diary]

The Country - Lord, we pray for all those affected by the recent storms and flooding across our country, that they may receive help from within their communities and also from nearby towns and villages which are unaffected. We pray for those who have lost their most treasured belongings, that they may draw comfort from You and for the churches and volunteers who are providing shelter, food and support that they may have strength, wisdom and funds to help those in need.

Our Town – We pray protection over Swanley and surrounding areas, for all its residents as well as those passing through. As we move forward with God’s Revival plans for our town may His ‘all consuming’ Love be felt by everyone and may Christ Church be a guiding beacon of Light ready to receive all who enter in. Amen.

Our Church - For everyone who steps inside Christ Church, may they find Jesus and proclaim Him as their Lord and Saviour. Amen.

We pray also, for those in our church who are suffering through illness, chronic pain, disability or bereavement including: Les A; Keith B; Vanessa B; Sharon B; Terry C; Fiona D; Geoff F; Marcus G; Phil G; Aida H; Louise H; Mollie K; Ada M; Joy M; Vicky R; Shirley T; George V; Janice W; Peter W;

Prayer meetings

We meet every Tuesday in the church at 10.00am and 8.00pm to pray for our church family; our town; our nation and our world.

Everyone is invited to join us even if you just wish to sit quietly in the background.

Prayer chain

If you have an immediate prayer need please text Janice Webb on 07305 782969

Thought For The Week

An email dropped into my mailbox last week from the Bible Society encouraging participation in a **Lenten Challenge** ... “taking up Bible memorisation in an effort to store up God’s word in our hearts and share the good news with others.” Like a lot of Christians, quite often verses of scripture pop into my head but I never can remember where in the Bible they come from! So this year, instead of giving up chocolate, junk food, etc, I’m taking on the Bible Society challenge to read a daily verse (which they provide) and also hopefully to remember where it appears. If you would like to join me in this personal Lenten Challenge, I have enabled the daily verses to appear on our website homepage, or if you prefer there are some print outs of the complete set of verses. I encourage you in your own personal challenge over Lent and pray that whatever you have chosen to do, it will bring you closer to God.



[For more information on the Bible Society Lenten Challenge, visit www.biblesociety.org.uk]

Blessings, Linda
(Church Administrator)

This Weeks Diary

Monday

- 1.30pm Handicraft & More! (Centre)
- 7.00pm Healthy Living Group (Centre)
- 8.00pm Badminton (Centre)

Tuesday

- 10.00am Prayer Meeting in the church
- 7.30pm Elders Meeting at the Manse
- 8.00pm Prayer Meeting in the church

Wednesday

- 6.00pm Galaxy Club (Centre)
- 7.30pm Community Action VT (church)
- 8.00pm Worship VT./ Community Action

Thursday

- 4.00pm Handicraft & More! (Centre)
- 8.00pm Swanley Prayer Team (church)

Friday

- 10.00am Bulrushes
- 7.30pm Worship Band rehearsal

Looking ahead...

- 14th March : 10.00am—4.00pm Church / Centre Maintenance Day
- 18th April : 9.00am—12.00noon Churches Together (CTSD) Healing Centre at Christ Church Swanley

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News

- We are part way through **FairTrade Fortnight**. Please consider supporting those struggling to make a living in some of the world's poorest countries by buying fairly traded products from shops, online and our own Traidcraft stall.
 - On 9th March 8pm at St Peter's, Hextable, there is a **Holiday at Home planning meeting**. The aim is for each church to send a representative along. Could that be you? Please tell Karen of your intention to go. 665515
 - **After you have enjoyed your refreshments on Sunday**, if you are able, please help by clearing the lounge area (stacking chairs and moving tables), vacuuming the carpeted area, and tidying any toys/games left out. Thank you.
 - We are looking to hold a **baptism service** during Easter. If you would like to know more about adult baptism or have already decided you wish to be baptised, please speak to George.
 - If you are available and able to help at our **Church & Centre Maintenance Working Day** on Saturday 14th March, please add your name to the list on the unit behind the pulpit. Breakfast will be available to everyone who comes along for the morning session. There are jobs for all levels of fitness or DIY skillset, so please speak to Mark Price Haworth if you are unsure or would like more information.
 - KCC are resurfacing the road outside our church during March. We have been informed the **road will be closed to traffic** between 8.00pm and 6.00am from Wednesday 11th March for 16 nights (including Saturday's). We aren't sure how this will impact our church & centre groups and also external clubs at the moment, but hopefully will receive more information soon.
 - Swanley Town Council are organising litter picking as part of the **Great British Spring Clean** during the period 20 - 23 March. In order for them to plan when and where to pick, they are asking for an idea of the number of volunteers and their availability. If you are interested in volunteering to litter pick, please can you let Peter and Jane Webber know. Their telephone number is: 01322 664219. Thank you.
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