

CHRIST CHURCH *LINK*

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January / February 2019

FROM THE SECRETARIES

It is traditional at New Year to look forward with hope and optimism. We will certainly be doing that at the start of 2019 as we await the arrival of Rev. Andrew Mills. Andrew and his family will be moving into the new manse in Seaford in mid-January and he will be taking up his ministerial duties at the beginning of February. These will include both Christ Church and Cross Way Church, Seaford, and also the Alfriston mission project. We will be doing all we can to help Andrew, his wife Ruth, and their family settle into life in Sussex.

Andrew will have a formal Induction Service at Cross Way Church, Clinton Place, Seaford at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 9 February 2019. The service will be led by Reverend Nicola Furley-Smith, Moderator of the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church and will be followed afterwards by refreshments. We would like to make sure that all members of Christ Church who wish to attend the induction service can do so, so will be asking people to sign up for attendance and - where possible - indicate if they can provide or require transport. Watch out for the list at the back of church.

On the following day (Sunday February 10), Rev. Nicola Furley-Smith will be the preacher at our morning service and we hope there will be a good-sized congregation for the occasion. There will be a chance to chat informally to Nicola over tea and coffee at the end of the service.

Church Council have agreed to participate in the Winter Shelter project for homeless people in Lewes, being run by Lewes Open Door. Several other Lewes churches will also be supporting the project. There will be training for volunteer helpers in January and the project should commence at the end of the month. This will be a pilot project, which will be reviewed in the spring before deciding whether it can continue over the winter of 2019 / 2020.

Finally, as the arrival of our new Minister is imminent, we would like to thank all the members of Christ Church who have "gone the extra mile" in keeping things going over the last eighteen months whilst we have been without ministerial leadership. This has involved everything from leading worship to taking on additional practical and administrative tasks. Thank you. We would also like to thank our two Interim Moderators- Jim Thorneycroft and Graham Campling - for the advice and support they have given us along the way.

With best wishes for the New Year from:

Neil Fisher, Church Secretary Lindsay Frost, Administrative Secretary

Church Calendar for January 2019

Tue 1	11 am New Years Day Walk
Fri 4	9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
Sun 6	10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mr David Coleman 6.30 pm Joint Epiphany service led by Rev Richard Moatt
Wed 9	7.30 pm Church Council
Thu 10	2.15 pm Cliffe Housegroup
Fri 11	9 am Prison Prayer Group 9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
Sun 13	10.30 am Covenant Service led by Mrs Gwyneth Watkinson 11.45 am Congregational Meeting
Wed 16	7.30 pm - 9 pm Think Tank
Fri 18	9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
Sat 19	8 am - 9.15 am Prayer for Lewes at t.b.a.
Sun 20	10.30 am Morning worship led by Rev Roger Wood 12.30 pm Church Walk
Wed 23	8 pm Nevill Housegroup
Thu 24	2.15 pm Cliffe Housegroup
Fri 25	9 am Prison Prayer Group 9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
Sun 27	9.30 am Messy Sunday
Mon 28	7.30 pm - 8.45 pm Prison Fellowship Prayer Group
Fri 1	9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
Sun 3	10.30 am Morning worship led by Mrs Claire Bell

Think Tank

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 January 2019, when Debby Matthews will be speaking on

Thomas Mantell and the early Lewes Non-Conformists

Debby Matthews has lived in Lewes since 2006 but has worked here since the late 1990s. She currently works in the tourist information centre and in a previous job ran the council for voluntary service in the town. She studied history at the University of Sussex and gained an MA in librarianship from University College London. She gives talks on local history, with a particular interest in Gideon Mantell, the Lewes surgeon and discoverer of the skeleton of *Iguanodon*, on whom she writes a regular blog online. Thomas Mantell (1750-1807) was Gideon's father, an influential Lewes citizen and Non-Conformist.

Church Calendar for February 2019

- Fri 1 9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sun 3 10.30 am Morning worship led by Mrs Claire Bell
- Thu 7 2.15 pm Cliffe Housegroup
- Fri 8 9 am Prison Prayer Group
9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sat 9 2.30 pm Induction of Rev Andrew Mills (at Cross Way, Seaford)
- Sun 10 10.30 am Morning worship with Holy Communion
led by Rev Nicola Furley-Smith
- Fri 15 9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sat 16 8 am - 9.15 am Prayer for Lewes at t.b.a.
- Sun 17 10.30 am Morning worship led by Rev Andrew Mills`
12.30 pm Church Walk
- Wed 20 7.30 pm - 9 pm Think Tank
- Thu 21 2.15 pm Cliffe Housegroup
- Fri 22 9 am Prison Prayer Group
10.30 am - 1 pm Messy Church
- Sun 24 9.30 am Messy Sunday
- Mon 25 7.30 pm - 8.45 pm Prison Fellowship Prayer Group
- Wed 27 7.30 pm CSUA Area Meeting
8 pm Nevill Housegroup
- Fri 1 9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sun 3 10.30 am Morning worship

Induction service for our new minister, Rev Andrew Mills

The induction service for our new minister, Rev Andrew Mills, will take place at **2:30 pm on Saturday, 9 February 2019**, at Cross Way church, Clinton Place, Seaford (the former URC church). The service will be led by Rev Nicola Furley-Smith, the Moderator of the Southern Province of the United Reformed Church (and who incidentally will be leading worship here at Christ Church the following day), and the preacher will be the Rev Nigel Uden, one of the two new moderators of the United Reformed Church and known to us as a former Moderator of the Southern Province. The service will be followed by a buffet tea in the church hall.

We hope that as many as possible of our congregation will be able to attend, and transport to Seaford will be arranged for those who need it.

Church Rotas for January and February 2019

	January				February			
	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
		Communion Congregational meeting		4th Sunday Messy Church		Communion		4th Sunday Messy Church
Transport	Brenda	Alan	Neil	Graham	Lindsay	Brenda	Alan	Neil
Flowers							Jeanette	
Flower Distribution							Glenda	
Door Stewards	Linda Beddow & Pat Thompson	Andrew Buxton & Linda Fisher	Joy Tasker & Janet Cooper	Richard Partridge & Graham Purdy	Brenda Vance & Pat Thompson	Linda Beddow & Hazel Freeman	Joy Tasker & Janet Cooper	Richard Partridge & Graham Purdy
Vestry Steward	Glenda Pett	Glenda Pett	Glenda Pett	Glenda Pett	Gwyneth Watkinson	Gwyneth Watkinson	Gwyneth Watkinson	Gwyneth Watkinson
Coffee	Jane & Elizabeth	Brenda & Norman	Viv & Lindsay		Linda B. & Janet	Glenda & Alan	Beattie & Graham	
PowerPoint	Irene	Graham	Irene	Neil	Graham	Irene	Graham	Neil
Sunday Club	Graham	Irene	Alison		Glenda	Graham	Irene	
3rd Sunday Intercessions			Linda Beddow				Glenda	