

CHRIST CHURCH *LINK*

November / December 2018

FROM THE SECRETARIES

Since the last "Link" was published, the Rev. Andrew Mills has accepted a call to be our new minister, as part of a pastorate covering Cross Way (Seaford) and Alfriston mission project. He will be joining us early in 2019. We are fortunate to have secured a minister with Andrew's many gifts and his extensive experience, both pastorally and as Provincial Moderator for the URC in the North West. His induction service will be on Saturday February 9 at Cross Way, Seaford. We will make sure that transport arrangements are in place for all who wish to attend from Lewes. We are working closely with Cross Way on plans to help Andrew and his family settle into his new job, and also on a range of other matters where the two churches have common concerns and might benefit from working together. Both churches have agreed to maintain regular liaison meetings as we build up this new pastorate within the Central Sussex United Area (CSUA). This will, of course, also be a great help for Andrew as he settles into his ministry.

The church has been very busy over the autumn. In addition to our regular worship on Sunday mornings and evenings, the church is hosting the Fitzjohn's Food Bank, Christ Church Tots, Think Tank, CSUA and Churches Together events, Choir and a wide range of community events. This brings many more people through our doors and helps to build the church's role in serving the local community. We are also looking at the practicalities of hosting a homeless shelter over the winter months (in partnership with other Lewes churches).

This November marks the centenary of the Armistice that brought the Great War to an end in 1918. We will have a special service on Remembrance Sunday (November 11) led by Rev. Dr. John Neal to remember all those killed or suffering in conflict.

The church's role in the local community comes to the fore at Christmas. This year we once again have "Carols on the Green" on December 16, a Messy Sunday leading into a Christingle Service (December 23) and, of course, a Christmas morning service. All of these events offer us the chance to bring more people into church and introduce them to the Christian faith which sustains us all year round.

With best wishes for the Advent and Christmas seasons

Neil Fisher, Church Secretary Lindsay Frost, Administrative Secretary.

Church Calendar for November 2018

- Thu 1 2.15 pm Cliffe Housegroup
- Fri 2 9 am Prison Prayer Group
9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sun 4 10.30 am Morning worship led by Mr Peter Ingram
- Fri 9 9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sun 11 10.30 am Remembrance Sunday with Holy Communion
led by Rev Dr John Neal
- Wed 14 7.30 pm Church Council
- Thu 15 2.15 pm Cliffe Housegroup
- Fri 16 9 am Prison Prayer Group
9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sat 17 8 am - 9.15 am Prayer for Lewes at t.b.a.
- Sun 18 10.30 am Morning worship led by Mr Donald Handley
12.30 pm Church Walk
- Wed 21 7.30 pm - 9 pm Think Tank
- Fri 23 9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sun 25 9.30 am Messy Sunday
- Mon 26 7.30 pm - 8.45 pm Prison Fellowship Prayer Group
- Wed 28 8 pm Nevill Housegroup
- Fri 30 9 am Prison Prayer Group
9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots

Christmas Services

On **Sunday 23 December**, there will be a Christingle service at the normal time of 10:30 am, to be followed by mince pies. This will be preceded at 10 am by a Messy Church when Christingles will be made. All are welcome to both or either of these services. Our **Christmas Day** service will be at 10 am, as usual.

Christian Aid Advent Hope: Carols by Candlelight at Lancing College

This will be on Monday 3 December at 7.30 pm. Early booking is essential for this popular event. Please see Lindsay Frost if you are interested. Transport can be arranged. See poster for more information.

Church Calendar for December 2018

- Sun 2 10.30 am Advent Sunday worship
- Thu 6 2.15 pm Cliffe Housegroup
- Fri 7 9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sun 9 10.30 am Morning worship with Holy Communion
- Fri 14 9 am Prison Prayer Group
9.30 am - 11.30 am Christ Church Tots
- Sat 15 8 am - 9.15 am Prayer for Lewes at t.b.a.
- Sun 16 10.30 am Morning worship
2 pm Carols on the Green
- Wed 19 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm Passion Play Carol Singing around the town.
- Thu 20 2.15 pm Cliffe Housegroup
- Fri 21 10.30 am - 1 pm Messy Church
- Sun 23 10 am Messy Christingle
10:30 am Christingle Service
- Tue 25 10 am Family Service for Christmas Day
- Fri 28 9 am Prison Prayer Group
- Sun 30 10.30 am Morning worship
- Tue 1 Jan 11 am New Year's Day walk

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 November and December 2018

	November				December					
	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	25	30
		Communion Remembrance Sunday		Messy Sunday		Communion	Carols on the Green	Messy Sunday	Christmas Day	
Transport	Neil	Alan	Brenda	Neil	Lindsay	Graham	Irene	Alan		Lindsay
Flowers			Joy in, memory of Neale & Ray		Jeanette		Janet			
Flower Distribution			Viv		Glenda		Viv			
Door Stewards	Linda Beddow & Pat Thompson	Andrew Buxton & Linda Fisher	Joy Tasker & Janet Cooper	Richard Partridge & Graham Purdye	Brenda Vance & Hazel Freeman	Linda Beddow & Pat Thompson	Joy Tasker & Janet Cooper	Richard Partridge & Graham Purdye	Andrew Buxton & Linda Fisher	Benda Vance & Hazel Freeman
Vestry Steward	Irene Gannon	Irene Gannon	Neil Fisher	Neil Fisher	Neil Fisher	Neil Fisher	Neil Fisher	Neil Fisher	Neil Fisher	Irene Gannon
Coffee	Brenda & Norman	Viv & Lindsay	Linda B. & Janet		Neil & Linda	Jane & Elizabeth	Beattie & Graham			Glenda & Alan
PowerPoint	Irene	Tom	Graham	Neil	Irene	Tom	Graham	Neil	Irene	Tom
Sunday Club	Graham	Alison	Glenda		Graham	Irene	Alison			Glenda
3rd Sunday Intercessions			Claire				Irene			