

Opportunities

SPONSORS NEEDED! Dorothy and David's son Christopher, is going to attempt the **OUTLAW TRIATHLON** on August 8th in Nottingham. This is the same length as an Ironman, 2 and a half mile swim, 112 mile cycle ride and full marathon- non stop! Chris is not only a 4 times a day insulin dependant diabetic, but has also had cancer. He is being sponsored for Halstead Day Centre. Anyone who would like to sponsor him please contact Dorothy or David

August 2010
TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY
**CHRIST CHURCH
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Prayer Points

August Community prayer for the district - Drug Use

Precious Saviour, help those trying to break a drug addiction, may the dealers be prevented from targeting them.

Powerful God, we pray for the drug dealers who continue to supply and make a lucrative living from selling to the vulnerable. We ask that you speak to their hearts and minds, and make them realise what harm they are doing.

We pray O Lord, that those who deal in drugs and try to introduce them to innocent young people will be brought to justice.

Blessed Father we pray for those suffering from drug addictions, that they may find alternative ways of satisfying their needs. We ask for your guiding hand that they may find you in their search for fulfilment.

Gracious Spirit open up channels of communications and encourage drug users to seek help from those they come in contact with: parents, teachers, street pastors.

*Ephesians 6 v10-13
1Corinthians. 10v 13*

I am new

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome! Our Welcome Packs are available for everyone and contain more information about us and the things we do. If you have not already been given one, please ask one of our hosts.

THIS WEEK

AUGUST DATES

There will be no evening services at Christ Church During August

2nd – 6th – Holiday Club

Sunday, 15th August, Cream Tea Afternoon at 37 Skiddaw Close, White Court, the home of Esther and Ian Hume from 3pm onwards. Proceeds to Christ Church and The Church in Great Notley.

Sunday, 29th August, United Service at St Michael's at 6.30pm



Events and Things To Do

CARE AND REPAIR DAY: Thursday, 19th August - The Property Group is organising our usual 'summer clean' on Thursday, 19th August – 10.00am to 8.00pm. We need volunteers to clean windows inside, polish and dust parts that are not routinely done, touch up paintwork, do minor repairs etc to get us ready for the coming church year. Come along and lend a hand, if you can't make the whole day perhaps you could give half a day or a couple of hours. Contact Dorothy Lodge (331234) for further details.

Alpha Equip and Refresh Training Day: On Saturday 11th September An Alpha Equip and Refresh Training Day will be taking place at St Gabriel's, Walm Lane, Cricklewood, London. There will be two tracks taking place during the day – one for Alpha experts, who can share problems and solutions, and one for those needing to know more. The day runs from 9.30am – 4.50pm and there is no charge, but you will need to take a packed lunch. If you would like to attend please let the church office know.

Notices

Notices during August: As is our usual custom, we will be producing one notice sheet to cover August, weekly sheets will resume with effect from Sunday, 29th August. Any items for that Sunday should be submitted **no later than 12 noon on Thursday, 26th August** – by e-mail to notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk, or in writing to the church office. Please send your e-mails in good time as sometimes they take a long time to reach us

Mission Boxes: If you have not returned your box please do so as soon as possible as we would like to send a cheque to Essex Dementia Care as early as possible in August. Our new charity for 2010/2011 is the Damascus Trust for Jon and Emma Jarratt as agreed at the July Church Meeting. I have three boxes which have been returned to me on which there is no name. If you have not had your box back please see me and I will return it. *Vivian Salter*

If you do not know about our **Mission Boxes** they are small cardboard money boxes in which you can put the small change from your purse or pocket. Each year we pick a charity to support. Boxes are emptied throughout the year and early in August each year we send a cheque to our chosen charity. We usually raise approximately £500.00. This is a really painless way of giving and this year we are supporting The Damascus Trust, for Emma and John Jarratt who are members of Christ Church working for the trust in Spain. If you would like a box please contact the office or speak to me after services. *Vivian Salter*

Circuit Plans for September to November 2010 are available in the vestibule.

AUGUST'S UNSUNG HEROES are our JC's Team for their ongoing commitment to teaching, encouraging and nurturing our children and young people. Don't forget to tell them how much they're appreciated!

