

Opportunities

AN INAUGURAL MEETING to establish a Braintree District support group for refugees will be held next Sunday Oct. 14th 2.30pm at St. Barnabas Church Hall Claude Vince Avenue Tye Green Cressing CM77 8HL. You can learn about a project to rehouse up to 2 refugee families (from Syrian encampments) in the Braintree District (under a Government scheme to settle up to 20,000 refugees in the UK). A local decision to proceed can be made after property, financial and volunteering implications have been considered. More information from David Dickens (01376 552418). Please come if you can.

WANTED

Volunteers to join the sound-desk rota for the 9.30am service. Written guidelines available; hands-on experience outside service times can be arranged. Please speak to one of us – we can help you to “have a go” - **without obligation!** Phil Hayter; David Nugent; David Dickens



**Sunday October 7th
2018**

Prayer Points

“I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.” *Matthew 25:35-36*

Pray: for the many 1000's struggling to survive after earthquake and tsunami devastated much of the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, killing about 1500 men, women and children, and injuring many more. Pray for aid workers struggling to overcome major access obstacles to reach the worst-affected areas.

Pray: for Hope House in Braintree and for those who receive the shelter which it offers.

Pray: for guidance that the refugee group meeting next Sunday afternoon may know God's will as decisions are made about local refugee resettlement.

Merciful God, when we are confused, may we see your light on our way; when we feel despair, may your Spirit fill us with hope; when we feel weak, may we receive strength from you. Amen

This Week

Welcome to Christ Church

Sunday October 7th

Our services this morning will be led at **9.30am** and **11am** by Revd. David Sebley; Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

Sunday October 14th

Our services next Sunday morning will be led at **9.30am** by Esther Hume and at **11am** by Alan Rolls

2.30pm: inaugural meeting of the refugee support group for Braintree District at St. Barnabas Church Hall, Tye Green, Cressing. For more information see “Opportunities”

Our next Sunday afternoon service will be on October 28th at 3pm, led by Rev. David Sebley, with Holy Communion.

Church Office Opening Hours this week:

Tuesday Oct.9th; 8am-5pm
Thursday Oct 11th; morning only

Events and Things to do

CAMEO: no meeting this week. The next meeting will be on **Oct.18th**

Braintree Area Food Bank shortage list: cereals (750gm), instant mash, tinned food (spaghetti vegetables, tomatoes), cold meats, rice puddings, sponge puddings, long life milk, toilet rolls, nappies, long life carrier bags.

Puppet Ministry Training Day: Saturday Oct.13th St. Andrew's Church Alresford Colchester. Hands-on day for adults & children. £25 per person. See <https://onewayuk.com/> or contact 01472 241068

Big Angel Knit Sat.Oct.13th during Coffee morning 10-12. Join us to knit, to label angels or just to support us over coffee and cake. Wool, needles and patterns provided. *Linda Hendry*

Braintree Area Foodbank Quiz Night Wednesday 24th October, 7pm for 7.30pm start at Rayne Village Hall. £5 per person, maximum 8 per table. Bring drinks, nibbles, glasses. For tickets contact 01376 330694 or info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2018. Leaflets now available (*please read details*). Filled boxes are to be at the church by Sunday November 4th. Many thanks. *Margaret Crow 01376 331653.*

New **mission boxes** are available in the vestibule for those who do not yet have one and would like one. This year's mission is PARC.

The Church Photobook needs updating. If your picture isn't there or you'd prefer a fresh one inserted, please contact Tony Evans.

"Did you see '**Debt Saviours**', BBC2 Friday 5th 9pm about the work of Christians Against Poverty? It's been described as a unique insight into the lives that CAP is helping to transform. Catch up on I-Player.

Christ Church Prayer: for prayers about specific situations or people (with their permission) contact the Email prayer chain (Jean Ware) jmware10@aol.com. For situations of a general nature in the "Prayer Points" send requests to notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk

The Weekly Notices can be sent to you by email before Sunday. Contact notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk

Notices

Our Unsung Heroes for October are our flower distribution team who each week give of their time to sort and deliver the flowers. Please say a massive thank you to them when you see them.

The funeral service for Pearl Wright: Friday Oct. 12th 2.30pm at Christ Church followed by tea/coffee in the vestibule. Refreshments in the hall from 3.30pm. The family welcome donations to Farleigh Hospice.

Pat and Leon thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, telephone calls and support following Leon's heart operation. It has meant a lot.

Church Directory sheets: now available in a box (marked A-W) at the front right of the church in alphabetical order by surname. Please check, amend if necessary, and return by Sunday Oct 28th. If you do not have an entry in the directory and wish to be included, please complete a blank sheet from back of box. Children's names will not be in the Directory.

The Car Park behind Christchurch Clinic is now run by a management company. It has been arranged that church users are allowed to park there on Sunday, **BUT NOT AT ANY TIME Monday to Saturday.**

URC Prayer Handbook 2019: £6.50 plus £1.10 postage. These can be ordered now through Diane Gridley. If you would like to buy a copy please contact Diane by the end of October (01376 342671).

Shelter would like to **thank everyone** for their generous donations of **£300** made through the mission boxes over the last year.

Phone number for David and Mel Sebley at the manse is now 01376 331983. Valerie Dillon's phone number is now 01376 801234.

Cards for sale: new stock on the table. If you can't see what you'd like, speak to one of us; we may be able to make to order. Nearly £300 raised last year for the next Mission to Uganda trip. *Sally and Maggie*

HOME-MADE CHUTNEY now available in the vestibule (spicy tomato; plum & green-gage). Donation £1 (large) 80p (small) for Watoto funds. *Maggie P.*

Please send e-mail items for the Weekly Notices to notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk by Thursday morning. Later items might not be included.