

Christ Church Oswestry

Transforming life through Jesus

Christ

Celebration! Newsletter

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*God's people of hope
bringing hope to others.*

Hope is the promise of good things to come.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'so shall your off-spring be.' Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver .. in his faith ...being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised. [Romans 4:18-21 NIV]

One sign of our hope is our Harvest Season.

Many today probably praise supermarkets more for the harvest than God. But as God's people we know that our harvest is a sign of God's blessing. Indeed God even called Israel to give the land a rest every 7 and 50 years.

For six years sow your fields and for six years prune your vineyards and gather .. crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a sabbath rest, a sabbath in the Lord. Do not sow.. Do not reap ... or harvest. The land is to have a year of rest. Whatever the land produces may be eaten. [Leviticus 25: 3-7 NIV]

Now that calls for hope!

3 opportunities to celebrate Harvest:

CTOD Harvest Praise & Puddings 6:30 pm

Christ Church, Rhydycroesau

with an offering for the Christian Schools Worker
Project

Our Harvest Family Parade Service 10:30 am

Sunday 11th October

with an offering for the Alzheimer's Disease Society

Our Harvest Fellowship Lunch follows our next
Church Meeting, after worship on Sunday 18th October

What is Your Hope in Christ?

A hope for peace? Join us as at our Family Parade Service for **Remembrance Sunday 8th November**. This year is 70 years since World War Two began.



A hope for a touch of love? Contribute to the Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. This year our **Shoe Box Sunday is 15th November**.



A hope for help in the trials of life? Consider the Persecuted Church and the millions of Christians in the world who are abused, ill-treated and even executed for their faith at **Persecuted Church Sunday, 22nd November**.

Hope in the truth and eternal love of God. We anticipate this in Advent, beginning on Advent Sunday 29th November, when we look to the great promises of God not only for Christmas, but for the future beyond - to the Day when Jesus comes again in glory and brings in the new creation.



Hope is the mission of the Church

As the late Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, once said "the church is the only society that exists for the benefit of people who are not its members." As Elders we are looking at how to reach out to families, and how we might help them to see their Christian hope. Please do speak with us about this. This will build on what we already do and as part of that we look forward to celebrating Hope made human in our **Nativity on 13th December**, and a new style **Christingle at 6:00 pm on Saturday 19th December**.



Our Season of Hope & Encouragement



4th October 6:30 pm Harvest
Praise & Puddings
Christ Church Rhydycroesau.
Collection for the Schools Worker
Project

Sun 27 th Sept	Hope, the news & the good news [1]
Sun 4 th Oct	Hope, the news & the good news [2] [communion]

11th Oct Christ Church Family Harvest Parade

Our harvest cash collection is for the Alzhiemer's Disease Society.

Sat 17 th	Church Cleaning Day [see back page]
Sun 18 th Oct	Hope Guides our Life: Gifts and Giving
Followed by	Church Meeting + Fellowship Harvest Lunch
Sun 25 th Oct	Hope Inspires our Mission: Gifts and Giving



Weekend: 40 hours of Prayer 4 Life.

A chance to call on God as a community for the fullness of life that Jesus offers to our community, our families & friends and our church.

NOW from Friday 30th October to Sunday 1st November

Sun 1 st Nov	Giving 4 Life: Church Gift Day [and Communion]
Sun 8 th Nov	Hope for Peace? Family Remembrance Parade
Sun 15 th Nov	Hope for a touch of love? Shoe Box Sunday
22 nd Nov	Hope in trials of faith: Persecuted Church Sunday

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Advent and Christmas



29 th Nov	Hope in God? Advent Sunday
6 th Dec	2 nd Advent [with HC] followed by Church Meeting
Tuesday	8 th December Ladies Fellowship Christmas Lunch
13 th Dec	Hope for the world: Christmas Nativity
Wednesday	16 th from 5 to 7:00+ Friendship Christmas Party
17 th or 18 th	Pub Carols at the Top White?
Saturday	19 th Family Christingle Event from 6:00 pm
20 th	Advent 4 and Church Christmas Lunch
Thurs 24 th	11:30 Christmas Eve Midnight Communion
Friday 25 th	Hope made human: Christmas Day Worship



Our Christmas Season cash collection is for the Air Ambulance service.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Thank You for reading
this edition of our
Celebration! News.
Please share with us how
this has helped and or
encouraged you.