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## APRIL 2021 News

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## The Cross Centred Life

Jesus wants us to live cross centred lives, where we put his sacrifice at the centre of our thinking and worship. Easter takes us back to the cross but in a more wonderful way Jesus brings us back to the cross time and again. He does this by



asking us, his followers, to do something on a regular basis that we call communion, or the **Lord 's Supper**. It stands out because there aren't any other rituals or routines that Jesus asks his people to do in this way. Jesus commanded us to baptise new believers but we don't repeat the process of baptism.

What happens when we put a crucified Saviour at the centre of our lives?

### 1. **Profound security**

Jesus said 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'. Communion reminds us of our binding covenant relationship with God. Jesus has paid the price required to guarantee the agreement.

When we put the cross at the centre of our lives - the result is a profound sort of security because we know without a doubt where we stand with God, we are forgiven.

### 2. **Hope for the future**

Jesus said 'I tell you; I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom'. Communion points forward to our future life with Jesus in glory. Putting the cross at the centre of our lives anchors us in this hope.

### 3. **Ultimate belonging**

In 1 Cor 10:17 Paul says 'we who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf'. Communion reminds us that we are one with God's people, we belong in the ultimate family. When we put the cross of Jesus at the centre of our lives, we are constantly reminded we are never alone and that we belong to one another.

#### 4. A vision for true greatness

Jesus said in Mark 9:35 'If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.' The communion meal reminds us that true greatness is what Jesus did on the cross when he came to serve us. Success is not popularity. When we put the cross at the centre of our lives, we constantly dethrone false visions of success, and remember true greatness is servanthood.

#### 5. Assurance of Christ's presence.

Jesus says in John 6:56 says 'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them'. There is the real sense that when we take communion we are drawing near to Jesus and enjoying his presence, the theologian John Calvin says we 'feast on Jesus'.

By asking us to do this it's like Jesus is saying 'I want you to understand how connected to me you are, just like this bread is within you I'm with you'.

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## Easter Weekend at Christ Community Church

*Both services will be live streamed on our YouTube Channel*

### **Good Friday 10.30am**

We are also delivering flowers to our contacts and you are invited to tie your flower to the cross outside the Lighthouse as an act of worship anytime over the day.

### **Easter Sunday 10.30am**

After the service at Midday onwards we are gathering to baptise Nat Felton and Greg Forbes in the car park outside the Lighthouse. Please park elsewhere and not too close if possible. We will send round further details a few days before. Please speak to Rob if you are exploring baptism.

### **Easter Monday**

Pete and Avi are organising walking groups in West Harling Heath. These will either be in groups of six or two households.

Send them an email and they will arrange a time, a route and put you in a group.

A full size crucifix has been installed outside the Lighthouse.

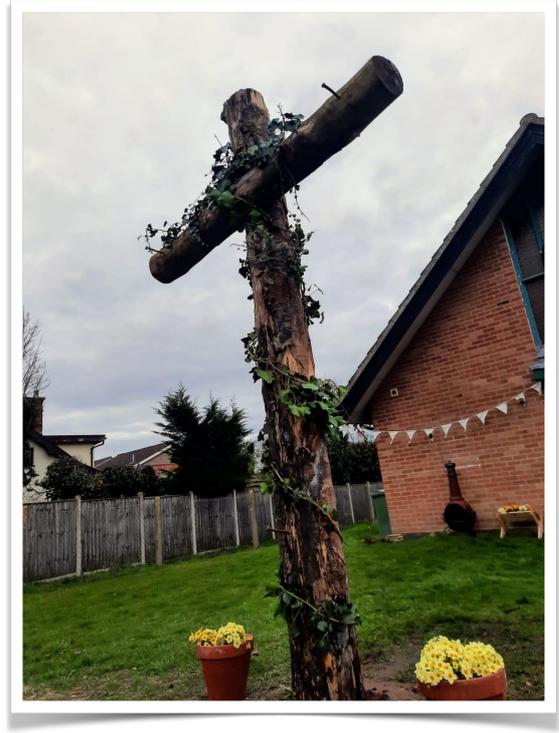
To some it might simply be a symbol of death - which of course it is, but to the Christian, it is so much more.

The cross is a huge contradiction. To us it is both death and life, hate and love, sin and purity, condemnation and forgiveness, brokenness and wholeness, defeat yet victory.

The message and symbol of the cross is that of undeserving love.

Romans 5:8 tells us:

***"..but God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners...". (NLT)***



Come and demonstrate to the community what Good Friday means to you and pin your flower to a wall beside the cross under the heading

*- Jesus Changed My Life*

## Roadmap out of lockdown for our Church

The roadmap out of lockdown for Christ Community Church is not yet fully clear. The guidance for churches has not been produced and we are also still in the process of working through venue options. That said, there are a few things we can say:

- From the 29<sup>th</sup> March we can do things outside - hence the baptisms on Easter Sunday and the walks on Easter Monday.
- From the 11<sup>th</sup> April we will have a small socially distanced congregation at the Lighthouse. To start with this will be on an invitation only basis but if you would like to be considered don't hesitate to let us know.
- From 17<sup>th</sup> May it looks hopeful that Community Groups may be able to start to use the Lighthouse.



## Belonging to Church Course

We love to diligently welcome new people into our family. This course is for anyone who is considering making Christ Community Church their home.

We are looking to start a course in April and work around people's availability. Please get in touch with Rob asap if you are interested.



**[www.relationalmission.org/lead](http://www.relationalmission.org/lead)**  
**BOOKINGS OPEN**

LEAD is Relational Mission's leadership training programme. Over a two year period, students will receive solid Biblical and theological teaching, delve into the nature of kingdom leadership, develop in a chosen area of leadership, and be mentored along the way. We want as many people as possible to be taught, trained and equipped to lead in God's kingdom. If you are old or young, a man or a woman, and you are called to leadership in the church, business world or community, then LEAD is for you. LEAD is for 'the chosen many'.

## Young Adult Alpha Update

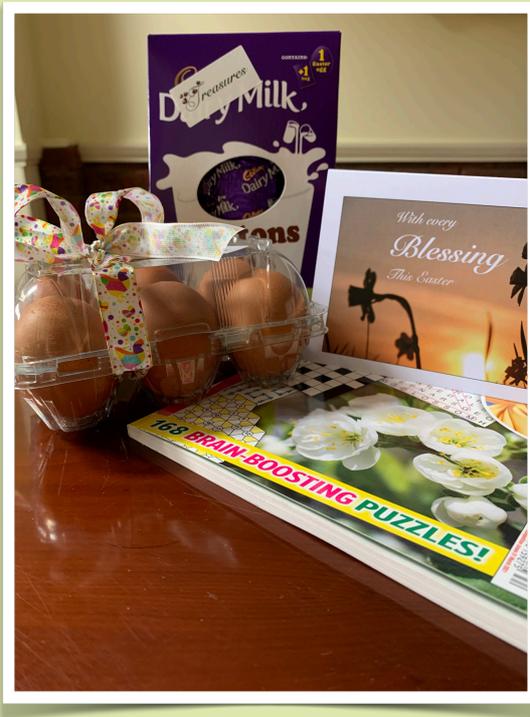
We have just finished a successful young adult alpha course that looks set to roll into a second online course starting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.30pm. Please pray for Joel and Nat who are leading it and let us know if you know at the church office if you have anyone who might be interested.

## Foundations Course

Starting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm we are going to work through a weekly course called 'Foundations'. Hebrews 6:1-2 lists seven 'foundations' of the Christian life; The Bible, Jesus Christ, Repentance and faith, Baptism in water, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, The laying on of hands and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. We'll be taking these subjects in turn, it's a course ideal for those considering Christianity, new Christians and those wanting to brush up on the basics. Contact Rob for more information.



Special thanks to the volunteers who will deliver Easter packages to over 100 of our Treasures members. They will be blessed with fresh eggs or chocolate easter eggs and a bumper puzzle book.



Please speak to Yvonne Turner if you are interested in finding out more about the work of Treasures, or having a "Taste & See" experience .

Yvonne can be contacted by phone or email

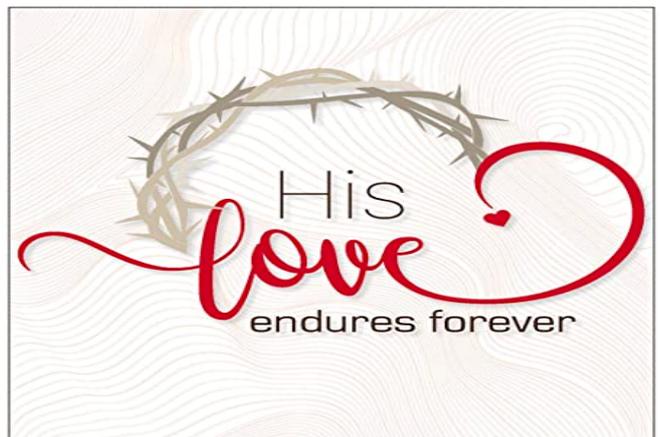
### Contact Details:

**Rob Tervet** - Church Leader (off on Saturdays)

**Sharon Fitzgerald** - Administrator & Fundraiser ( Mon, Tues & Thurs)  
[admin@christcommunitychurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@christcommunitychurch.co.uk)

**Paige Marrett** - Youth (Tues - Church Youth & Thurs - Girl's Lounge)

Rob Tervet, James Oyeniyi, Chris Govey and Benny Marrett are our **church elders**. Christ Community Church is in partnership with Relational Mission, part of Newfrontiers



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## YOUTH COMMUNITY GROUP

Last month we dived into Philippians as well as looking at some of the spiritual gifts mentioned in Scripture. It has been an extremely exciting time to be together - amazing stories of being filled with the spirit, speaking in tongues as well as bursting with the prophetic!

Meeting as usual every Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30pm on Zoom. If government guidance changes, we will let you know!

This month's dates are: April 13th, 20th and 27th

For more info or to join in, email Paige



### Ladies Prayer

***Ruth Oyeniyi***

Some of our church ladies meet regularly on the first Saturday of each month to pray. In this season our focus of prayer is to seek for God's glory to be reflected in our community and across the nation(s). With hope and anticipation, we are trusting for a fresh move of God.

The next gathering will be via Zoom on Saturday 10th April at 10:30am

You can contact Ruth by phone or email

### Young Adults Group

Many of our young people are still seeking God's direction for their future plans, so would value your continued prayer.

We have just started a new season of bible study in the book of Ephesians using Phil Moore's "Straight to the Heart" insights for discussion. It's encouraging that our young people are up for taking it in turns to lead us through these sessions.

We are excited for Easter Sunday - not only that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and victory over sin and death - but also for Nat taking the plunge to be baptised. Please pray that God will bless him richly as he makes this public step of faith.

And ... we're also looking forward to our first in-person activity of the term with an outdoor Easter egg hunt



***Want to know more? Contact: Sharon & Peter Fitzgerald or David & Hilary Reger***

## Community Groups

Community groups to continue to be a great way of staying connected to encourage each other and to be encouraged by our church family. The reintroduction of Government restrictions to stem the pandemic means that ALL community groups are currently **ONLINE via ZOOM**

### Attleborough Group - Tuesday 7:45pm

Contact: Laura & Jason Offer

### Heisker Gardens Group - Tuesday 7:40pm

Contact: Rob & Marjory Miller

### Attleborough Group - Wednesday 10am

Contact: Bill Loades

### East Harling Group - Thursday 8pm

Contact : Chris and Sara Govey

or Alan & Grace Fitch



### Children's Church Television - CCTV

We hope you are enjoying our latest CCTV series. Please email in any crafts, news or jokes, we would love to hear from you!

For more information, contact Tabitha by email

## Sunday Services in April

We will continue to stream our services on YouTube from the Lighthouse building. The services can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-g8znFpHEiMkizYwljtaKA>

If you want to be directed to the specific link each week, this can also be found via our church website. Just click where it says 'click here'

[www.christcommunitychurch.co.uk/sundays-2/](http://www.christcommunitychurch.co.uk/sundays-2/)

### Preaching

Rob is continuing our series through the book of Acts

4th April	Easter Sunday
11th April	Acts 11: 19-30 Rob Tervet
18th April	Acts 12: 1-19 Rob Tervet
25th April	Standalone message Benny Marrett

Links for after church Zoom meetings are now the same every week:

### Ministry response followed by after Church Chat

<https://zoom.us/j/107572067>

Meeting ID: 107 572 067

### After Church Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/96607772775>

Meeting ID: 966 0777 2775

The Lighthouse is both our venue on Hargham Road and the name of the charitable company we founded to serve the needs of the local community. Lots of activities happen here regularly throughout the month. Due to the Covid crisis and Government restrictions on social gatherings, many of our activities have either had to be paused or are running over Zoom. Please check.

## EVENTS THIS MONTH



Social events and coffee mornings are **currently paused.**

**Bi-monthly newsletter** full of puzzles, and information continues to be delivered to 110 members. Over half receive regular **phone calls** of friendship. Bi-monthly **Random Acts of Kindness** are delivered to help all feel loved and remembered. Contact Yvonne for more info

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**All Nations Cafe**

Mondays 10.00 - 11:30am, The Lighthouse  
**Currently paused.**

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### **Attleborough Table Tennis Club.**

Mondays 7.00 - 9.00pm, The Lighthouse.  
**Currently paused.**

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Parent & toddler group, Fridays 10 -11:30am  
Contact Sara Govey for more information .  
**Currently paused.**

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### **Ignite Youth Project**

- **Girl's Lounge (GL)** - After school drop-in, every Thursday, term-time only 3:30pm-4:30pm on **Zoom**
- **Youth Drama.** 6:30pm-7:45pm, every Thursday (apart from 3rd Thursday) term-time only, **at the LH / Zoom**
- **INSIDE Friday Drop-In** currently paused.
- **OUTSIDE Friday Detached** 7:30 - 9:30pm every Friday term time, on the streets of Attleborough.
- **IT Made Simple - currently paused.**
- **Life Stories - currently paused.**
- **Mentoring** - ongoing 1-1 sessions supporting young people to navigate life.
- **Rainbow Letters of Hope** - Letters of support to local senior citizens including the Yr 12 volunteering programme
- **Thanksgiving** : That we have been able to support young people and senior citizens to send over 800 Rainbow Letters over the past year! For a continued positive working relationship with Attleborough Academy Sixth Form. For the time and excellent input Elia has given to Ignite since arriving in September.
- **PRAYER REQUEST** : For wisdom, creativity and continued joy for Paige and the GL team as they look to continually reshape GL in the coming weeks and months and consider what shape the support of Year 6 girls might take (GL-mini)
- Please speak to Debs Carter - Ignite Youth Project lead if you are interested in having a "Taste & See" at any Ignite event or want to join the Ignite prayer team.