

## NEWS & CHAT 26 MAY 2022

The online service is live-streamed every week from Christ Church, on the Christ Church Facebook page.

**The Elders (CC), on the advice of our Safety Advisor, have agreed that we will no longer strongly advise the wearing of masks at Sunday Worship. This includes for singing.  
If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please continue to do so.**

**We WILL continue to maintain as much ventilation as possible, and strongly advise the congregation to keep socially distant as much as possible.**

**SUNDAY 29 May, 10.30am, Margaret at BDC**  
10am, at Christ Church, all-age, interactive café church, led by Sandy

### NEWS AND DATES - THE BRIDGWATER DRIVE CHURCH (from Margaret)

**On Thursday, (26<sup>th</sup> May)** we had a good chat to Jackie Twiddell, our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), at our **Coffee with the Cops Morning**.



There was discussion about The Wildlife Garden on the Mendip Estate which was created about 10 years ago by The Community Group for the benefit of local residents (and the wildlife of course) which is no longer usable because of antisocial behaviour. We were shocked to hear about the cruel treatment of pond residents (fish and frogs) and the dumping of food and other rubbish leading to problems with rats. Another point raised was the use of the church car park by people not connected with the church – Jackie pointed out that if anything happens (like someone hitting another car) it is the driver's responsibility, not the church's.

### NEXT WEEK

**Nothing special on Tuesday** (5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)

**Thursday 9.30 – 11.30 Coffee Morning**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 Dog Therapy coffee morning** A visit by an Essex Therapy dog

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10.00** Another 'Coffee with the Cops' visit from Jackie Twiddell our PCSO (see above)

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July Church Meeting and AGM after worship**

**TIPS & IDEAS** - An unusual idea from #64MillionArtists this week, but it may be something fun to try with the grandchildren (those that have them) – see picture!

### Create a one minute sculpture!

Follow these steps:

1. Choose a few everyday objects you use, for example bucket, broom or water bottle. Change their purpose completely and allow your body to



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become an extension of this object. You could balance an object on a part of your body, hold it upside down between two limbs, or sit on it.

2. Once you have your object set up, (safely!) hold your pose or sculpture for one minute.
3. As you hold the pose for one minute, think about how you feel during this time. What do you become more aware about within your body and surroundings?
4. Capture your sculpture through a photograph or drawing. You could ask someone to take your photo while you're in position, or prop your phone or camera up so that you can take a photo of yourself holding your pose.

### For Art Lovers:



There is a Street Art Festival with various activities in Chelmsford, THIS Saturday, 28 May.

More details here: <https://chelmsfordforyou.co.uk/events/56695/concrete-canvas>

### RESOURCES

New reflections for May from St Paul's Cathedral, by Revd Sharon Prentis *A song in a weary throat*

<https://mailchi.mp/8efc0d2cdc65/coming-up-from-st-pauls-cathedral-8251338?e=e30a1f608a>

### PRAYER CORNER

I invite all of you to set aside time daily to pray for our churches and members but also for the whole nation and world. This week we pray especially for all those of both congregations who are in hospital.



This week's prayer theme (prepared by Gwyneth). **Adults.** We have the experience of years, of mistakes made and triumphs won; we have the witness of the Lord's presence and guidance in our lives, we have the deep understanding of sins forgiven. We each have a story to share, a story of our connections with our Lord. Our children need to hear our story, our friends, family, colleagues, neighbours need to hear our story. However old or young we are, we have a story of faith that needs to be, maybe even must be told. How else will the world come to know our Lord Jesus?

#### Particular prayer requests this week:

**BDC - please pray for** Barbara, Pat, Cherry, Barry, Colin, Clive and Jan, Celia, Sandra, Tony, Gerry, Yvonne, Linda, Dave.

**Christ Church** – Peter C, Doreen, Audrey, Sheila S, George and Judy C, Mark E and family, Martin and Janine, Beth G.

**News from Budiro** – the church in Harare, Zimbabwe, is linked with Christ Church Rayleigh 'Thank you so much for the May issue Newsletter. I have been challenged by the Minister's letter in which she encouraged the Congregation to be a purpose driven Church which is relevant in our today's society. Also, the women from Honduras who are taking care of nature by planting trees makes an interesting reading. I also enjoy reading the joke corner as it always gives me lighter moments. At Budiro we are supposed to be on the full throttle of winter but interestingly we enjoy some good sunshine some days. We had our Annual Congregation Meeting (ACM) last Sunday 15 May, and I am pleased to say one of the major highlights was the Sunday school report in which they are planning to have retreat this year. To that effect, the children are going to do a fund-raising venture one Sunday. It was encouraging to hear from members of the congregation pledging to support Children's ministry as they reach out in child evangelism.

After the Treasurer's report, the congregation expressed gratitude to the Minister and the entire Rayleigh Church for financial support for Rentals. Thank you, Rob, for the prayers from Rayleigh family and encouragement in these difficult times.

Good day. Biggie.'

**Closer to home – some photos I've taken recently**

**Some of them were taken on doorsteps while I've been delivering News and Chat**



**This one was taken on the central reservation of Kenilworth Gardens explaining why they haven't cut the grass!**



The message from Southend Council reads: -

**Pardon us weeds**

**We are feeding the bees**

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