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Christ Church Virginia Water – Passion For Life 2022

Monthly Update – November 2021

Parish Visitation

Parish visitation is progressing well and several roads in the Trumps Green area have been completed.

Alison Barnes shared her personal experience:

“I have been door to door visiting several times with different partners, mainly Erica Kelly. We introduce ourselves and explain where Christchurch is located. Everyone we speak to is given a leaflet with up-to-date information on Church activities. We check they receive the Virginia Water magazine and Erica points out the Christchurch pages. We mention Alpha, Christianity Explored, and Toddlers.

We have had several good conversations, including;

- Parents taking children to the Pirate party and those with teenagers who might be interested in Youth group
- People with relatives buried in the graveyard
- People who wanted to attend a Remembrance Day service
- Those who are still wary about going out and we were able to tell them about COVID precautions at church
- A mother with a young child and we were able to give her a Bible story book.

I am a rather shy person, not an extravert. The last thing I thought I would do is Door to Door visiting. To my surprise, not only have I found that I can do it, but I am finding it fun.

Therefore, if I can do it, I think most of you can. I recommend you speak to Vincent sooner rather than later. Ask Vincent to team you up with someone who has already done this; it really helps, Then put a smile on your face and go and enjoy it.”





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Developing a program of events for 'Passion for Life 2022'

We would like to ask you to start talking/praying about identifying and offering an event in the March/April period leading up to Easter Sunday on April 17, 2022. It may seem a long way off now, but we all know how time flies.

'You' could be an individual, couple, family, household, Connect or other group, children's group, young persons' group, student group, lunch club, etc. It is hoped that everyone at CCVW will be involved.

Some examples of the types of event are: coffee morning, tea party, breakfast, drinks party, supper party, wine tasting, pub night, walk, cycle ride, football match, mental health forum, barn dance, ceilidh, quiz night, golf day etc. It would also be great to consider events where members of our congregation work or volunteer eg local schools, food bank, St Peter's, Seniors, Mums & Tots etc.

The big idea is to get people together, have some fun and share something of what the gospel of Jesus Christ means to us with our guests, generally a few words of personal testimony during an event and an invitation to one of our Easter Services and the next Christianity Explored/Alpha tbc.

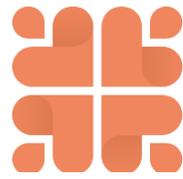
We'd like to have a wide-ranging program of events, both big and small, offering something for everyone. Let your creative juices flow.

It is also highly recommended that you identify and start praying for five or six people you might invite to an event, for instance friends, colleagues, neighbours, family, anyone!

If you'd like to talk this over, feel free to reach out to Simon or anyone on the PCC Evangelism Sub-Committee; Vincent, Ali Scott, Lynn Eastlund, Roger Blain or George Gilbert and please tell us what event you plan to offer and when, so we can start to draw up a schedule. Rest assured that we want to help and support you with your event.

Thank you!





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14 November Special Services

Next Sunday is 14 November and there are two special services. These are opportunities to invite family, friends, and neighbours, particularly those who may have suffered loss over the last 12 months.

At 10.30, Remembrance Sunday at CCVW followed by the War Memorial at Virginia Water.

At 18.30, a special service for the bereaved and all who grieve – a reflective service of hope in the midst of sorrow and loss.

Passion for Life Training Resources

The Passion for Life team have prepared a series of high quality personal evangelism training resources. These interactive sessions can be downloaded, along with supporting material and practical resources to help our church family apply the learning and get mission ready. Our hope is that most Connect Groups will use this material at the start of 2022, after the Christmas season. For those not in Connect groups, the training will also be run weekly at church.

Passion for Life Prayer Meeting

Finally, we are also organising to get together and prayer twice a month for Passion for Life. If you would like to be included in our prayer times please email Simon Vibert simon.vibert@cc-vw.org.

Or just log on using these links

First Thursday, 12 noon: next 4 November; then 2 December

<https://bit.ly/firstthursdayprayer>

Third Monday, 19:30: next 18 October, then 15 November

<https://bit.ly/thirdmondayprayer>

