

CHURCH

Weekend @ Home

15 MAY
FRIDAY
EVENING
7PM

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17 MAY
SUNDAY
LUNCH

 CHRIST CHURCH BEDFORD



PRAYER FOOD WORKSHOPS WORSHIP TALENT SHOW CHILDREN'S YOUTH FILM NIGHT

PROGRAMME



Welcome from David Thomas

I am super excited for our Church Weekend @ Home. This time four years ago I was about to be interviewed by Bishop Richard, Archdeacon Dave, Kay Berrington and Andrew Russell for the role of vicar of Christ Church (Thursday 18th May 2022). In the interim period between accepting the role and starting, Kay and Andrew spoke to me about a Church Weekend Away which was planned for 2023. This turned out to be a significant moment in the life of the church. Relationships deepened as we spent time together. We shared the new vision for the church – Transformed by Love, Seeking to Serve, Experiencing Hope. As we reflected upon that time away, we realised that we wanted to do something similar. But we recognised that for many reasons, it was difficult for people to go away. So, we thought, let's do it at home! And here we are. Gathering over a weekend, having time for fellowship, food and fun. Spending time worshipping and praying together. It's going to be great!

Between Ascension Day (Thursday 14th May) and Pentecost (Sunday 24th May) we are using material from *Thy Kingdom Come* to help us as we dive deeper into prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to be at work in our lives. The reason, so we can continue to be transformed by the love which comes from God the Father. We can be filled by the Holy Spirit to go out and serve the wonderful community we live in. And we can be those who experience the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. Let's dive in, and see what God has in store for us!

DT
Rev David Thomas
Vicar

6:30pm	Refreshments	Hub
7:00pm	Session 1: God Meets Us Friday Night Youth	Church (please enter through church doors) Halls
8:00pm	Film Night with Refreshments	Church



SATURDAY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	Church
9:00am	Breakfast	Halls
10:00am	Session 2: God Provides for Us Children & Youth start in their groups	Church Children go to small hall. Youth go to room 7
12 noon	Lunch	Halls
1:30pm	Workshops/Activites	See next page for more info
3:30pm	Afternoon tea	Halls
4:00pm	Prayer stations	Start in Church See next page for more info
5:30pm	Evening Meal	Halls
6:30pm	Bedtime Story	Church
7:30pm	Christ Church's Got Talent	Church

1:30pm Activities

Games Tournament	Hannah Hibbert & Ben Hulme	Church Lawn
Worship session	Chris & Eilidh Brown	Church
Craft	Tasha Williams & Carolynne Roberts	Halls
Choir	Vikki Thomas & Ruth Rawes	Room 6
Seminar: Art, St Luke and the Road to Emmaus	Martin Harris	Room 7

4:00pm Prayer Stations Gather first in Church

Worship & Adoration	Church (front)
Community Needs - Prayer Walk	Meet at back of Church
The World and the Nation	Large Hall
Personal Healing & Restoration	Room 7
Mission & Those Who Don't Know Jesus Yet	Hub
Baptism in the Holy Spirit	Room 6
Growing in the Spiritual Gifts	Room 4
Children's Programmes	Meet in Small Hall

9:00am	Holy Communion Service	Church
10:00am	Breakfast	Halls
11:00am	All together service: God Prepares Us No children's or youth groups	Church
After the service	BBQ	Halls and Outside



ROLE	NAME
CW@H Lead Person/Health and Safety	Andrew Russell
Ministry	Rev David Thomas
Prayer Lead	Sue Marshall
Children's Ministry	Ruth Hulme
Youth Ministry	Hannah Applegarth
Saturday Workshop Coordinator	Gwyneth James
Talent Show Saturday Evening	Hannah Applegarth & Rachel Day
FIRST AIDERS	Rachel Bennett/Hannah Applegarth
	Pauline Grimley/Sorcha Brown
	Ben Williams
SAFEGUARDING TEAM	Helen Ryan & David Thomas

GIVING

One of the key reasons for holding our church weekend at home was to keep costs low and make it free for everyone to attend. Of course, there is still significant cost required to run the weekend - primarily the meals that we will be enjoying together. In total these will be costing around £10 per person. We would love to cover the costs of the weekend through donations, so that we don't add extra burden to our church finances. If you would like to contribute, there will be baskets and contactless stations available during the weekend. Alternatively, you can use the QR code below to make a one-off transfer.



Parking

We are able to use the playground at Castle Newnham School (south site) MK40 3EP for parking all day on Saturday and on Sunday morning until after the BBQ lunch. Please use this rather than parking in nearby streets. The school is not available for parking on Friday evening.

Cost

The weekend is free to attend. Donations are welcome. See more on previous page.

What should I bring?

Don't forget to bring your packed lunch on Saturday which we will eat together. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Supervision of Children

Please note that parents are responsible for supervising their children whenever there is no organised children's programme. In particular, this is the case during meal times and the Saturday afternoon activities (games tournament and crafts).

Wet weather

In the case of rain, the programme will still proceed as planned. Shelters will be used for the games tournament.

Fire alarm

In the unlikely event of a fire alarm, please proceed to our usual assembly points in the car parks and the front lawn by the closest exit. If the children's or youth programme are under way, parents should not retrieve their children from the classes. They will be escorted safely by the children's/youth team leaders.