



# CHRISTCHURCH

Knowing God and making Him known



## Information

Find out more about ChristChurch Wrexham

# Introduction

This document is intended to give you more information about ChristChurch Wrexham, who we are, when we meet and what we do.

If you need any other questions answering please call Gareth Jones (ChristChurch Team Leader) on 07545 866597 (01978 354805), see our website [www.christchurchwrexham.org.uk](http://www.christchurchwrexham.org.uk), or send us an email - [admin@christchurchwrexham.org.uk](mailto:admin@christchurchwrexham.org.uk)

ChristChurch Wrexham is a growing evangelical, charismatic, Ichthus linked church that meets at Bodhyfryd Primary School, Brynycabanau Road, Hightown on Sunday Mornings to praise and worship God using contemporary and traditional music and the spiritual gifts that God has given us.

We promote biblical teaching and have groups, on Sunday and during the week, for children, young people and adults.

There is an evening service once a month. This takes place on the first Sunday in the month, at Acton Park Community Centre.

ChristChurch is a registered charity, members of the Evangelical Alliance, Wrexham Cytûn and Mission Wrexham. It is also linked to Ichthus Christian Fellowship.

## Fellowship times:



Sunday Morning Service 10.30am

Sunday Evening Meeting 6.30pm  
(First Sunday of each month only)

Community Sports (Acton Community Centre) 10.30am  
(First Sunday of each month only)

# Sunday Mornings

The main focus of Sunday Morning is celebration. We meet in the main hall at Bodhyfryd Primary School. The service starts at 10.30am.



Each week there is a service leader to take us through the service, a music group to help us with sung worship and a speaker to help us understand the Word of God. As the people involved in the service change each week the style of the service can vary from Sunday to Sunday.

During the service, the children are encouraged to take part in their own church activities. There is Crèche for under two's and Early Years Church for two to five year olds. They explore the Bible through play, songs, rhymes and craft activities. For five to eleven year olds there is Junior Church where they learn and apply the Bible through fun, activities, games, craft and music

ChristChurch celebrates communion on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and for regular attendees there is an offering on the third Sunday of the month. There is also an opportunity for prayer ministry during every service.

Once the service is over everyone stays for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee.

Audio copies of the sermon (MP3 or Podcasts) are available free on the ChristChurch website.

# Sunday Evenings

Sunday Evening services provide a more relaxed ambience for us to encourage on another through song, prayer, scripture and the spiritual gifts God has blessed us with.

They also provide a platform for people to develop ministry giftings in a smaller, less pressured setting.

# ChristChurch Events

## Mid Week Meetings



### **Home groups**

Home groups meet mid week, every week or two.

Each group has about 8-12 people who meet and get to know one another, and Jesus, through social activities, worship, bible study and prayer.

The groups operate around a classic structure called the 4 W`s: Welcome, Worship, Word and Witness.

There are several Home Groups that take place at various locations please contact Gareth (07545 866597) or Sally Ellinson (01978 357200) if you want to know more.

### **Prayer meetings**

ChristChurch aim to have 3 corporate prayer meetings a year, but also encourages the congregation to attend the Town Wide prayer events which take place 3 times a year.



### **Catch and C2**

Every Friday in term time there are two clubs for the younger members of the community.



Catch is for children in school years 2-6. There are usually 20-30 children and they play games and have a small session of teaching.

C2 is the youth club for young people in the community who have been to Catch. The club is aimed specifically at those who are not part of a church. The vision is to serve the community, and share the Good News of Jesus.



## Other Events and activities



The events or activities taking place each month are outlined in a church diary which is available at ChristChurch on the first Sunday of each month and also on the website calendar.

We try to arrange events in the community that take place at Acton or other locations. In the past few years we have had a bring and take event, summer Funday and Hog Roast with St John's church in Rhosnesni, Easter Funday event, Alternative Halloween party and Christmas coffee morning.

Also every couple of years we go away as a church, spending the weekend together with teaching, worship and fellowship.

Other Activities that Christchurch are part of:

### Feeding the Roofless

Every Saturday and Sunday a team from one of the Churches in Wrexham provides sandwiches, soup and drinks for the roofless in the centre of town. The ChristChurch Team is on duty every second weekend in the month. It involves shopping for food, preparing and packing sandwiches.



This gives us the opportunity at times, to enter into meaningful conversations with some of the homeless, to point them to the One who is able to give them new hope and a new life!

### Street Pastors

Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue. It was brought to Wrexham in 2006.



The team in Wrexham was set up by Ascension Trust and run by a local coordinator with support from Ascension Trust and local

churches, in partnership with Police, Council and other statutory agencies.

There are two areas in Wrexham where the Street Pastors work. On a Friday night, and the last Saturday of the month, a team is in Wrexham Town Centre from 10 pm until about 4am. The second team is out in Acton on a Saturday evening from 8pm until 10pm.



ChristChurch heartily embraces the vision of Street Pastors and a good number of its members are active in the town wide ministry. Rosemary Burslem is the Street Pastor that ChristChurch specifically prays for.

### **Acton Lunch Club**

Acton Lunch Club is open to all and meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month between 12 noon and 1:30pm.

We prepare a 2 course meal on site for £3 per person with a cup of coffee or tea included.

The club is staffed by volunteers from ChristChurch and we aim to offer a friendly, sociable atmosphere where people can chat and enjoy a good meal.

For more information see Sue Allen

# ChristChurch Background

ChristChurch began in 1995 and since then has met in several different locations in Wrexham. We have been worshipping at Acton Community Centre since 2001 and hope to remain there for the foreseeable future. ChristChurch currently meets at Bodhyfryd Primary School in Hightown, where we are planting a new congregation, whilst refurbishments take place at Acton Community Centre. During this time we will still be continuing some of our work in Acton: - Community sport services, Catch, C2 Youth Club and the Acton Lunch Club. ChristChurch will return to Acton Community Centre when the building work is completed but we will also continue to meet as a separate congregation in Hightown as well.

We have a threefold vision of Bodybuilding, Outreach & Mission which is encapsulated in the Strategy Paper. ChristChurch has adopted the Evangelical Alliances' statement of faith.

The church has a Core Leadership Team and Team Leader who have Spiritual oversight. Trustees look after the legal aspects of the church. In 2008 a Wider Leadership Team was created - Leaders for the different areas of ministry in the church. In 2011 Local Leadership Teams were elected for Hightown and Acton to oversee the daily ministry and mission of the congregations in these two locations

ChristChurch has a Constitution which outlines the church's purpose and a Code of Practise which has the day to day practice/protocol. The Leadership Team meets twice a month to pray and discuss church business. Three times a year the Wider Leadership Team joins the meetings to discuss issues and strategy.

Also three times a year there are congregational meetings, where the Leaders report to the church on their discussions and make any new proposals. The whole church is invited to these meeting where corporate decisions are made on by members.

There are two paid employees at ChristChurch  
Team Leader – Gareth Jones      Administrator – Sally Griffiths

# ChristChurch Vision

Together, as a worshipping and witnessing community, we will be part of extending God's Kingdom via our three areas of passion:



## BODYBUILDING

To develop mature, ministering members who magnify God's name.

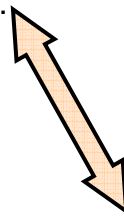


## MISSION

Working together with other churches & organisations in local & world-wide initiatives.

**MATTHEW 28:18-20**

**ACTS 1:8**



## OUTREACH

To build bridges into the community via evangelism & social projects, that will win people to Jesus & see communities renewed.



Enabling us to be impactors of God's Kingdom in people & places, as we are ***'Resourced & Released for service'***.

# ChristChurch Leadership

ChristChurch is strongly committed to team leadership. The congregation are open to leaders coming from gender, all ages & diverse backgrounds.

The Core Leadership Team meets every two weeks, with the Local Leadership Teams joining these meetings once a month. There are Wider Leadership Team meetings 3 times a year. The leadership team currently consists of 3 members and is coordinated by a Team Leader



## Gareth Jones (Team Leader)

Gareth is married to Jean, they have two children, Rebecca and Daniel. Gareth is team leader at ChristChurch & he also the chair of Wrexham Street Pastors. When time permits he is a keen sports fan and pigeon fancier!

## Sue Allen

I have lived in Wales for over 25 years and worked as a maths teacher in Caernarfon and Denbigh before retiring in 2008. I have 3 much-loved daughters all of whom are married. I love books, films and music and have a busier life now than I had when I was working!



## Rob Griffiths

Rob is married to Sally and they have two children, Sam and Anna. Rob works for Wrexham Council managing their award winning website and he likes comedy and live music.

The Local Leadership teams are:-

Acton – Andrew & Liz Williams and John & Sally Ellinson

Hightown – Peter & Ros Whitaker and Huw & Lesley Ap Dewi

# ChristChurch Links

Here are some of the organisations that ChristChurch have links with

## **CYTŪN**

CYTŪN: Churches Together in Wales was formed in 1990 to help the mainstream Christian Churches and Denominations in Wales to achieve common goals.



## **Mission Wrexham**

Mission Wrexham was originally formed in 1996, but has continued in existence as an informal organisation to support local churches in and around Wrexham in their work of mission in the locality. Mission Wrexham meets several times a year, keeping Cytûn aware of its plans and activities and wherever possible working alongside Cytûn

## **The Light Project**

The Light Project is a Chester based charity committed to presenting the good news of Jesus. It was founded in 2000 and now encompasses work with eighteen churches in over twenty five youth and community projects. The Light Project has a vision to train, equip and unleash a new generation of vocationally trained and academically qualified evangelists. There are currently 2 students from the Light Project in Chester working at ChristChurch.



## **Ichthus Christian Fellowship**

Ichthus Christian Fellowship began in London in 1974 under the leadership of Roger Forster. It now has congregations across London, Essex and Kent, and a further 130 other churches in the UK and Europe are linked with them. ChristChurch supports a missionary from Ichthus who is currently in Turkey. Martina Best regularly sends updates and prayer requests and visits once a year.



## **Operation Christmas Child**

This annual project enables people to fill shoe boxes with gifts for needy children around the world. OCC sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.



## **FI**

Fundatia Increderea (FI) is a registered charity based in Oradea in Romania. FI was the vision of Susannah Collins (daughter of Frank and Val, who are members of ChristChurch) who wanted to do something to help people deal with the problem of alcoholism and to improve the care they received. Other ChristChurch members are UK Trustees for FI. The FI team comprises of 4 Romanians who are all Christians, and all of the team have visited Wrexham. ChristChurch supports FI through regular financial support; through prayer support and contributes to the costs of the Summer Camps.

## **Russ and Lesley Howell**

Russ and Lesley Howell are members of Hoole Baptist Church in Chester and since they moved to Pensarn Cottage in 1994 they have developed a 'Retreat' facility. Russ and Lesley provide support for ChristChurch and in particular mentor Gareth and Jean.

## **Tearfund**

Tearfund takes a comprehensive approach to releasing people from poverty and working for truly sustainable change. They work to inspire the church to transform communities.



## **Compassion UK – child sponsorship**

Compassion seeks out some of the world's most vulnerable children and through individual sponsors provides them with the means to break the cycle of poverty and create a viable future. ChristChurch sponsors a child and communication between the child and ChristChurch takes place through Junior Church



## **CAP Wrexham**

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counseling charity with centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution to anyone in debt through its unique, in-depth service.



If you would like more information please fill in the form below, return it to a Steward or Leader. Alternatively send to the address at the bottom

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_


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I am interested in: (please tick)

- Finding out how to become a Christian
- Attending a Home Group
- Receiving prayer for a special need or physical healing
- Attending the next Newcomers' evening
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Data Protection Act (1994). Your name, address and telephone number will be stored on the ChristChurch database, used solely within the fellowship. If you do not wish your name to be put on this list, please tick this box

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