

CCA FOOTBALL EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at Tilsley Park 8pm. Ages 16 and up.
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THE BIBLE AS IT HAPPENED. Free to a good home: a copy of a one year (took me about a year and a half!) chronological Bible reading plan with full NIV text. *Jane Robinson.*

FUND RAISING DINNER at St Andrews Church. Linton Road, Oxford on Saturday 13th October, 7pm to raise money for school bus for Ahkom school in Sierra Leone. African food, speaker, auction and raffle with great prizes. Tickets £20.00 and contact vicky-russell@outlook.com for more details

VOLUNTEERING AT THE BARN'S CAFÉ Ever thought about volunteering at The Barns Cafe? It is one of the best ways to meet new people of all ages from Christ Church, from other local churches, and from the local community. If you regularly have some free time in your week and would like to use it to serve our community and make some great friends, then please get in touch with Hannah at hannah@thebarnscafe.co.uk. We are particularly looking for more team on Tuesday afternoons and on Thursdays.

PRIME TIME WALK on Tuesday 25 September. A four mile level walk with three low easy stiles in the Newbridge/Northmoor area, followed by lunch at the Dog House pub. Meet in the church car park at 10am. Please wear boots or sturdy shoes. For further information please contact David & Elizabeth Wadham on 012135 529548.

ABINGDON MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTIAN CARE FOR THE FAMILIES Tuesday 2 October 10:30am in St Helen's Parish Centre "in Mary Summer's Footsteps"

VACANCY: Cook, for around 20 elderly folk, two days a week at a day centre in Hinton Windrist on a Tuesday & Wednesday. Contact Brian and Peggy Woolnough 01235-202146

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR AT MAYOTT HOUSE Permanent 10 hours a week £7.99 per hour. <https://www.osjct.co.uk/careers/find-a-job/activities-faciliator/#loaded>

ST NICOLAS' CHURCH Second-hand bookstall Saturday 29 September from 10:00-13:00 in St Nicolas' church. Stock up your library for the winter.

CHILDREN IN THE PLAYGROUND

Parents, please could you ensure that your children are supervised in the playground after the service and do not go into the fenced areas to the left and right of the main play area. They are your responsibility!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Caroline Craig, Louis Furlong, David Robertson, Isaac Grange, Tom Bewley, Rachel Robertson, Logan Mazie (Jane J's great nephew), Nessa Watts

If you have any items for the newsletter or for prayers, please contact Anne Taylor annejbtaylor61@gmail.com or 528505.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Mon 24th Sep: Leaders' Meeting, 8 pm, Venue to be confirmed

Tue 25th Sep: Prime Time walk, 10 am, Meet at car park, NR

Wed 26th Sep: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR

Thu 27th Sep: Thursday Fellowship, 10.30 am, NR

Thu 27th Sep: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC

Thu 27th Sep: Bible Journalling, from 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

HARVEST THANKSGIVING NEXT SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER will have a harvest theme across the services. We're inviting two responses to the Lord's goodness towards us:

1. Locally, Bring items of food to the service –goods like tins of soup, jam, vegetable, meat, fish, puddings biscuits, fruit juice/squash, instant coffee, instant hot chocolate, toiletries and pet food. These gifts will be given to the Abingdon Emergency Food Bank
2. Internationally, please bring financial offering, using a gift envelope to Tearfund. Tearfund, is one of our mission associates which works with Christians in developing countries to help the poorest of the poor.

LONG FURLONG PRAYER SPACE Our Children's team are in Long Furlong primary school this week hosting a Prayer Space. All the classes will be visiting this. Please cover this with prayer.

GROWING LEADERS

The deadline for applying for this course is tomorrow, 24 September.

18-23s MEETUP, TODAY SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 4.30PM – 6PM Have you recently finished school or university and decided to stay in Abingdon? Or perhaps you've just moved here and you're in this age group. We'd love to hang out and explore the best ways to invest in you and support you this year. Please join us for Pizza and Cake at 34 Geoffrey Barbour Road. RSVP to Bea: 07741 553198, or see Sarah Brombley.

NEW OR "NEW-ISH" TO LONG FURLONG

Would you like to meet more people and find out about what goes on? Please come along to a lunch on Sunday 7th October at 12.30 at 7 Holland Road Abingdon OX14 1PH. Children very welcome. Please contact Janice Wenninger at wenningerhouse@gmail.com (mob: 07941 439534) if you would like to come. We look forward to seeing you then.

ITALIAN MEAL

Thursday 18th October, 7.30 pm, Ask, Abingdon. If you would like to come, please see Anne Taylor, or add your name to the list in the welcome area.

PRIME TIME: "JUST LOOKING" - in Luke's Gospel Are you, or is someone you know, searching for something? Do you have questions to ask about Jesus and who he really is? Then come along to the five week "JUST LOOKING" course, starting on Wednesday 26th September in the Coffee Lounge at Christ Church, Northcourt Road, from 2.30 pm with refreshments. The weekly course runs from Wednesday 26 September to Wednesday 24 October, followed by a social on 7 November, and looks at five different episodes in Jesus' ministry as recorded in Luke's gospel. Do come along, or invite a friend - we'd love to see you and share with you. Further information from Janice Gordon on 01235 553971 or chriswgordon6@aol.com

VISION

As you probably already realise this autumn we are particularly seeking God's vision & values for Christ Church across both sites. The Sunday sermons will feed into this, we began last Sunday & this sermon is now available on CCLF website. Small group materials are also available to help follow up some of these themes and continue our listening together through the week. Existing Life Groups will be following this material in one way or another. If you're not already in a Life Group, there are various ways in which you can still be involved:

1. Join one of the existing groups - see the Midweek Discipleship leaflet for details of the current LF groups
2. If you already meet in a different group (eg prayer group), just email the church office for the group materials (or download from website)
3. Join one of the temporary Life Groups which will meet for the next 10 weeks (Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening or Wednesday evening) - ask Phil & Kath for details
4. Come to a one-off vision event in November - one of which will be the **Long Furlong Prayer Evening at LF School on Tues 13th November**
5. Join the weekly **Wednesday morning vision prayer meeting 8-8.45am** in the church at Northcourt Road.

We really need *everyone* to be involved in exploring God's purpose for his church - through our Bible reading, through listening to the Holy Spirit for his specific call on Christ Church, and through our conversations together. Life Groups will be gathering summaries of their own listening, and passing these on the church office. The PCC will seek to distil what God has been saying at the PCC Away Day on 24th Nov. In order to ensure we gather all the different pieces of the jigsaw, there is also a special email address - vision@cca.uk.net - so please do email anything else you sense you've heard from God, many thanks, Phil, Kath & Keith.

WELCOME HOME EVENT FOR PAT HERBERT

On Sunday 7th October MSG is marking Pat's return to Abingdon after 46 years in Ghana. Following an "invitation only" lunch for some of Pat's long-term supporters from Abingdon and beyond, we would like to welcome everyone from church to join us at 3.00 pm in The Barns for coffee and cake, to celebrate Pat's many years of service in Ghana and to give her a very warm welcome to her new life back in Abingdon.

OUR YEAR THROUGH ART

On Saturday 29th September we will be having the first of four art days in the next year that will give us a space to create and explore different art media. Especially as we travel the first full year in our new season as a church. The Barn will be open 9am-3pm for people to spend the day or just drop in for a short time. Whilst there will be some materials available to use, we also encourage you to bring your own if you want. Come along to find out more or email sarahbrombley@hotmail.com.

CATERING HELP FOR YOUTH

We're looking for a small team to provide a light meal on a Friday evening for the youth setup team (Pasta Bake, Jacket Potatoes, Sausage Casserole, Pizza etc). This would be for around 20 people, to be served at 6.30pm and all finished by 7pm. Specific dates this term: 28/9, 5/10, 12/10, 9/11, 23/11, 30/11, 7/12. If you think you can help with one (or more) of these dates please message bea@cca.uk.net

PRIME TIME CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Monday 10 December at 12.30 for 1.00pm at The Cosener's House, Abbey Close, Abingdon. Cost: £19.75. Details and menu choices now available from Diana Bryan or the Church Office. Return booking slip by Friday 9 November. We hope that all involved with Prime Time will be able to join us.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY EVENT: 'RAISING FAITH' - WEDS 14TH NOVEMBER AT THE KING'S CENTRE, OXFORD This event aims to encourage Christians to bring God into everyday family life. Katharine Hill & Andy Frost will explore how we can help our children find a faith of their own through discovering God in the everyday. Tickets are £5-£7 depending on size of group. More details from the link below, or get in touch with Hannah Hornsby or Kath Cooke www.careforthefamily.org.uk.

WEBSITE

We're moving towards producing a new Northcourt Road church website. One option is for us to buy in website design expertise from an external company. But before we do that, if you have the technical and artistic experience to design websites and would be willing to do this for Christ Church, please contact jackie@cca.uk.net.

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Following the trial during the summer we've starting using ChurchSuite, a church software system that supports administration, management and communication. Keith sent out a general email last week using the emails we already have permission to use. If you didn't receive an email, and would like to receive future ones or be able to access ChurchSuite, please give the office your current email (christine@cca.uk.net). If you don't have an email address, don't worry, the church news will continue to also be available in the weekly newsheets. Many thanks.

WEEKEND FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

Care for the Family is holding a weekend for bereaved parents at the De Vere Staverton Park Hotel in Daventry from Friday night on 5th October to lunchtime on Sunday 7 October. If someone in your family or a friend has suffered the death of a son or daughter, this would be a time for them to find understanding and encouragement for the heartache they are going through. Details at www.careforthefamily.org.uk. Follow the links to Events/Bereavement Support Events. There is also a bereaved Dad's walk being held locally on Saturday 20th October. Michael and Deborah Harford, 01235 527516.

OCTOBER PRAYER DIARY

If you'd like something in the CC prayer diary for October (from Sunday 30 September to Sunday 4 November) that reflects prayer needs for your professional life and concerns, or an organisation with which you're involved, then please send me your request by Wednesday 26 September. Items to Janice Gordon, via email chriswgordon6@aol.com keeping your request brief and specific, please. Regular contributors who are on my distribution list will continue to be contacted monthly by me and should respond in that way.