



TOP TIP

Please upload a photo of yourself so people can put names to faces. Login to My ChurchSuite, click the My Details tab, and click on the circle near the top of the page and follow the instructions. Thank you!

CRIBFEST. All Saints Methodist Church (behind the Boundary House) is organising CribFest, which they describe as ‘a scintillating display of Nativity Scenes’. They are organising visits from the young people’s groups whom they work with (especially the uniformed organisations and the pre-school who use their premises; also the schools who work with Trinity Learning), which will include material on the true meaning of Christmas. CribFest is open to everyone on Saturday December 15th between 10.00 and 4.00. Do drop in to experience the Nativity through the cribs on display. Refreshments available, including mince pies. No charge.

They would welcome more nativity sets to display. If you have one that you would like to lend please get in touch with me, Penny Smith (pennypsmith@yahoo.com). They need the nativity scenes by Saturday December 9th and will return them in the week of December 17th.

HOME FOR GOOD CAKE AND PRAYER EVENING, next Wednesday (21 Nov) from 7.30 to 9 pm at Tania’s house, (90 Welford Gardens Abingdon OX14 2BP... next to number 84). Everyone, welcome to join us to pray for children and families involved in fostering and adoption. Any questions, feel free to contact us, Jill 07986 419122 or Tania 07711 251857.

YOUTH WEEKEND AWAY, 1-3rd Feb 2019

We are taking around 70 young people from Christ Church to Northamptonshire for a weekend of fun, bible teaching, worship and adventure. This is a truly united event with all youth from Long Furlong and Northcourt Road invited, and it would be amazing to have some leaders representing Long Furlong with us on this trip. If you are interested to know more, please contact bea@cca.uk.net / 07741 553198

IMPORTANT REMINDER - The school have asked us to remind everyone that on Sunday mornings we are not to go into the classrooms. The school is very generous in allowing us to use so much of the school building & playground - but it is vital that we do not go into the classrooms, or use them for anything. Many thanks, Phil & Kath.

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, 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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18 November 2018

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Today: Link up lunch
Mon 19th Nov: Leaders' Meeting, 8 pm, Venue tbc
Tue 20th Nov: Men who lunch, 12.30 pm, Spread Eagle
Wed 21st Nov: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR
Wed 21st Nov: Hungry: Praise and Prayer, 8 pm, The Barns
Thu 22nd Nov: Thursday Fellowship, 10.30 am, Hall, NR
Thu 22nd Nov: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 22nd Nov: Bible Journalling, from 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

VISION PROCESS – WHATS NEXT

Today is the deadline for any submissions to the vision process. Please email them to vision@cca.uk.net

Monday 19th – the PCC will be sent all the “raw” submissions

Tue 20-Thu 22 – a PCC subgroup is collating the submissions into helpful packages for the PCC

Sat 24 – PCC ‘Away Day’ in Barn 2 from 9:30am-4:30pm.

Please be praying we will hear the Lord’s voice in this process. To Him be the Glory!

MISSION PARTNER CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be sending Christmas cards and a gift from Christ Church to our eight mission partners. Please sign your greetings on the coloured sheets on the table in the entrance hall. Do add your name even if you don't know the people as it is an encouragement to them to know that our whole church is backing them in their ministries. They are engaged in full-time mission on our behalf. Thank you.

Sue Robbins, Mission Support Group

NEW WINE 2019 – Book now as it is filling up fast!

We’d love you to join the Christ Church group going to New Wine next summer and don’t want you to miss out as we have heard it may even fill up by Christmas. It is a great opportunity not only to breathe in from God, but also to spend time as a church community. We’re going to Week 1, Saturday 27 July to Friday 2 August at the Peterborough showground. To book see www.new-wine.org. More detail from Gill Turner, Keith, or Paul & Karen Brombley.

COMMUNITY CAROLS IN THE PARK – Sat 15th December 4pm UPDATE

We are now looking for a team of people willing to help serve refreshments in the Community Centre after the singing outside. We also need welcomers to hand out carol booklets at this fun event. If you can help with either of these tasks then please make yourselves known to Jane Robinson or Julie Kemp-Harper kempharpers@pobox.com 521049 THANK YOU!

JOHN MOORE

Sadly John Moore died on Monday. Please pray for his family. The thanksgiving service will be at Christ Church on Friday 30th April, 3pm.

John was licensed as curate of Christ Church on 1 September 1958 and he and Mary led the church until August 1967. John guided the church through the conversion of the Tithe Barn into a beautiful worship space which was dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford on 25 November 1961. John and Mary retired to Abingdon in the 1990s and continued to contribute much to the life of the church over these years,

BARNS CAFÉ DEPUTY MANAGER (MATERNITY COVER)

The Barns Café is seeking a Deputy Manager (Maternity Cover) to work alongside our Acting Manager (Maternity Cover) in managing all aspects of the café, helping to shape and develop this exciting ministry. This post is part-time (hours negotiable, up to 32 hours per week). Candidates should have experience of working in a café or restaurant, and preferably of working in the Barns Café as a volunteer or paid member of staff. For further information or to ask for an application pack, please contact Clint McVea, Operations Manager, at the church office or at clint@cca.uk.net or (01235) 539172. Closing date for applications is 30 November 2018, with a contract start date of 7 January 2019.

HUNGRY - Wednesday 21 November, 8pm in the Barn. All welcome.

SERVICE FOR THOSE LIVING WITH LOSS - Sunday 2 December at 3pm

This is a quiet, reflective service for anyone who is living with loss, or any kind of bereavement. Please take a card with details of the service for yourself, or to pass on to friends or neighbours. All are welcome.

Ros Steel

CCA FOOTBALL EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at Tilsley Park 8pm. Ages 16 and up. Email terryoneill2@hotmail.com

KENNINGTON UNITED CHURCHES CHOIR:

Their next charity concert in The Barn will be on Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 7.30pm. It will be a concert version of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Princess Ida". All welcome. Retiring collection for The Abingdon Bridge.

LAZERS AND 4FILLED YOUTH NEED YOU

Please join us in investing in our youth. We are looking for 1 leader for Lazars and 1 leader for 4Filled to join our existing team who do an excellent job. Loving Jesus and young people are essential! We have lots of fun together, and we will train and support you in this role. Please speak to one of the team, or contact bea@cca.uk.net / 07741 553198 for more details.

DECEMBER PRAYER DIARY

If you'd like something in the CC prayer diary for December (from Sunday 2 December 2018 to Sunday 6 January 2019) 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 Monday 26 November. 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.

OUR YEAR THROUGH ART

On Saturday 1 December we will be having the second of four art days (from Autumn 2018 to Summer 2019) that will give us a space to create and explore different art media. This Art Day gives an opportunity to make Chrismons; these are Christmas decorations based on Christian symbols. Chrismons are made in white and gold, decorated with thread, sequins, beads, buttons etc. also in white and gold. Patterns, materials, decorations, sewing and adhesive equipment will be available to use, but we also encourage you to bring your own too. There will also be an "Advent Art" table with materials for drawing and painting - again, bring your own materials if you wish. The Barn will be open 9am - 3pm for people to spend the day or just drop in for a short time, so come along and try making Chrismons. If you want to find out more, then email sarahbrombley@hotmail.com.

ADVANCE NOTICE - BOXING DAY WALK

If you have not yet planned your Boxing Day and you like a bit of fresh air and a chat, you are very welcome to join the traditional Long Furlong Boxing Day walk. Meet at the Community Centre on Long Furlong at 10:30 on Boxing Day morning. We will be back between 11:30 and 12:00. It will not be far and it will not be fast. Suitable for long legs, short legs, two legs and four. Depending on the weather, you may encounter mud, puddles or maybe even snow and ice, so please dress suitably. Just turn up or ring beforehand. James and Cherry Tweed. Abingdon 532426 or 0771 4322867.

'SHINING LIGHTS' – Viva evening in Oxford, 27 November

At advent time, we remember that 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' **Join the international children's charity Viva for an evening learning how our partners are shining a light into the murky world of online sexual exploitation.** Discover more about the issue – and find out how you can respond. It's on **Tuesday 27 November, 5.30-7.00pm** at Unit 8, The Gallery, 54 Marston Street, Oxford OX4 1LF. Refreshments served. RSVP: Vicki at v.price@viva.org or 01865 811660

ST NICOLAS PRAYER SPACE

26th-30th November we are running a Prayer Space at St Nicolas School. We are looking for team to support the event and work with the children. You need to have a current DBS. There are various slots throughout the school day and you will be given all you need to work with your small group of children. Please contact Heather Hughes or Jo Walker (Long Furlong) jo.walker08@gmail.com if you are interested or want further details.

HF WALKING HOLIDAY

A four night guided walking holiday has been booked for 2 September 2019 at the HF House at Brecon. There will be a choice of three walks each day and all accommodation is ensuite and full board at the basic cost of £469. If you are interested or require further information, please contact David and Elizabeth Wadham by 10 December 2018.

A CHRISTMAS CHARITY CONCERT by the Salvation Army Central Southern Area Fellowship Band with the Carswell Community School Choir will be at Trinity Church, Conduit Road on Friday 30th Nov at 7.00pm. All proceeds to The Abingdon Street Pastors and The Abingdon Bridge. Tickets: £5 on the door or from Chris Bryan (01865 864652).