

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.

WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS

The group praying for the vision process on Wednesday mornings have enjoyed it so much we're going to continue! Everyone is welcome to the **Wednesday Early Morning Prayer Meetings**, 8am-8:45am, in the Prayer Room by Christine's office.

VISION PROCESS

The PCC met yesterday, and we hope to be letting you know the outcome and next step in today's services.



TOP TIP

Please add your job/ main area of serving each week (your Frontline) to My ChurchSuite, and there's also an option to say whether you'd like that included in the prayer diary occasionally. That way we can be praying for one another as salt and light in God's world. Login to My ChurchSuite, click the My Details tab, and scroll down to the relevant question.

SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM - An Advent conference in evangelistic training, 3 - 7 December 2018 at Wycliffe Hall. For details see <https://www.wycliffehallevangalism.co.uk/>

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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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tue 27th Nov: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 15 Austin Place
Wed 28th Nov: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR
Thu 29th Nov: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 29th Nov: Bible Journalling, from 7 pm, 3 The Spinney
Fri 30th Nov: Thanksgiving Service for John Moore, 3 pm, NR
Sat 1st Dec: Advent Service for those living with loss, 3 pm, NR

THE LF LEADERSHIP TEAM met on 19 November and covered the following areas:

- We reviewed progress with Christmas arrangements, Vision process and implementing ChurchSuite.
- We considered how to replace Stu on the team (issues of representation, demographic balance, transparency, etc). Prayer, further discussion in December.
- Following the school's review of rent for Sunday mornings, we agreed to offer more rent to the Community Centre.
- We looked at the next term's teaching series, including content, style and practical arrangements (e.g. avoiding Lasers / Wellspring room clash; replacing one AAW with a menu-style format).
- In response to separate requests, we considered replacing a service with either a meal or community action. The meal format could be a summer AAW option, and 1 community project could be painting the Community Centre railings as well as promoting Sarah Fry's gardening team.
- We hope to have former vicars at our 25th anniversary celebrations next year.
- Misc. items included Welcome Pack launch and a Lasers cake sale.
- Other items deferred: Quiet day and Away day; promoting environmental issues more.

WELLSPRING

This will take place on 9 December) in the staff room at 10am. This is an alternative service, more reflective and quiet. If you want to go into Wellspring then please go directly there, don't go into the hall first. Wellspring this month will be led by Sandra Pike.

WELCOME PACK & WELCOME CARD - We now have a welcome pack available for newcomers to Long Furlong with helpful information including the term card, life group info, details of children & young peoples' work etc. It also includes a welcome card, which people can fill in with their details to ask for a visit, or further information. Completed cards will be given to one of the welcome team. Thank-you to Janice W & Simon F for getting these packs together, they can be found on the welcome table in the foyer.

LONG FURLONG PASTORAL VISITING TEAM - as part of our pastoral care at LF we have been developing a visiting team, they are available to visit people who are unwell, are bereaved, have just moved house etc. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit from the visiting team, please contact Janice Wenninger - janicewenninger@gmail.com

CIA UNITED SERVICE DURING WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year our church will be responsible for the service, which will take place at Northcourt Road on 27 January 2019, led by Kath Cooke. The theme this year is Justice. Please put a note in your diary about this service.

NEW FOODBANK PRAYER MEETING

We'd love you to join us in prayer for the work of the Foodbank across the town. We're meeting on the first Friday of the month (except January), from 10.30-11.30am in the quiet room (opposite the kitchen).
Jane Lane and Sarah Fry

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.... ..Here's some of what's happening at Christ Church and how you can get involved:

Sat 15th Dec 4pm - Community Carols in the Park - help needed with refreshments & welcome. Contact Julie K-H kempharper@pobox.com, Jane Robinson, or Andrew Turner.

Sun 16th Dec 4pm & 7pm - Carol Services at Northcourt Road

Sun 23rd Dec 10am - Festive carols & readings for all-ages at LF School

Mon 24th Dec 4pm - Christingle service at LF Community Centre - if you'd like to help with planning the service, or preparing, or serving refreshments contact Kath Cooke kath@cca.uk.net

Tues 25th Dec 10am - Christmas morning all-age celebration at LF Community Centre

COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT in the hall this Friday. All welcome from 10am.

KIDS TEAM CHRISTMAS PARTY

If you are on the children's team at Northcourt Road or Long Furlong (and are either an adult or a youth) you are invited to the Kids Team Christmas Party on Tuesday 4th December, 7pm-10pm in the Barn at Northcourt Rd. Our chance to thank you for all you do. Your personal invite should be in your pigeon holes (NR) or on the welcome desk (LF). RSVP to Heather.

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 kempharper@pobox.com 521049 THANK YOU!

JOHN MOORE Sadly John Moore died last week. Please pray for his family. The thanksgiving service will be at Christ Church on Friday 30th November, 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.

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

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.

PRIME TIME CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Over 100 people will be coming to the Prime Time Christmas Lunch so we now have an additional date in order to accommodate everyone: Dec 10th and Dec 17th. Thank you to all those who have changed dates. This now means that we still have some spare places on Dec 17th if anyone else would still like to join us. If so, phone us before Nov 30th. (Chris and Diana Bryan 01865 864652).