

A ROCHA'S GIFTS WITH A DIFFERENCE

This Christmas, what can you give that special person who has everything? Why not something that brings hope for them and the planet? Help save the White-naped Mangabey in Ghana's Atewa Forest or give clean water to a family in Uganda with a bio-sand filter. To find out more, pick up A Rocha's Gifts with a Difference catalogue – available in the church foyer – or browse online at shop.arocha.org. A Rocha is one of our Mission Partners.



TOP TIP

In My ChurchSuite please indicate the congregation(s) you attend – this helps us develop the pastoral care within the church. Thank you!

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 annejtaylor61@gmail.com or 528505.

MWM THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER

A very informal meeting to share personal experiences, anecdotes and interests. 2.15pm for 2.30pm at the home of Hugh Parkman: 61 The Old Goal, Bridge Street, Abingdon. All older men are welcome.

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.

Notices now on the web at www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk

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2nd December 2018

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Mon 3rd Dec: Meeting God in the Silence, 9.00 am, 7.30 pm, The Barns, NR
Tue 4th Dec: Apprentice for years 5-6, 4.30 pm, NR
Wed 5th Dec: Link for carers and toddlers, 10 am, Hall, NR
Thu 6th Dec: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 6th Dec: Bible Journalling, from 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

SERVICE FOR THOSE LIVING WITH LOSS - Today 3pm at Northcourt Road

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

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.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY - cards advertising Christmas events & services are in the foyer. Please take a pile to deliver. Pray for those who receive the invitations & for opportunities to invite friends & neighbours.

LAZERS FUNDRAISING CAKE AND CRAFT STALL

After the service on Sunday 9th Dec please support our Lasers who will be raising money for the Viva project they support in Uganda working with children at risk. If you are able to bake some cakes/cookies for the stall they would be very grateful....and of course, don't forget your wallet!

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 newcomers 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!

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.

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.

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 - 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

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*

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

PRIME TIME HOLIDAY 2019 - Yes, it's time to start thinking of sunny summer holidays again! Next year we are off to Weston-super-Mare once more and the brochures are now available. Those who have been before (in the last 3 or 4 years) will find a brochure in an envelope addressed to them in their pigeon-hole. There are spares on the table in the lobby for others who would like to find out what all the excitement is about! - Neil & Maureen Weston (204147)

VISION PROCESS

If you didn't receive an email this week updating you on the outcome of the PCC Day Away, hard copies are available in the entrance area

TEA TIME TREATS

12th Dec in lounge 2.30-3.30pm. Come and join us – all welcome

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR ALL AGES - Sunday 23rd December 10am

Long Furlong's unique annual celebration of Christmas. Poems, songs, readings, sketches and more - contributions welcome from all ages. Contact Phil & Kath. phil@cca.uk.net kath@cca.uk.net Thank-you.

THE BARN'S CAFE PRAYER INTERCESSORS

The Barns Cafe is a ministry right on the frontline of our community, and we experience both the wonders and the difficulties that come with that. We would not be able to do what we do without regular prayer support, and our faithful prayer intercessors have a huge part to play in this ministry. Do you have a heart for the work The Barns Cafe is doing and think you could join our prayer intercessors team? Please get in touch for more information from Hannah at hannah@thebarnscafe.co.uk.

JOIN THE RESONATE TEAM!

Resonate is the name for the 18-30s(ish) ministry at Christ Church. We run a monthly late-night cafe event called Resonate Lounge at The Barns Cafe, as well as other events and activities to build community in which we can share our faith. We are opening up the invitation for others to join our core team. For more information, please email resonate@cca.uk.net, or speak to any of the current Resonate team members.

BIBLE READING NOTES 2019

To continue your regular subscription or to make a new one, please contact: Lesley Chapman 10235 531722 or chapmanabingdon@aol.com Cheques payable to North Abingdon PCC Christ Church

'BEASTS OF BETHLEHEM' IN OUR BARN!

A marvellous NEW Christmas 'moosical' for all ages by **LAMPS**. Join Sheep, Ox and Donkey for a wild and woolly retelling of the nativity, as they chew over who and what on earth the little baby in their feeding trough might be. Inspired by the C.S. Lewis poem The Nativity. Mon 17th December 4pm and 7pm and Tue 18th Dec 1.30pm and 7pm. **Christ Church Abingdon Barn**. Tickets £10 (£5 under 16's) www.buytickets.at/lampscollective or by calling 07452982705. If Prime Time members know folk who don't like going out in the dark, please make them aware of our 1.30pm show.

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.

PROGRAMME CARDS

The latest programme card is available today – please take one home, and pass others on to friends and neighbours as a way of inviting them to church!