

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed until 9am on Wednesday 2 January.

PRIMETIME TEA TIME TREATS

The next one is at 2.30-3.30 on Wednesday 9 January. Christmas is past but come and enjoy the company of others in the Church lounge.

MOVING INTO STILLNESS: circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes at St Michael and All Angels on Thursday 3 January 2019 from 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed.

SILENT REFLECTIONS on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at St. Michael and All Angels from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Enjoy prayerful activities in the quiet of the sanctuary.

THE KING'S SCHOOL WITNEY

Part-time primary teaching post (maternity cover). Further information from office@tkswitney.org.uk or 01993 778463. Closing date 7 January.

WOMEN OF GOD CONFERENCE, OXFORD

Saturday 16 March, 10am – 4.30pm, the King's Centre OX2 0ES

Your story... your story is the most powerful story you have. It's time to tell it...
www.womenofgodconference.org.uk. Tickets £25.00, £20 early bird price available until 31 December

PERSONAL A professional Christian woman in her 30s looking for long term accommodation in Abingdon area. Would be preferable to be closer to the South Abingdon area but also happy to live in North Abingdon too.

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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23 & 30 December 2018

A VERY HAPPY & CHRIST-FILLED CHRISTMAS TO ALL AT LONG FURLONG.

May you & all you love know the joy and peace of Jesus this Christmas.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at last Saturday's Carols (nearly!) in the Park, Sunday's carol services at NCR, and all who are giving time to serve today, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. *To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.* 1 Cor 12:7. Thank you for serving the Lord, his people and this community, and your partnership in the gospel. Keith, Phil & Kath

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

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

DAILY BIBLE READING

Jesus calls us to *remain in him*, and for his words to remain in us, so that we will bear much fruit (John 15). We encourage every member of Christ Church to spend a few minutes each day reading the bible and praying. There's lots of bible reading aids around, including:

Online: The Bible in One Year, from Alpha, download the app from Googleplay/ or Apple store, or access it from www.bibleinoneyear.org/

Bible reading notes: to continue your regular subscription or to make a new one, please contact: Lesley Chapman 01235 531722 or chapmanabingdon@aol.com
Make a New Year resolution to engage with God each day in this way.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE HOME ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY - they are invited to Peachcroft Christian Centre for Christmas Day Lunch on 25 December 2018 from 1-3pm (arrival from 12.30pm). Meal and transport from home is free of charge but booking is essential. Contact Ruth Adams **TODAY** to book or for more information on: events@peachcroftcc.org or text/phone on 07379 469311 (<http://peachcroftcc.org/>).

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.

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 at 3pm on 27 January 2019, led by Kath Cooke. The theme this year is Justice. Please put a note in your diary about this service.

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

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

PRIME TIME HOLIDAY 3 – 10 JUNE 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)

ALPHA COURSE

The next Alpha course will start in September (not January as in recent years).

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, Sat 27 July to Fri 2 August at the Peterborough showground. To book see www.new-wine.org. More detail from Gill Turner.

THE JESUS LIFESTYLE

A closer look at Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. Wednesdays 7:30pm from 16 January to mid July. This group is aimed at:

- Those intrigued by Jesus and wanting to explore faith maybe for the first time
- Those wanting a next step after being on the Alpha course
- Newcomers to Christ Church looking for a small group to join

Hosted by Keith & Lynne Dunnett and Nessa Watts at the Dunnett's home (keith@cca.uk.net, 209145)

If you're already a longstanding member of Christ Church, we're encouraging you to join/continue to be part of, one of the existing small groups.

WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome, 8am-8:45am, in the Prayer Room by Christine's office.

ANNE MOON invites her friends from Christ Church to the Barns at 2.30-4pm for a tea party for her 90th Birthday (24 December) on Friday 11 January. No presents please but if anyone would like to contribute to making something for the tea instead please tell Maggie Snowball 527673.

PASSION PLAY 2019 FUNDRAISING EVENT - NEW YEAR EVE'S PARTY A New Year's Eve party will be taking place on 31 December 2018 at Trinity Church Hall (Conduit Road) from 8.30 pm to 1 am to raise funds for the forthcoming Passion Play. There will be a three-course meal and celebratory drink, entertainment and dancing. Tickets (£20) must be purchased in advance from: Anne Green (01235 520171), The Bookshop in Abingdon precinct or online at www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Once again, Christian Aid is holding a New Year's Day walk to raise funds for the Christmas Appeal. This is a very enjoyable way to celebrate the start of a new year with friends from across the churches and beyond. The walk will start at 10 am from Peachcroft Christian Centre and follow a route up to Boars Hill with refreshments at Bayworth Baptist Chapel on the way back down. Donations from walkers will be invited at the start and at the refreshment stop and, if anyone would like to ask friends to sponsor them, sponsor forms are available from church reps or from the Christian Aid website at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/christian-aid-sponsorship-form>. For more information, contact Cliff Marshall on 01235 530480.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 19-25 January 2019

The CiA will be organising the following activities:

United Service, Christ Church, 27 January 2019, 3 pm

Midday prayers, St Nics, Mon 21 to Friday 25 January, led by the following clergy: Monday 21 Pastor Ed Evans; Tuesday 22 Revd Paul Smith; Wednesday 23 Revd Keith Dunnett; Thursday 24 Revd Steve Millard; Friday 25 Revd Kath/Phil Cooke

Inter-church quiz, St Helen's, Friday 25 January, church open 7.30pm, papers on tables 7.40pm, first questions read 8pm. Max 8 people per team and no limit on number of teams. Suggested donation £2 per person. Basic refreshments provided, people welcome to bring bottles and snacks. Contact administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk or 01235 520144 to enrol teams by Monday 14 January 2019. All profits to local charity.

MEETING GOD IN THE SILENCE, both in the Barn. Monday 7 January from 9 o'clock for a 9.30am start. And from 7.30 for an 8pm start. Listen to the silence, let it enfold you.

THE ARCHWAY FOUNDATION (Registered Charity, Founded on Christian Values, Serving Those Hurt By Loneliness) is keen to recruit two new trustees. One to take a lead role in developing its Digital Strategy; the other with experience of working in Mental Health and an understanding of Safeguarding. For role descriptions and further information without obligation please contact sheila@archwayfoundation.org.uk or telephone 07703186041.

RESTORE VACANCY for part-time Head of Facilities based in Oxford. Find out more at www.restore.org.uk, or ring 01865 455821.