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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.

WELLSPRING NEXT WEEK

We begin our 2019 season of quiet services next week (13th January) in our usual venue (the staff room) at 10am, covering the same themes as the main service, but with more space. It's halfway between a service and a home group. All are welcome, even if it is just to give it a try.

CIA QUIZ

The annual inter-church quiz is coming up fast. We'll have more details next week, but in the meantime, if you'd like to be in one of our teams (we should be able to muster 2 teams from Long Furlong) please contact Derek Walker (Ab 528134) or Ben Jeapes (Ab 204011). Other contact details via ChurchSuite.

HOLY LAND TOUR

The Revd Dr Peter Walker, for many years an NT tutor at Wycliffe, and author of a superb guide book *'In the steps of Jesus'* is leading a tour to the Holy Land April 24- May 2. If anyone is thinking of going, you could not have a more experienced and spiritual guide. Primarily designed for 'Friends of Wycliffe Hall' it is not confined to them. If interested contact Peter (peter.w.l.walker@gmail.com.)

MUSICAL VICARAGES!

The diocese are in the process of replacing the vicarage, selling the old one at 69 Northcourt Road, and buying 33 North Avenue as the new one. You may see a For Sale sign going up at 69 NCR later this week. Once contracts are exchanged on the new vicarage, there will be a little bit of work to do on it and then Keith and Lynne will move in the early Spring. Kath and Phil will move into the vacated Associate Vicars house later in the year.

RUTH BAKER

Ruth Baker, who represented the Quakers on the Church in Abingdon Governing Body, died on New Year's Day following a stroke. Please hold her husband Roger, daughter Judith, and our friends at the Quakers before the Lord in prayer.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer is one of our core values at CCA – *unless the Lord builds the house the builders labour in vain* Psalm 127:1. Each month there are opportunities to gather to pray together as a church, as well as using the prayer diary daily as individuals (thanks Janice!). Can we encourage you to join together in prayer at one of these gatherings (the details are also on the Term Cards):

Wednesday Mornings, 8am for 45mins in the Prayer Room opposite Christine's office
Hungry, Wed 16 January, 8pm, in the Barn

Meeting God in the Silence, 1st Monday of each month, 9am and 7:30pm in the Barn

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.

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP invite you to our first meeting of the Spring Term this week 10 January, 10.30am in the Hall when we shall be welcoming Trevor Grant of The Leprosy Mission.

FOOTPRINTS, the group for people who have been bereaved or are living with other losses, meets each month on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 to 12noon in the Barn, for friendship, fun and understanding, with coffee and cake. This Tuesday, 8th January, Paul Herrington will be entertaining us and encouraging us to sing. Many of our guests have no connection with a church or are from other churches. Do come and bring friends or neighbours who may be finding this time of year particularly difficult. (The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 12th.). Further information from Pauline Croucher 521071 or Hilary Hart 520850

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.

CHURCH WARDEN - Our church wardens are elected annually at the annual parochial church meeting in April. We are so thankful to God for our current wardens, Sue Gibbins and Roland Knight. Roland has concluded its right for him to not stand for re-election this coming April, so please do join us in asking the Lord who he might be calling. Ideally we'd love to have a period of handover.

TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR/ COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT

Paid, one day a week, in the church office, covering **service production** (service sheets, EasyWorship and Powerpoint preparation), and **communication** (posters, website content, major event publicity). Details from clint@cca.uk.net, closing date for applications 1pm on Monday 21 January. Ideally start in early of February. Jackie

Sheppard has been fulfilling this role over the last 18 months, but as she has a major film contract (praise God!) starting in February so this position is becoming vacant.

CHURCHSUITE

If you haven't done so, please do login using the invitation email Christine sent you last term, and update your privacy settings so that your contact details are visible to other church members. Christine and Clint would be very pleased to help you!

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)

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 Dunnnett and Nessa Watts at the Dunnnett'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.

ANNE MOON – birthday celebration postponed until 8 February.

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 Dunnnett; 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.

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.

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.

MWM (older men's group). Tuesday 15 January

Talk by Rev'd Michael Green: Jesus of Nazareth - the man's man. At 2.15 for 2.30. Venue: Hugh Parkman's home at 61 Old Goal, Abingdon.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT VIVA

The global children's charity, Viva, is seeking a dynamic and creative **Supporter Relations Manager** to build and develop relationships with individuals and churches, and join the dynamic and creative team based in Oxford. The application deadline is Monday 14 January and all the details are at www.viva.org/jobs

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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