



**13 January 2019**

**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January: Men who lunch, 12.30 pm, Spread Eagle, Northcourt Road  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January: Hungry: Praise and Prayer, 8 pm, The Barns  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Thursday Fellowship, 10.30 am, NR  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Bible Journalling, from 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

**WELLSPRING THIS MORNING IN THE STAFF ROOM**

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.

**CIA United Service - Sunday 27th January 3pm at Christ Church, followed by refreshments in the hall**

We have a great opportunity to offer hospitality to Christians across Abingdon. Theme of service is 'Only Justice', we'll hear about Food Bank & Thrive, as well as seeing displays about other CIA ministries. If you can make/buy a cake or biscuits, or help with setting-up or serving refreshments please get in touch with Sandra Pike or Kath Cooke - [kath@cca.uk.net](mailto:kath@cca.uk.net) Thank-you.

**Welcome Evening with drinks & puddings on Mon 28th January 7.30pm at**

Wenninger's house 7 Holland Road

If you are new or newish to Long Furlong come along to this evening, enjoy drinks & puddings whilst getting to know other people & finding out a bit more about Long Furlong. All welcome. RSVP Janice Wenninger ([wenningerhouse@gmail.com](mailto:wenningerhouse@gmail.com)) or Phil & Kath Cooke ([kath@cca.uk.net](mailto:kath@cca.uk.net))

**CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM SERVICE - March 24th 6.30pm, Northcourt Rd.**

If you are interested in baptism or confirmation, or want to know more please have a word with Phil or Kath Cooke.

**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](mailto: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.

**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**, 1<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://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](mailto:chapmanabingdon@aol.com)

Make a New Year resolution to engage with God each day in this way.

**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](mailto:clint@cca.uk.net), closing date for applications 1pm on Monday 21 January. Ideally start early in 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 this position is becoming vacant.

**SHIFT PARENT SUPPORT GROUP - OPEN MORNING 24 JANUARY**

SHIFT is a support group for parents & carers of children with special needs. On Thursday 24 January we have an open morning and invite anyone interested in the group to come along and find out about the support that we offer. If you care for a child with special needs please come along anytime between 9.30 & 11.30 to the Barn at Northcourt Road to find out about the group. Please pass this on to anyone who you think may benefit. For more information speak to Sally Foulsham on 203809 or email [sally@shift-abingdon.org.uk](mailto:sally@shift-abingdon.org.uk)

**GOOD NEWS**

Friends of Brian Pile, a former member of Christ Church, Abingdon, will be delighted to know that he was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List for his work with Breadline, a Christian charity working in Moldova. *Jeremy Starling – Trustee of Breadline*

**PAT HERBERT:** leaves for a month-long visit to Ghana on Wednesday, where she will be meeting with the Dɛg and Vagla teams to review their progress in running Literacy workshops in the cities, to help them assess the impact of the new Bibles and also to work on the Dɛg and Vagla dictionaries. Please pray for Pat as she travels this week, and as she is in Ghana. She returns on the overnight flight to London on 17 February.

**TRINITYLEARNING** has a vacancy for an Education Development Officer, 0.4 FTE, salary £30,000 pro-rata, based at The Conduit Centre in Abingdon, to start as soon as possible. Further information from [trinity.abingdon@gmail.com](mailto:trinity.abingdon@gmail.com) or 01235 520282.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Christ Church, both NR and LF, are hosting this year's World Day of prayer (formerly WWDP) on 1 March 2019. There will be a planning meeting for this event on Thursday 17 January, in the Coffee Lounge, at 7.30pm. Please consider whether this might be an opportunity to find out more about the organisation, and to help offer a welcome to the visitors who will be coming for the service. Please contact Hilary Beale for further information, on 01235525086 or [habeale124@gmail.com](mailto:habeale124@gmail.com)

**BOARD GAME NIGHT** in the lounge at 7:30pm this Friday, 18 January. Email [terryoneill2@hotmail.com](mailto:terryoneill2@hotmail.com).

**OPEN DOORS** is asking people to invite their MP to our World Watch List launch in Parliament on 16 January – this is where they share the 50 most dangerous places on earth to be a Christian. MPs come because people like us ask them to. See [https://advocacy.opendoorsuk.org/page/32701/action/1?ea.tracking.id=box&\\_ga=2.99012758.905020490.1544696056-1384819930.1544696056](https://advocacy.opendoorsuk.org/page/32701/action/1?ea.tracking.id=box&_ga=2.99012758.905020490.1544696056-1384819930.1544696056)

Open Doors is also on the look-out for people to join their summer festival team at Wildfires, New Wine, David's Tent, Soul Survivor. Please contact Emma Worrall [emmaw@opendoorsuk.org](mailto:emmaw@opendoorsuk.org) to find out more.

**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.

### 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](mailto:janicewenninger@gmail.com)

**CCA FOOTBALL EVERY MONDAY NIGHT** at Tilsley Park 8pm. Ages 16 and up. Email [terryoneill2@hotmail.com](mailto:terryoneill2@hotmail.com)

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.*

### 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](http://www.viva.org/jobs)

### 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](mailto:administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk) or 01235 520144 to enrol teams by Monday 14 January 2019. All profits to local charity.

### 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.

### NEWS of JACOB YOLLAND from Canada for the LF Church Family

We have just had an email from Jacob with his thanks for the Christmas card we all sent him in Toronto, and his latest news.

From Jacob... 'Thank you for the good wishes, and for the beautiful Christmas card, I was really touched. I am having a wonderful time in Toronto! Our rehearsals are going really well, and now we're on our fourth and final one. I'm very lucky to be playing Long John Silver in Treasure Island, Louis in Jungle Book, the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland (I can see why I've been given that part!), and their lead male vocalist (called Freddy) in a

cabaret show called Dolce Vita (the Sweet Life). Our ensemble (11 strong) is getting on really well too. Everyone has their own unique talents which are being given the spotlight, it's so great to see! We've also been very lucky to have two lovely sets of Directors, Choreographers, and Musical Directors. Each team of 3 has worked on two shows each to give them a personal touch. We haven't got long now till we head off to the Caribbean now. Two weeks' time, can you believe it! Then we're meeting some local talent on the island who're gonna join us in some the big numbers in the shows. It's been an great experience so far, I can't wait to see what's in store for us all in the future! I'm thinking of all the congregation at Christ Church - send them my best! I wish everyone a very happy New Year, and hope that you all had a Merry Christmas! All the best, Jacob'

#### **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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