

PEACHCROFT CHRISTIAN CENTRE would really value your prayers, we really need to find a new staff member to lead our young people, children and families work. Details on website <http://www.peachcroftcc.org>. Thank you *Rebecca Peters*

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'

DAY OF PRAYER FOR BRITAIN Saturday 26 January, 10am. The SSE Arena Wembley. Details from David Hathaway Ministries. www.eurovision.org.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

Mon 21st Jan: LF Leaders Meeting, 8 pm, Julie's
Tue 22nd Jan: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 85 Bath Street
Wed 23rd Jan: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR
Thu 24th Jan: SHIFT open morning, 9.30 am, The Barns
Thu 24th Jan: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 24th Jan: Bible Art Journalling, from 7 pm, 3 The Spinney
Fri 25th Jan: CiA Inter-Church Quiz, 7.30 pm, St Helen's Church

VISION UPDATE

With the newssheet this morning is a working draft of the Vision, which the PCC are commending to the church for prayer and conversation. We'll also send this out by email on ChurchSuite and have copies in the foyer. We'd welcome your feedback, emailed to vision@cca.uk.net or handed in to the church office, by **Sunday 17 February**.

CIA UNITED SERVICE - Sunday 27 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 Thank-you.

ACCOMMODATION FOR HEATHER HUGHES

The flat I rent is being sold, so I need to find a new home by 8th April. I'm trusting that God will provide me with the right place to live. I'm open to options, but ideally need two bedrooms and something that's affordable within a church Children's Minister salary! Alternatives could include renting an unfurnished flat or house at a reasonable rate (options currently on the market are too expensive), or finding someone willing to share a house (1 female or 2 people male/female). Please could you pray, and if you have any appropriate leads contact me (heather@cca.uk.net). Or you could contact Keith or Roland if you want to talk any ideas through with them first. Thank you! *Heather*

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, Tuesday 12 February, 8pm, in the Barn

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

WELCOME EVENING WITH DRINKS & PUDDINGS on MONDAY 28 JANUARY 7.30pm at the Wenninger's house 7 Holland Ave. 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) or Phil & Kath Cooke (kath@cca.uk.net)

CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM SERVICE – 24 March 6.30pm at Northcourt Road.

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

RESONATE LOUNGE

For 18-30s is now meeting weekly on Fridays in The Barns Café from 7:30pm. Contact Sarah Brombley or Bekah Tennyson.

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 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.

PRIMETIME COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT

Friday 25 January from 10am. All welcome in the hall

ANNE MOON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY TEA is on Friday 8 February, 2.30-4pm. All welcome.

INTERESTED IN FOSTERING OR ADOPTION? Please join us this afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30, for our next Home for Good gathering - a Bring and Share tea party in the hall at Northcourt Road, and you are all very welcome. We will have a few activities for children of all ages and a chance to catch up and chat. Look forward to seeing you there, or at our next prayer evening 28 February. *Jill Ward (07986 419122) Tania Beale (07711 251857)*

TABLE TENNIS

Is there anyone who would like to run a table tennis session including any age adults? Prime Time have run one on Sunday afternoons but no longer have anyone to run it. This could be at a time convenient to you, once or twice a month. Maggie 527673 for more information.

HOSTS AND COOKS FOR YOUTH FOR CHRIST TEAM

On 10 - 15 February Desire will be hosting 2 teams from Youth for Christ as they work in Fitzharrys School for the week. We are looking for hosts who have space for 2 or more people to stay with them. This is an excellent opportunity for families with young people or children, especially those interested in music or dance.

We're also looking for people to help prepare a meal on Sunday 10 February to welcome our guests, and others to bake treats for us to bless the Fitzharrys staff that week. Please contact bea@cca.uk.net / 07741 553198 if you'd like more information or to help.

CRICKET FIELD

We understand that the application to build flats on the field behind church has been turned down by the Council. The developers may yet appeal. *Church Warden*

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

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

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

THE JESUS LIFESTYLE

A closer look at Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. Wednesdays 7:30pm join at any time. 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.

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 Ed Evans; Tuesday 22 Paul Smith; Wednesday 23 Keith Dunnett; Thursday 24 Steve Millard; Friday 25 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.