

A CHURCH FAMILY PARTY IDEA – SHROVE TUESDAY!

We're always on the look out for fun events where we can bring the church family together across the generations and congregations. Shrove Tuesday (5 March) would be a great opportunity to have a Pancake Party, in church (as Apprentices are in the Barn until 6pm and Brownies are in the hall). Would anyone like to gather a group to organise this? Pancakes, pancake races...??? Early evening, say from 6pm so the year 5 & 6 children from Apprentice can join us.

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*

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, Cynthia Holland.

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 28th Jan: Welcome evening, 7.30 pm, 7 Holland Road
Wed 30th Jan: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR
Thu 31st Jan: Thursday Fellowship, 10.30 am, Hall, NR
Thu 31st Jan: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 31st Jan: Bible Journaling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

CIA UNITED SERVICE – THIS AFTERNOON 3pm at Christ Church, followed by refreshments in the hall

Theme of service is 'Only Justice', we'll hear about Food Bank & Thrive, as well as seeing displays about other CIA ministries. All welcome.

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)

CURRY EVENING

Tuesday 12 February, 7.30 pm, Abingdon Spice, Stert Street. Please let Anne Taylor know if you would like to come.

LONG FURLONG LEADERSHIP TEAM FEEDBACK

At our last meeting, the team began by 'dwelling in the Word' - Colossians 1:15-20 & 3:12-17. We reviewed Churchsuite progress (still people need to update settings), a new team member and Christmas (particularly the viability of a 'Park' event next year). We heard that the Community Association refused our offer of upping the weekly rent by £20 as they were grateful for church members' practical support. We started planning Lent and our 25th anniversary celebrations, noting progress/issues with the new estate. Miscellaneous items included updating our poster on the LF notice board, and the Christ Church website coordination. Dates for your diaries include quiet day 23.3.19; Passion Play 6.4.19 and our 25th anniversary 15.9.19. For more details, ask Kath, Phil, David, Derek, Anne, Diana, Jane or Julie (who will be pleased to feedback your thoughts to the wider team).

VISION UPDATE

Pick up a working draft of the Vision from the foyer, which the PCC are commending to the church for prayer and conversation. We'd welcome your feedback, emailed to vision@cca.uk.net or handed in to the church office, by **Sunday 17 February**.

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

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.

LONG FURLONG QUIET DAY - Saturday 23 March 10am-4pm at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Time to pray, listen, walk, rest & relax - more details to follow soon.

CHURCH TWINNING for the ABINGDON PASSION PLAY

Between 10 and 18 Christians from our twin towns of Sint Niklaas in Belgium and Argentan in Normandy are coming to watch the Passion Play held on Saturday 6 April in the Abbey Meadows. We are looking for hosts for these friendly people from Thurs 4 to Mon 8 April. The weekend programme of events includes a Barn Dance on Friday evening and a Cheese and Drinks Tasting on Saturday evening, for which tickets will be available. If you are interested in hosting or attending one of the events please let Eileen Bontempelli know on 526331 or epkbontempelli@gmail.com.

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

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.

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

ABINGDON WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE would like to offer two subsidised places to two women from a church in Abingdon for the 2019 YPray Conference in Derbyshire 3 May - 5 May. The weekend costs £125 per person and we will pay half. This conference comes highly recommended as an opportunity to explore creative ways to pray, a guest speaker, worship times, pamper activities and excellent fellowship. If you are interested please contact Katie Doney from Trinity Church and Abingdon World Day of Prayer Committee member Kdoney77@btinternet.com Deadline: - March 31; details can be found here:- <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/y-pray-2019-2/>

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.

DESIRE SCHOOLS WEEK - COULD YOU HELP?

The Desire Youth Network is approximately £300 short of funding for the upcoming schools week to fund the visiting team and Valentine's Day outreach event - if you would like to give towards this ministry please contact Bea. Thank you!

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

CHRISTIANITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Martin and Margot Hodson, who have much knowledge and experience of this subject (as scientist and theologian respectively) will be speaking on Tuesday 29 at St Andrew's Church, Headington: drinks at 7.30, talks from 8pm. Free, and no need to book.

Richard Riggs 521931

PASSION PLAY SATURDAY 6 APRIL Please put the date in your diary.

COME AND BE INSPIRED at a taster afternoon for singers on Sunday 10 February from 3pm til 5pm in Peachcroft Christian Centre to learn the excellent music (by Heidi Cottrell) for the new Abingdon Passion Play It will bring the Easter story to life! Other rehearsals follow. We need your voices. Thanks.
Sally Mears