

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

PRAYER SPACE

The Dunmore Prayer Space is 4th-7th March and will be the 50th Prayer Space week in schools in Abingdon! Please contact Heather if you would like to be involved or would like more details (heather@cca.uk.net).

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

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.

MEETING GOD IN THE SILENCE, both in the Barn. Monday 4th February from 9 o'clock for a 9.30am start. And from 7.30 for an 8pm start. It is right and necessary to spend time with someone you love, just 'being' together.

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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3 February 2019

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Mon 4th Feb: Meeting God in the Silence, 9 am and 7.30 pm, The Barns, NR
Mon 4th Feb: Prayer Meeting for new housing estate, 8 pm, lounge, NR
Tue 5th Feb: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 15 Austin Place
Wed 6th Feb: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR
Thu 7th Feb: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 7th Feb: Bible Journalling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

NEW HOUSING ESTATE - GATHERINGS TO PRAY & LISTEN TO GOD

We are going to continue praying for the new housing estate by meeting monthly on the first Monday evening of each month 8-9pm in the lounge at Northcourt Road. The first gathering will be on Mon 4 Feb. If you are interested in praying for this new development but can't make Monday evenings please contact Phil & Kath Cooke kath@cca.uk.net

PASSION PLAY PRAYER TENT

We're hoping to host a Prayer Tent at the Passion Play on 6 April, using the Space theme being used in the school Prayer Spaces. If you would like to be involved, please see Heather or Keith.

NEW TO CHRIST CHURCH AND WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

If you're new to Christ Church and looking for an easy way to get involved, why not consider volunteering in The Barns Café once a week or fortnight. Get in touch with Alex alex@thebarnscafe.co.uk to find out more.

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**.

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.

THE ABINGDON PASSION PLAY WANTS YOU!

This year's play will be held in the Abbey Grounds on Saturday 6 April, as part of the Big Easter Event. It will be professionally acted for the first time, but singers and acting extras from the community are invited - in fact, essential! Anyone interested is invited to a taster event at Peachcroft Christian Centre on 10 February: 2-3pm for actors, 3-5pm for singers. See www.abingdonpassionplay.co.uk for more details.

CHURCH IN ABINGDON (CIA) AGM

This will take place at the Salvation Army Headquarters on 28 February at 7:45pm. All are welcome to come along and find out more about the work of the CiA in our town.

Sandra Pike CiA rep - 01235 534102 - ronandsandrapike@gmail.com

THE ABINGDON BIG SPRING CLEAN

Friday 1, Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 March. Further information about AbiBinit! from Helen at heharwood@yahoo.com

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.

LONG FURLONG PRAYER EVENING - Thursday 14 March from 7.30pm at LF School.

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.

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YOUTH WEEKEND

Please pray for all the young people and leaders away this weekend. Please welcome and connect with those who couldn't go and are around church this Sunday. *Bea*

SNOWDROP WALK

MWM, the older men's group, plans to visit St Botolph's Church in Swyncombe on Thursday 14 February to see the snowdrops, then walk to the Shepherd's Hut in Ewelme for lunch (and return transport). The walk is 3 1/2 miles, mostly downhill, on footpaths so expect mud. Meet in Christ Church car park at 10am and share transport. Pre-ordering of lunches would be very helpful so if you are thinking of coming please contact Richard Riggs, 521931 or richard.riggs@physics.org.

FOOTPRINTS The next meeting is on Tuesday 12 February from 10.30 to 12.00 in the Barn, when Peter Dunn will be speaking about his work and his own experience of loss. We welcome anyone who has been bereaved or is living with other losses. Do invite friends and neighbours to a friendly morning with coffee and cake. Further information from Pauline Croucher 521071 or Hilary Hart 520850

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. Contact 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/>

COOKS FOR YOUTH FOR CHRIST TEAM

We're 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!

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE with the John Mason Monday Club, 7 – 8.45pm, for handicapped people? More information from Margaret McLaughlin 525229.

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!