

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 do be particularly praying for:

Keziah Garrod's family and friends as we remember her death a year ago (10th Feb)

The family and school community at St Barnabas' Primary (where Tania and Emma Partington work), as a pupil died from complications of leukaemia this week

The family and friends of Michael Green.

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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10 February 2019

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tue 12th Feb: Footprints, 10.30 am, The Barns
Tue 12th Feb: Curry night, 7.30 pm, Abingdon Spice
Tue 12th Feb: Hungry, Praise and Prayer, 8 pm, The Barns
Wed 13th Feb: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR
Wed 13th Feb: Friendly Cuppa, 2.30 pm, LFCC
Thu 14th Feb: Snowdrop Walk for men, 10 am, NR Car Park
Thu 14th Feb: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 14th Feb: Thursday Fellowship, 10.30 am, Hall, NR

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Have you wondered about getting baptised or confirmed? Might this be the right time for you? There will be a baptism and confirmation service at our 6.30pm service on Sunday 24 March. If you're interested in finding out about this please talk to Nessa nessa@cca.uk.net or Bea (if you're in the youth) bea@cca.uk.net. Please contact us by 10 February, if possible, to help us in planning preparation sessions, but you're still welcome to sign up after this date, as needed.

MICHAEL GREEN

Michael died very peacefully on Wednesday afternoon. He'd been through three major operations. Michael was at peace, and resonating with Philippians 1:23 "I desire to depart and be with Christ." He leaves a huge hole behind in our hearts, but the vibrant example of a life devoted to Jesus. Please join me in holding Rosemary and her family in love and prayer.
Keith

PRAYER & WORSHIP FOR DESIRE SCHOOLS WEEK

Everyone is invited to join us in the Barn for prayer and praise to begin the Desire schools week with Youth For Christ. We'll meet from 8-9pm TODAY.

HUNGRY?

All welcome at the Hungry Praise and Prayer, this Tuesday 12 February, 8pm, Barn 2

ASSISTANT ADMIN / COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT

We're pleased to announce that following interviews, Daniel Savage will be filling this role, taking over from Jackie, starting this week. Daniel will be working Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

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 TODAY: 2-3pm for actors, 3-5pm for singers. See www.abingdonpassionplay.co.uk for more details.

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.

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**.

THE ABINGDON BIG SPRING CLEAN

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

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 Thursday 4 to Monday 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.

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

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.

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

NEW LIFE!

We've had several babies born to church families over the last couple of weeks. Many congratulations to:

Abi & Jon Waldock on the birth of Charlie Oliver James on 26 January, 7lb 15oz.

Hannah & Andrew Kitchener on the birth of Naomi Grace on 31 January, 7lb 4oz

Jo & Sam Gladstone on the birth of Cara Evelyn Amelia on 1 February, weighing 6lb 6oz

Rachel & Clint McVea on the birth of Joshua William on 5 February, weighing 9.5 lb.

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

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/>

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE with the John Mason Monday Club, 7 – 8.45pm, for handicapped people? More information from Margaret McLaughlin 535229.

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

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.

A CHURCH FAMILY PARTY IDEA – SHROVE TUESDAY!

We're always on the lookout 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). Tania Beale is willing to organise this, if sufficient people are able to help, please get in touch with her directly on 525674 or 07711 251857 if interested.