



17 February 2019

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tues 19th Feb: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 66 Alexander Close
Tues 19th Feb: Men who lunch, 12.30 pm, Spread Eagle, NR
Thu 21st Feb: Bible Journalling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

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.

VISION

Today is the deadline for feedback on the working draft of the Vision Document – please email any comments to vision@cca.uk.net, or put a note into the office pigeonhole.

PANCAKE PARTY CANCELLED

We've had to cancel the pancake party that had been pencilled in for 5 March, as there were no volunteers to help Tania. Thank you to Tania for being so willing to organise it! Maybe next year?... Keith

WEBSITE - DEVELOPER

Preparations to renew the CCA website are in hand! We have the option of "buying in" an external developer to turn it into reality. But before we do... do you have the skills and time to do this instead? If so, please speak to Keith, one of the wardens, Simon Farres, or Mike Haywood **today or tomorrow**, ahead of the Standing Committee meeting on Monday evening. Thanks

MICHAEL GREEN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Michael's **funeral** will be at St Aldates Oxford, where Michael was the Rector, at 10am on **Saturday 2 March**.

The evening service today, 6:30pm, will include a time for Christ Church members to reflect Michael's impact on our lives, give thanks for his ministry, and the family will be delivering the sermon he had already prepared for the service. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

Please continue to uphold Rosemary, Tim, Sarah, Jenny, Jonathan and their families in prayer.

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.

TABITHA JORDEN is in East Asia for three weeks so that she can pack up her things and say goodbye to friends there. Please pray for her during what will inevitably be a difficult time, give thanks that she is well enough to take this trip and also pray that God will make the next steps very clear to her in the weeks ahead.

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.

THE ABINGDON BIG SPRING CLEAN

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

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/>

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 - janiceweninger@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).

ANSWER TO PRAYER - Thank you so much for your prayers for my accommodation. God has provided me with a housemate and a lovely house on Long Furlong. We'll be moving on 29/30 March. Thanks
Heather

TRINITYLEARNING

Many thanks to all who put their tokens in our box at Tesco's during November and December. We're delighted to report that we have received a grant of £4000 to help us refurbish Kingfisher School's sensory garden. Work will start during the Easter holidays - watch out for details of working parties. In the meantime, please help our grant go further by putting aside any suitable plants left over from thinning or cuttings.

ANNE MOON thanks Maggie for organising, and all who helped and contributed cakes to the belated birthday tea party. It illustrated a loving, caring and joyful people of God – to Him be the glory.

ABINGDON MOTHERS' UNION: "Democratic Republic of Congo" talk by Rosemary Peirce, Tuesday 5 March, 10.30am in St Helen's Parish Centre. All welcome.

CHILDCARERS NEEDED (occasional or regular) to join Lifegroup

Our ladies' Lifegroup meets at 9:30 -11am on Fridays in term time at homes in North Abingdon. We are a variety of ages, nationalities & church backgrounds. We are keen to find more people of any age to join our childcare rota to enable Mums with preschoolers to be involved with a Lifegroup. Even once a term would be a great help. DBS checking will be necessary & is provided through the church. For more info please contact Hannah Hornsby at: hornsby@gmail.com or on: 07814 481509.

WALKING ON WATER — St Mary's Church, Greenham, Newbury RG19 8RZ Saturday 9 March, 9am—1pm

Paul and Becky Harcourt share from their own personal experiences about barriers we can encounter in our heads and our hearts. To book a free place please contact David McLeod on 01635 33828 or email stmarysgreenham@gmail.com

BIG EASTER EVENT AND ABINGDON PASSION PLAY - 6 April 12.30pm in the Abbey Gardens The Big Easter Event is a free community fete - a great opportunity for the churches in Abingdon to come together to witness to our community. At its heart, the Abingdon Passion Play (2pm) tells the last few days of Jesus' life in an accessible contemporary style blending professional and community actors with a large choir.

Get involved as much as you want in the Abingdon Churches' biggest community event...
- Help with Christ Church's space-themed prayer tent
- Join in as a singer or actor - any level of experience welcome.
- Pray that people would come and take part and see the performance.
- Run a stall at the Big Easter Event - craft/game/any fete type activity would be great!
- Volunteer as a steward to help everyone be safe and welcome.
- Publicise: distribute leaflets to your local roads; host an estate agents advertising board; put up posters; invite your friends and colleagues.

To help with any of these or for queries, contact Katharine de Villiers: katharine@devilliersfamily.net or 07768022684.

THANK YOU FROM DESIRE Schools week was a wonderful success. On behalf of the Desire team we would like to say thank you to everyone who has prayed, donated money, hosted team members, cooked, baked and encouraged us this week. All glory to

God for making the week possible in Fitzharrys School, and thanks to the staff members for welcoming us *Bea and Nikki*

YOUTH WORK PRAYER MEETING

For anyone who would love to pray for the work amongst the youth of Christ Church (NCR & LF) and across Abingdon, you are invited to a new termly prayer meeting. The first meeting is on Monday 25 February, 8 - 9pm in The Quiet Room, opposite the church kitchen. For more information please email lydia.owen@ntlworld.com

NEW LIFE!

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

Abi & Jon Waldoock 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.
Sarah & Jonny Grange on the birth of twins, Jemimah Joy (6lb 1oz) and Otilie Rose (5lb 11oz) on 4 February.

PERSONAL

Single 3ft divan bed in good condition. Free to a good home, transport can be arranged. *David Wadham 01235 529548*

Double room available to rent: flat share in north Abingdon with Christian professional female, member of Christ Church. Contact Daniella Cromwell deedeeco@hotmail.com for more information.

For Sale: Yamaha Clavinova Digital Piano CLP 330 in mahogany. Pristine condition and in full working order. Comes with matching stool, headphones and custom-made black leatherette cover, £795 ono. For full details, please contact Sue Robbins (Tel: 529039, susankrobbins@gmail.com)

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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