

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*

FOODBANK: we are currently short of squash, soup, sugar spaghetti and nuts. Thank you for your donations.

VAN GOGH AND BRITAIN EXHIBITION, LONDON

John Earwicker is organising for a Tate Guided Group Tour of this exhibition including travel and lunch, probably on 9 May. Numbers are limited, so if you are interested please let John know as soon as possible on 07766 255221 or at abingdonjohn66@gmail.com.

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 deedeeoo@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)

Cleaner needed 2 hours a week in north Abingdon for NCR church member, for more information please ring the church office.

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 last 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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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Mon 25th Feb: Leaders' Meeting, 8 pm, at the Robinsons' house

Wed 27th Feb: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR

Thu 28th Feb: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC

Thu 28th Feb: Bible Journaling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

ARE YOU A HEARING AID USER? We would love to understand how we can best help you hear well during our services. So we would be very grateful for any information you can give us about what works well for you, what doesn't, and any examples of other environments where you think they have got it right. Please drop a note to, or have a chat with, Geoff Palmer, Andrew Turner, or Kath & Phil – thank you very much.

VICARAGE

We're thankful to the Lord that we've now got the keys to the new vicarage, 33 North Avenue. We're hoping to move in around 19 March. *Keith & Lynne*

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 Barns Prayer Room. For more information please email lydia.owen@ntlworld.com

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.

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

NEW HOUSING ESTATE PRAYER GATHERING – Monday 4 March, 8-9pm in lounge at Northcourt Road. All welcome, contact Phil & Kath for more details kath@cca.uk.net

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/>

REQUEST FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS ANDY AND ANDREA WARNER: The Festival Internacional de Benicassim (FIB) takes place each summer close to Castellon. The majority of the 50,000 attendees are British and Andy and Andrea are putting together a team of Christian young people to mingle among them during the day as they relax on the beach. The team hand out water, chat to people and introduce them to the idea that God exists and that He loves them. Are you over 18, a Christian, enthusiastic about chatting to people about God, and available from 14/22 July? Then Andy and Andrea need you! To find out more, please contact Andy and Andrea: andy.warner@ecmi.org or Sue Robbins susankrobbins@gmail.com (Tel: 01235 529039)

JENNY MACLENNAN and ROSEMARY GREEN are very grateful for all the love they have been shown by CCA in recent days. Hugs, letters, meals, flowers, e-mails, ironing and other offers of help - let alone the service on Sunday evening which was a lovely and loving tribute to Michael. Thank you all enormously.

Michael's funeral at St. Aldate's on 2 March is now to be relayed to a video overflow in St. Ebbe's. This gives us plenty of space. 10.00 Service 11.15 Light refreshments 12.15-2.00 pm Open mic to share memories. Thanksgiving Service in Coventry Cathedral on September 7th.

We expect a lot of people at the funeral. Is it cheeky to ask if anyone would be willing to make a cake, buns or biscuits to contribute to the refreshments? Pina Ross (pinaoxon@hotmail.com; 5502666) is coordinating this.

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.

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 terryleneill2@hotmail.com

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 sent to 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).

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

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.

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: hrhornsby@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.