

WYCLIFFE HALL is seeking 1) an Executive Assistant to the Principal and 2) an Administrator of the Wesley Centre for Missional Engagement/Executive Assistant to the Dean. See the website for details: <https://www.wycliffehall.org.uk/job-vacancies>

NEW WINE SETUP TEAM

We are looking for a couple of people who would be able to help drive the van and setup the youth marquee at New Wine on Friday 26 July and/or pack down on Friday or Saturday 2/3 August. You do not need to be attending New Wine, or have a DBS to help with this. Please contact Bea if you could help. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PRAY for Alpha in Bullingdon. There are many men there meeting Jesus like Tony shared on Sunday evening. If you would like to receive a weekly prayer news email from me or visit Alpha, please email me: john.owen99@ntlworld.com

BARN DANCE Friday 5 April, Trinity Church Hall, 7.30-10pm. Tickets: £10 pp or £20 per family, including light buffet and soft drinks. Wine and beer available or bring your own. Church Twinning event with European visitors. Contact Eileen Bontempelli (526331) or Sandra Pike (534102)

CHEESE & DRINKS TASTING Saturday 6 April, St Helen's Church Centre, 7.30-9.30pm, produce from Church Twinners of Argentan and Sint Niklaas. Entry by free ticket only but monetary donations welcome. Contact Eileen Bontempelli (526331) or Sandra Pike (534102)

GEMMA FURLONG (daughter of Simon and Mission partner Sheila Furlong) is doing a hairdressing apprenticeship at Mahogany Salon in Oxford. Every Monday at 9am in Oxford she needs a model to practice on. Don't worry no scissors involved until she is more experienced. Just washing, conditioning, drying, styling etc). If you are interested in some hair pampering whilst helping Gemma to achieve her qualification she would be delighted to hear from you. Please email gemmaannee@gmail.com or call Simon and Sheila on 01235 533042. Thank you.

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 annejtaylor61@gmail.com or 528505.

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10 March 2019

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tue 12th March: Footprints, for those who are bereaved, 10.30 am, The Barns
Wed 13th March: Link for carers and toddlers, 10 am, Hall, NR
Wed 13th March: Friendly Cuppa for LF residents, 2.30 pm, LFCC
Thu 14th March: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 14th March: Prayer Evening, 7.30 pm, LF School
Fri 15th March: Resonate for 20s-30s, 8 pm, Barns Cafe.

LF PRAYER EVENING - Thurs 14 March - Long Furlong School. Prayer 'stations' from 7.30pm, praying for our world and community. Then exploring Contemplative Prayer together from 8.15-9.15pm.

LENT 2019 - GROWING IN GOD - pick up the sheet to find out ideas & resources for lent, activity packs also available today.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

This new way of giving to Christ Church will bring us HUGE advantages, and the PCC (who have already trialled the system) are recommending that we all, as a church, migrate our giving to this new scheme. If you missed the launch last week, you can pick up a "Finance and Giving 2019" pack from the entrance hall which explains everything. Please contact Chris Hodgson, Tim Shipman or Martin Steel for more details.

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER - Christ Church Long Furlong 25 Year Celebration - more details to follow.

LF QUIET DAY - SATURDAY 23 MARCH 10am-4pm at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Time to pray, listen, rest & relax - have space with God. Reflections will be led by Sister Mary Stephen on the theme of: *That's how the light gets in*. Come for morning, afternoon or whole day, £10 per person, lifts can be arranged - all welcome. More details on leaflet available today, or contact Kath & Phil - kath@cca.uk.net

ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years we have to prepare a brand new church Electoral Roll, and this year is one of those years! Being on the Electoral Roll enables you to vote in the Annual Church Meeting in April when we elect church wardens and PCC members; it also signifies you are a member of Christ Church. There are enrolment forms in the Church foyer and in the Church offices. Please place completed forms in the box in the Church foyer not later than 31 March 2019. For more info, please speak to Clint in the office.

TERM CARDS

The new term cards for March to early June are available today. Take one home, and take another for a friend or neighbour.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Three of our youth (Ben, Alice and Hollie) and several of our adults are getting baptised and/or confirmed on 24 March and we're looking for people to help host the celebration after the 6.30pm service. Please contact Bea if you would like to help. Thank you! bea@cca.uk.net. Please also be praying for each of these as they prepare to take this exciting step.

CAP MONEY COURSE - Tuesdays 19, 26 March & 2 April 10-11.30am in Corner Suite, Northcourt Road. The LINK team are running this course and there is a limited number of places still available. It is a free course that will teach you budgeting skills & help you get to grips with your finances so you can budget, save and prevent debt. For more information or to book a place please contact Kath Cooke - kath@cca.uk.net

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 (01235 529039)

PRIME TIME WALKS 2019: Meet at Church by 10am. Shared transport. Pub lunch after walk. Please wear good footwear and bring waterproofs and water. Tuesday 26 March, Monday 29 April, Wednesday 22 May, Tuesday 18 June, Friday 19 July, Thursday 8 August, Friday 16 August, Monday 23 September, Tuesday 15 October, Wednesday 6 November. Please put the dates in your diaries. Any queries Maggie 527673.

CIA LENT LECTURES 2019

Will Donaldson will be doing a series of talks on the beatitudes and countercultural lifestyle, from his book 'Living differently to make a difference' on the following five Mondays over Lent 2019 at Trinity Church, 7.45 for 8pm:

Mon 11 Mar: Healing grace and holy integrity

Mon 18 Mar: Reconciliatory love and undaunted courage

Mon 25 Mar: Salt of the earth and light of the world

For further info, contact Debra Mcknight, CiA Administrator, 07896 860381.

THE LONG FURLONG LEADERSHIP TEAM FEEDBACK:

The team met this week. Items included looking at how best to help people with ChurchSuite; new ways of supporting mission partners throughout the year; communicating Lent options and the Lent prayer evening. We also started planning for our 25th anniversary celebration on 15 September - save the date!

FOOTPRINTS meets as usual on **Tuesday 12 March** from 10.30 to 12.00 in the Barn. This month the meeting will give people the opportunity, if they wish, to discuss in a small group some of the things they are finding particularly difficult. We welcome anyone who has been bereaved or is living with other losses. Further information from Pauline Croucher 521071 or Hilary Hart 520850.

VICARAGE - We're thankful to the Lord that we've now got the keys to the new vicarage, 33 North Avenue. We're moving in on 18 and 19 March. *Keith & Lynne*

PIONEERING IN AREAS OF NEW HOUSING

1 May in High Wycombe: This course will equip clergy and church teams who may be feeling slightly daunted at the prospect of new estates to respond to the challenge. More information <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/event/pioneering-in-areas-of-new-housing/> speak to Phil or Kath if you are interested.

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

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.

CHURCHSUITE HELP DESK

We are looking for volunteers to man a ChurchSuite help desk at all services between 5th May and 2 June. Please get in touch with our Operations Manager Clint McVea if you can help. No prior ChurchSuite experience needed.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be printing a new church directory in early June. Please see the draft directory in the Foyer and Long Furlong to see what details and permissions we have for you. If you need assistance with updating your details and permissions, please contact our Operations Manager Clint McVea.

EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS

Christ Church has been approached along with a number of other churches to explore whether we can offer emergency shelter in one of our halls for rough sleepers in the coldest nights in winter. We've been invited to a meeting to find out more about this, 1pm, 8 April, at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB. Sue & Grahame Gibbins are representing the church there; if you wish to join them, please can you let Christine know, christine@cca.uk.net.