

21 July 2019

**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

Mon 22nd July: Leaders' Meeting, 7pm, venue tbc  
Tue 23rd July: Coffee Break, 10.15am, 47 Alexander Close  
Fri 26th July: Resonate, 8pm, Barns Cafe

**HOUSING FOR PLACEMENT STUDENT** We look forward to welcoming Tabea, a 21-year old German Theology and Teaching Student, to volunteer with our Kids and Youth Teams from 27 October 2019 - 17 February 2020. Tabea would love the opportunity to stay with English families to experience our culture, and further develop her excellent English skills. We're looking for 4-5 host families who'd be willing to accommodate her for free for 2-3 weeks and provide meals. If you'd be interested in helping, or would like more information, please contact [bea@cca.uk.net](mailto:bea@cca.uk.net)

**PRIME TIME Fun Croquet and tea** on 24 July 2pm. Please apply to Spencer White, 521369, £2

**WORSHIP NIGHT: SAVE THE DATE.** We have another date to praise and worship God in the centre of our town: Monday 2 September at 8pm, upstairs at the Topsy Mercer, High Street, Abingdon. All welcome: hymns and songs old and new. 'When the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy'.

**GLUTEN FREE BISCUITS** If you need gluten free biscuits at coffee time, please ask at the hatch - there are some in a separate tin for you.

**LOST PROPERTY**

A metal Starbucks coffee mug was left at church several weeks ago. If it is yours, please collect it from the chair in the foyer. An umbrella, blue handle, body of multicoloured triangles and diamonds, is also there waiting to be claimed. Left quite a long time ago - but possibly not missed because it hasn't rained much since then! In general, if you leave something at church, contact Jane or Graham Robinson. (01235 202514)

**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:**

Judy Wood, Caroline Craig, Louis Furlong, David Robertson, Rachel Robertson, Logan Mazie (Jane J's great nephew), Nessa Watts, Cynthia Holland, the family & friends of Ed Evans.

If you have any items for the newsletter or for prayers, please contact Anne Taylor [annejbtaylor61@gmail.com](mailto:annejbtaylor61@gmail.com) or 528505.

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**SUMMER SUNDAYS AT LONG FURLONG - ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS**

There are an exciting range of all-age services during the summer, please pick-up a leaflet or look on the church website to find out more. We're hoping the summer will be a time of refreshment & some of the teams are taking a well-earned rest. So there will be no formal prayer ministry after the August services, please do take the opportunity to pray for one other, or ask Phil & Kath if you'd like prayer after the services. We'll also be enjoying cold drinks rather than tea/coffee after most of the summer services.

**LOW STOCK! DONATIONS NEEDED!** The Foodbank is currently in need of a bit of everything, our stocks are really low and we're gearing up for the busy summer holidays. Please place donations in the collection box in the foyer, or in the basket at Waitrose. Thanks for your support.

**Sunday September 15th - Long Furlong Festival celebrating 25 years of Christ Church on Long Furlong.** The day begins at 11am with a celebration service & Geoff Maughan speaking, followed by a picnic lunch. Then an afternoon of live music, ice-cream van, prayer space tent, bouncy castles, board games and a (free) cream tea at 3pm. The plan is to do all these things outside, in the large fenced area behind the community centre - effectively putting on a birthday party and inviting everyone in the local community to join in the fun. Please do be praying, inviting friends & neighbours. Look out for the sign-up board in church today, with lots for everyone to do, or speak to one of the planning team - David Lever, James & Cherry Tweed, Pat Greenaway, Jane Robinson, Hannah Hornsby, Sarah Fry, Phil & Kath Cooke - if there are skills you would like to offer.

**LF BIBLE READING ROTA CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED** - Kerstin Jeapes has done a brilliant job co-ordinating this rota but she is now stopping in this role. So from September we need someone who is willing to contact Bible readers & put together the rota - this can all be done by email. If you are interested, or want to know more chat to Kerstin, or Phil/Kath

**ALPHA LAUNCH – SAVE THE DATE!** The Church in Abingdon are putting on an exciting event together to launch our autumn Alpha courses. It will be at Spice Valley Restaurant on the evening of Wed 11 Sept, featuring a performance from the brilliant John Hayns – magician, entertainer and deputy chairman of the magic circle. There will be delicious food, great entertainment, and a chance to hear a taste of the gospel and of the opportunity to explore Christian faith that Alpha provides. Please get praying about who you might invite!

**SAD NEWS FROM THIS WEEK** - Ed Evans the pastor of Abingdon Community Church suffered a heart attack and went to be with the Lord in the early hours of Friday morning. Please pray for his wife Kate, their three young children and all his family, friends and church community as they mourn, and that they will know God's comfort.

**ALPHA IS COMING!** Alpha in the Barns Café begins on Wed 25 September 7.30-9.30pm and runs weekly until Wed 4 December, with a break for half-term on 30 October. Each evening includes drinks and a simple meal, a short talk or video exploring some aspect of Christian faith designed to inspire conversation, and then a chance to chat around our tables about what we've heard, share our thoughts and ask questions. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. Come and try it! For further details or to register see the Alpha course event on the NCR church website or Church Suite or chat to Nessa, email [alpha@cca.uk.net](mailto:alpha@cca.uk.net) or call the church office.

**EQUIP:** Please pick up a flyer about the groups for the Autumn.

**HOME FOR GOOD TODAY FROM 12 NOON** Please bring a picnic and join us at Victoria park (between the Abbey Meadows and Waitrose). We'd love to see you there. Tania and Jill

**WEDNESDAY CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS** 8-8.45am, Prayer Room. All are welcome.

#### **HOLIDAY CLUB TEAM 27 – 30 AUGUST**

We need 7 adults to work with children plus refreshment team, security, registration team and BBQ team (Thursday 29). Speak to Heather or register on ChurchSuite.

**HOLIDAY CLUB CRAFTS** We need lots of kitchen roll tubes and wrapping paper tubes (not toilet roll tubes please as we aren't allowed to use them) for the Holiday Club crafts. Please can you place donations in the box in the church foyer. We are also having a craft evening 7-10pm on Wednesday 14 August to do lots of Holiday Club prep, including cutting gluing and sorting. Everyone is welcome, even if you aren't involved in Holiday Club. Please let Heather know if you can help.

#### **RESONATE CONFERENCE - Saturday 5 October 2019 9.30am-4.30pm**

We are excited to host 'More than Millennials', a day conference for people in their 18-30s(ish!) exploring purpose, lifestyle and identity in Christ. The day will feature bible teaching, seminars, worship, prayer, and opportunity for building relationships. We won't be ID-ing on the door, but the content and vibe will be pitched for this demographic. Tickets for the day are FREE including lunch. There will be a limited number of crèche places for children under 5 which will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Book on via ChurchSuite, or contact [resonate@cca.uk.net](mailto:resonate@cca.uk.net) for more details!

#### **INTERNS**

The children's intern position is still available. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to visit [www.cca.uk.net/interns](http://www.cca.uk.net/interns)

#### **PRIME TIME HOLIDAY 2020**

For the past 11 years, various wonderful Christ Church members have organised and led a Prime Time holiday for the older members of our church family. We are currently looking for people to help to lead the 2020 holiday, both people to be part of an organising committee and, ideally, a couple to be the designated leaders. If this strikes a chord with you; if you feel that this might be something that God has placed on your heart, please get in touch with Ros or Keith to talk further. We need to make a decision on the 2020 holiday by early September.

#### **DO YOU HAVE COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE**

in catering, hospitality or retail? Would you like to see The Barns Café flourish even more than it already is? Then please consider becoming a director of The Barns Café. We have one vacancy and really need this sort of expertise on the board. If interested, have a word with any of the current directors: Philip Bingham, Keith Dunnett, Sue Gibbins, Dave Greenaway and Dal Warburton.

**THE BARN'S CAFÉ needs you!** We are looking for volunteers to join our team in its ministry to the local community by volunteering at the café. If you want to know more, pop in any Tuesday - Friday mornings 11-12am or afternoons 3-4:30pm and we'll get you a drink. Ask for Alex or Phil. Look forward to seeing you.

#### **INVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION**

In September, we're launching Growing Leaders for Youth and we're looking for mentors to meet once a month with a pair of young people. Training will be provided. We're also looking for people to help fortnightly with Space on Friday nights from 6-9.30pm. You'd be working with 14-18 year olds - joining in with games, leading small group discussion and assisting young people to engage with teaching and worship. If you're interested in either opportunity, or would like to know about other roles available at Northcourt Road or Long Furlong please speak to Bea [bea@cca.uk.net](mailto:bea@cca.uk.net) / 07741 553198

#### **WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN POLITICIANS ARE PARALYSED? THU 25 JULY, 6.30PM**

A warm invitation to a talk by Dr Salim Munayer, Founder and Director of the reconciliation organisation Musalaha: Come and hear stories of people who persevere and make a real change in Israel-Palestine'. Salim Munayer is a Palestinian Israeli Christian; he promotes and facilitates reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds. Whether you are familiar with the Israel-Palestine conflict or not, come along for an inspiring evening at Peachcroft Christian Centre. For more information, please email [lena.rose116@gmail.com](mailto:lena.rose116@gmail.com)

**ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOPS** Resulting from the recent BRF Festival of Prayer, Liz West (Geoff Maughan's sister) has offered to lead a series of workshops on the Enneagram - an ancient tool for transformation, that goes back to the fourth century desert mothers and fathers who discerned what blocked our relationship with ourselves, with others and with God. It can highlight our vulnerabilities and the coping mechanisms we've developed that become blockages to our transformation into our "true" selves in God. We plan to organize the initial "Discover your Type" day on a Saturday in Jan/Feb 2020; 10-4:30pm - cost £20/head if we have more than 12 attendees or £30, if smaller. If you are interested, or would like more information, please let me know on [andrew.d.turner@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.d.turner@btinternet.com) - certainly by August 16<sup>th</sup> so that we can arrange the date/location with Liz. Andrew Turner

**PRIME TIME LONG WALK** on 8<sup>th</sup> August will be 8.5 miles with 6 stiles, some road walking and no steep hills in the Geat Milton area. Please bring a packed lunch and drink and wear boots or sturdy shoes. We shall leave from the NCR church car park at 9:30am. For further details contact David & Elizabeth Wadham

**THE BIG WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We are providing coffee and lunch on Saturday August 10th and lunch on Sunday August 11th for 100+ guests at The Big Weekend. I need teams of volunteers for each of these three sessions of hospitality. If you are able to help with preparation, serving and clearing at any or all of the sessions, please contact me as soon as possible-any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks, Janice Gordon Tel: 01235 553971 or Email: [chriswgordon6@aol.com](mailto:chriswgordon6@aol.com)