

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)

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF MICHAEL GREEN: this will take place at 11.00am on Saturday 7 September in Coventry Cathedral, where Michael was a Canon. Those taking part include the evangelist J John; Amy Orr-Ewing; the Bishop of Coventry; and the Bishop of Kensington. All are welcome, and a book, *Michael Green by his Friends (published by IVP)*, will be launched at the service. If you are interested in going and are happy for your details to be shared with others to investigate shared transport (for example sharing car transport / offering to drive), please let Christine know via the church office. Information about the (limited) parking near the Cathedral, and Park and Ride options can be found at <http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/finding-us/>

NEWS OF ASHLEIGH GIBB - MISSION PARTNER

Ashleigh is back in the UK for a few weeks and has completed her time with BMS. She is returning to Thailand in September to work with Salt and Light Coalition, an American mission organisation. She will be based in Chiang Mai, establishing a gym and fitness programmes to work with victims of trafficking, helping them with the healing process and giving them skills to be able to support themselves. Ashleigh will be speaking at Northcourt Road and sharing more about her new ministry on 1 September at 6.30pm service.

SAVE THE DATE! INTERNATIONAL BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 29

Are you or your partner/family internationals? We want to celebrate the ethnic and cultural diversity and richness in our whole Christ Church family by holding a bring-and-share lunch for Internationals on Sunday 29 September at Christ Church, Northcourt Road. Details to follow in September, but **SAVE THE DATE!**

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 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.

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER - 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.

THE BIG WEEKEND OFFERS

Following your feedback, we are offering three new tickets, each costing £10 and available online in ChurchSuite or by speaking with John (07766 255221). They are:
1: A **Ceilidh** with members of Lochaber Lassies: Friday 9 August at 19.30; Northcourt Road
2: The **Mystery Cotswolds Coach Tour**: Saturday 10 August at 13.30; very few seats available
3: The **Sunday afternoon programme** including drinks & lunch; Sunday 11 August at 12.30 to 16.00

THE COOKES ARE MOVING on 6/7 August to 102 Gibson Close, OX14 1XT

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

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

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!

ALPHA IS COMING!

Alpha in the Barns Café begins on Wednesday 25 September 7.30-9.30pm and runs weekly until Wednesday 4 December, with a break for half-term on 30 October. The invitation postcards are in the foyer. 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 or call the church office.

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 for more details!

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 / 07741 553198

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 - certainly by August 16th so that we can arrange the date/location with Liz. Andrew Turner

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

PRIME TIME LONG WALK on 8 August will be 8.5 miles with 6 stiles, some road walking and no steep hills in the Great 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 529548

SHORT WALK on 16 August. Meet at NCR car park at 10 am. We will go in cars to the Abbey car park. Walk round the river and have coffee at Annie's. Do come, I was asked if I would do a slow short walk for those who can't do 4 mile ones. Any queries ring Maggie 527673. No Coffee, Cake & Chat or Tea Time Treats in August.

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

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'.

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

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 11 November until 23 December and then again in January 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