

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. 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!**

MONTHLY SERVICES AT ABINGDON COURT CARE HOME

The team has said a sad farewell to John & Gill Shore who have been so involved with the services at Abingdon Court for about 11 years. Also, goodbye to Dorothy Warner, our excellent pianist. A huge thank you to them for their dedicated service. We are in urgent need of more support to help us with the singing and also a pianist to take Dorothy's place. It is not arduous, but is an important ministry to residents of this care home. We meet on the first Wednesday morning of each month and you are very welcome to visit and see what we do. The next service is on 4 September. Please contact Barbara Gyde or Maggie Baker-Rawle for more details.

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.

If you have any items for the newsletter or for prayers, please contact Anne Taylor annejbtaylor61@gmail.com or 528505.

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WELCOME

If you are new to the church, a very warm welcome to you. If you would like further information, please pick up a term card, or fill in the welcome card and hand it to one of the service leaders or welcome team. Thank you.

ALPHA LAUNCH Wednesday 11 September

Please invite your friends to the Alpha Launch at the Spice Valley Restaurant (21-27 Ock Street, OX14 5AJ) at 7:30pm on Wed 11 September. Delicious food, great entertainment from the brilliant John Hayns – magician, entertainer and deputy chair of the Magic Circle, and a chance to hear about the Alpha courses running around Abingdon this Autumn. This event is aimed at seekers, but you are welcome to come with your guest. Pick up an Alpha Launch Postcard, use it to invite people; details of how to book are on the postcard.

LET'S ALL SIT DOWN!

Volunteers needed to help put out and put away chairs etc. for the church service at Long Furlong. If you think you might be able to do it once a month or just once in a blue moon, please contact Viv Illingworth, Kath, Phil or Graham Robinson. Thank you so much!

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.

CHURCHSUITE Did you know? You can now view LF and NCR news sheets in your ChurchSuite account. Click on 'Menu' and you will see them under the Church Directory tab. News sheets are uploaded on Friday afternoons.

NEW WINE 2020 !!

As a church we're going to New Wine United Week 1, 25 July - 31 July 2020. There's a flash sale on until 25 Sept when you can get good savings on tickets (adults are £148). Adult tickets after then are £164. The New Wine youth stream is being branded Luminosity, and runs parallel to New Wine; as a church we've opted for our youth to camp on the CCA village (with our youth team or with their parents), and *not* separately on the Luminosity village. Full details at new-wine.org. Contact Paul and Karen Brombley for more info.

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

EQUIP – advance warning to look out for the EQUIP booklet detailing options for the autumn term to be launched NEXT SUNDAY 18 August.

HUNGRY FOR GOD

Prophetic worship and intercession, Tuesday 13 August, 8pm in the Barn.

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 1 adult to help with refreshments, 2 adults to help with security, and lots of adult help with the BBQ on Thursday night (29th). 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

PRIME TIME *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.

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

CHRIST CHURCH FANTASY FOOTBALL

The new football season begins in early August and the Christ Church league is up-and-running. Last year Northcourt wrested the honours in stunning style from regular holders Long Furlong. All those yet to re-enter should be automatically prompted and those wanting to join for the first time (all welcome, including friends) will need the code **fillq0**. Any questions? Contact Derek Walker 528134 (email on Church Suite). Available to borrow: "Wasting your Wildcard" book about FPL, including a chapter on a Christian previous winner.

LEADERSHIP TEAM FEEDBACK:

Our July meeting was purely about prioritising Long Furlong actions from the CC vision statement (3 from 'breathing in' and 3 from 'breathing out'). Sadly, Julie Kemp-Harper stood down from the team after 5 years of vital input and generous hosting. Many thanks to Julie for a terrific contribution, which we have truly valued. When we resume in September, we will flesh out those priorities and also look at the make-up of the team (a replacement for Stu Wilson is still outstanding).

MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU TO ANY ASPECT OF SERVICE?

Why not come to the Vocations Brunch in Henley on 5 October. A chance to explore with others in an informal setting with coffee/tea and croissants. You will have a chance to meet those engaged in lay and ordained work and ministry around our diocese. We are here to advise and to help you take the next steps. For more information please contact Jane Hemmings jane.hemmings@oxford.anglican.org or Nicholas Cheeseman nicholas.cheeseman@oxford.anglican.org.

If you have any additional needs please contact Katie Tupling katie.tupling@oxford.anglican.org 01865 208254 or 07442762998. The venue has disabled access. Bookings via eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vocations-brunch-tickets-65812861039>