

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>

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.

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), 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 - especially to the family & friends of Noah Savoï.

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.

EQUIP

Please pick up an EQUIP booklet TODAY – have a good read, select what topic/course you would like to follow in the Autumn term – and book-up on ChurchSuite. After you have logged on, click on the "Equip Logo"; then click on the dark blue sign-up bar, complete your contact details (if necessary), choose which option(s) you would like to choose from the list under "Tickets" at the bottom of the page. Check the "I have read the CCA Data Protection Policy" and the click "Proceed". Please note that Equip/Alpha is ONLY for helpers. If you want to go as a guest, please sign up on the Church website. Early booking is advised to get your first choice and also to assist with room allocation for those courses taking place at Northcourt Road. As some topics start on 18th September, please sign up before then. A physical sign-up sheet will be available in the Foyers at NCR and LF – updated each Sunday if computers are too much for you! If you have any problems, e-mail Andrew Turner on andrew.d.turner@btinternet.com.

LONG FURLONG FESTIVAL - COULD YOU CO-ORDINATE AN ACTIVITY?

Plans for celebrating 25 years of our Long Furlong congregation (Sunday 15 September) are progressing quickly. We're organising activities in a number of zones - e.g. Kids Zone (for pre-school kids) and the Big Kids Zone (for the rest of us). We now need people to co-ordinate specific activities, ensuring that any equipment needed is ready for the start and cleared away at the end (equipment will be provided.) It may also involve helping with the activity but doesn't have to. Current priorities are:

- Big Kids Zone - co-ordinating the Coconut Shy, or Hook a Duck, or the Stocks (organising throwing of sponges rather than being in them!). Also, does anyone know how to juggle with two or three balls so they could offer to teach?
- Games Zone - we'd appreciate volunteers to organise: French Cricket, Badminton, Score a Goal, giant Jenga and Connect 4.
- Chill Zone - could you organise the Board Games area?
- Creative Zone - can you face paint?

For any of these, or if you have other skills you could offer, please get in touch with Sarah Fry sarah@cca.uk.net Phil or Kath Cooke kath@cca.uk.net

HOLIDAY CLUB TEAM 27 – 30 AUGUST

We need 1 adult to help with refreshments, 2 adults for Tuesday morning registration, and lots of adult help with the BBQ on Thursday night (29th). Speak to Heather or register on ChurchSuite.

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.

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.

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF MICHAEL GREEN:

11.00am on Saturday 7 September in Coventry Cathedral, where Michael was a Canon. The Cathedral is 10-15 minutes' walk from the railway station. Marion Coates will try to co-ordinate offers and requests for lifts by car on 7 September. **Please contact her by 1 September at the latest** (01235 536555 / 07825 285828) if you haven't already contacted Christine in the church office.

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 the 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.

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

NEXT REPAIR CAFE AT CHRIST CHURCH

This is on Saturday 7 September, 3-5pm. It is about reducing waste, a collaboration between Eco Church and Abingdon Carbon Cutters - bring along broken items and we will see if we can fix them. If you might like to help in some way and are not already on our mailing list, do contact me: richard.riggs@physics.org, 521931.

CHRIST CHURCH FANTASY FOOTBALL

The new football season has begun 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).

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!**