

## FRIENDSHIP TOURS WITH JOHN EARWICKER

1: An Italian Idyll 24 March-3 April 2020: This is a 10 night tour focussing on art and history but with plenty of free time. Staying in four star hotels in Bologna, Perugia and Urbino and including all travel, breakfast, 3 course dinner with wine and water. Brochure and price on request.

2: Paris 28-31 January 2020: This is an opportunity to visit the major Leonardo da Vinci exhibition at the Louvre marking the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. 4 star hotel, 4 day passes to over 50 museums and a metro card. The rest of the time at your own leisure or join John on some visits. Brochure and price on request.

Interest for either or both of these visits should be expressed by August 30 to abingdonjohn66@gmail.com please.

**COME TO A TASTER SESSION OF GOSPEL CHOIR** on 29 August - free .This is held at Trinity Church 8-9.30 pm.  
*Maggie Snowball*

**POPCULTURED UPDATE** - Holidays having impacted the brochure description of the Popcultured course in the autumn's Equip season, this is our content more specifically. Week 1: Doing leisure christianly; 2: Faith in TV & film; 3: Journalism, comedy and truth; 4: fame, fashion and sensation; 5: Advertising and technology; 6: Consuming, critiquing and creating. Days are likely to be Tuesdays or Thursdays, fortnightly from end of September to 1st week December. Venue tba. Updates will be on the website.

## 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 is 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!

**PERSONAL Large double room** to rent in a shared, 2 bed flat, off Northcourt Road, from the beginning of September. Please contact Daniella 07791967626, daniella.cromwell@hotmail.com for more information.

**3-4 bedroom detached house for rent** in North Abingdon, available 1 September for one year. Please contact Sally Mears 01235 534018, 07874 839568; Claudette Beale 07944 276005 or Hazel Glennie 07983 732633 for details.

## 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](mailto:annejbtaylor61@gmail.com) or 528505.

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**25 August 2019**

## 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.*

**EQUIP** - 22 midweek groups equipping you as a disciple of Jesus starting mid-September. If you haven't already, 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 18 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](mailto: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](mailto:sarah@cca.uk.net) Phil or Kath Cooke [kath@cca.uk.net](mailto:kath@cca.uk.net)

## HOLIDAY CLUB TEAM 27 – 30 AUGUST

We need people to cook at the BBQ on Thursday night. Speak to Heather or register on ChurchSuite. Thank you.

**DANIEL REINDERS & JOANNA GREEN** are getting married next Saturday 31 August 1pm at Christ Church Northcourt Road. All are welcome to this service. Please do be praying for them & their families as they prepare for this special day.

**INTERNS** - Today is Hannah Brewer's last Sunday (Children's intern), and Ben Ffrench's last Sunday is next week (Youth intern). We are so thankful to God for their ministry over the last year here on team at CCA.

### **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!

**HANCOCK FAMILY ON THE MOVE** - David, Katrina, Rose and Toby are heading off to Jersey for two years from the start of September. Katrina is taking up the role of Director of Income Generation at Jersey Hospice Care and David is taking a well-earned sabbatical during which he'll be doing the Graduate Certificate in Theology via St John's, Nottingham. Although they're sad to say (a temporary!) goodbye to the Christ Church family and wider Abingdon community, they're excited for this new adventure and would appreciate prayers as they pack up, move, settle into a new life, and join a new school and church (Jersey Baptist). Phone and email will stay the same - do stay in touch!

**KATY ROSS** - Praise God that Katy is free from the chronic fatigue syndrome which has disabled her for the past five and a half years! Thank you to our church family for your prayers and support for us all during this time, and we ask that you continue to remember Katy in your prayers as she convalesces. Thanks be to God for His great goodness!

*James, Lynn, Toby & Katy*

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bea@cca.uk.net) / 07741 553198

### **NEXT REPAIR CAFE AT CHRIST CHURCH**

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](mailto:richard.riggs@physics.org), 521931.

### **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!**

### **WORSHIP NIGHT AT THE TIPSY MERCER (upstairs) - Monday 2 September at 8pm**

All are welcome to come and worship God in this lovely space in the heart of Abingdon - opposite The Narrows. Songsheets provided. Any queries - or requests for us to sing your favourite song or hymn - to Lucy Ffrench - [lucyffrench@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lucyffrench@hotmail.co.uk)

**ABINGDON SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE** starts again on Monday 2 September. We meet at the Northcourt Court Centre, Northcourt Road, OX14 1NS on a Monday evening starting at 7.45pm. We are a friendly club and welcome beginners. Dress is casual but you do need soft flat shoes. Come on your own or bring a friend. For more information see <https://abingdonscdc.wordpress.com> or contact Angela McCleery on 01235 521494