

EQUIP: POPCULTURED UPDATE 2

As the hard-copy brochure details of the Popcultured course are vague (due to holidays), here is clearer info about bringing faith into everyday life. 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 Thursdays, fortnightly from 26th September to 5th December. Venue 46, Brookside. Questions? Derek on 01235 528134.

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP start our Autumn Term this week on Thursday 5 September 10.30am in the Church Hall. Our speaker will be Richard Zair (Vicar of Marcham Church) leading us on Psalm 8 "Majestic Creator". All are welcome to join us. *Doreen Cooper*

ALL WELCOME TO PRIME TIME EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Monday 2 September, Watermill Theatre - Kiss me Kate
Wednesday 11 September, Tea Time Treats in the lounge 2.30 pm
Friday 20 September, Croquet for players, apply to Spencer 521369, 2- 3.30 pm
Monday 23 September, Walk leaving Church at 10am with the Beales
Thursday 26 September, Buscot Park NT, apply to Janice 553971, leave at 1 pm
Friday 27 September, Coffee, Cake and Chat in the hall, 10 am onwards

MEN OF CHRIST CHURCH: INDIAN SUMMER BBQ & BEER GARDEN GATHERING, Friday 6 September 2019, 7:30pm, 128 Oxford Road OX14 2AG

This is an opportunity for men at Christ Church to get together for fellowship, witness and encouragement. Primarily this will be a social event, but we'll also have a short brainstorm session to explore ideas for building stronger fellowship amongst men across both sites, all congregations and all ages. We'd also like to build a team to share the leadership of this, so please do be thinking and praying about whether this is something for you at this time. Hope you can join us! But for catering reasons we'd like to know ASAP. Please RSVP via ChurchSuite (preferred) or by email to andy@jonesthephone.com or by phone to 07899 935663

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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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Mon 2nd Sept: Meeting God in the Silence, 9 am and 7 pm, Hall, CCNR
Mon 2nd Sept: Prayer for new estate, 8 pm, Lounge, CCNR
Tue 3rd Sept: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 9 Bergen Avenue
Tue 3rd Sept: Apprentice for year 5-6, 4.30 pm, The Barns, CCNR
Thu 5th Sept: Thursday Fellowship, 10.30 am, Hall, CCNR
Thu 5th Sept: Bible Journalling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinney
Fri 6th Sept: Resonate for 20s - 30s, Barns Cafe, CCNR

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 [Clint McVea](mailto:ClintMcVea@cca.uk.net) clint@cca.uk.net

LONG FURLONG FESTIVAL - Celebrating 25 years of Christ Church on LF - Sunday 15th Sept from 11am

YES WE HAVE NO GAZEBOS! We need up to a dozen gazebos to provide shelter/shade for some of the activities. If you can bring a gazebo and better still, erect it by 10:30 and take it down and away after 4, that would be great. Please let James Tweed know (0771 4322 867) if you can bring a gazebo.

COULD YOU CO-ORDINATE AN ACTIVITY?

We now need people to co-ordinate specific activities, ensuring that any equipment 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!).
- 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.

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

HELP ON ALPHA

We need lots of help with the Alpha course this autumn:

- ✓ **The Meal Team:** provide a meal for one week for the guests (could your life group do this?) See Pat Rowe
- ✓ **The Practical Team:** setting up, serving food, clearing up. See Pat Rowe
- ✓ **The Hosting Team:** leading or helping in the discussion groups. See Keith Dunnett
- ✓ **AV Person:** running the PA and also the Alpha series films some weeks. See Keith

These are a great opportunity to offer love and hospitality as part of sharing the gospel of Jesus. It's always a joy to see God at work and form new friendships.

Contacts: keith@cca.uk.net patriciarowe57@gmail.com

NEW NORTHCOURT ROAD WEBSITE

We've launched the new website! Please take a look at www.cca.uk.net. It's primarily an "outward facing" website aimed at the community and those newer to the area looking for a church. But you'll also find all the popular features of the old site, such as the sermon downloads, newssheet downloads, a church calendar, direct links to book onto events, and information on small groups. A huge thank you to Mike Hayward who has project managed this massive project, and to all those who have contributed. It's a website that can evolve over time, so if you have any help comments please pass them on to clint@cca.uk.net.

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 - and join them for cake after the 9.30am service today!

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 HOUSING PRAYER GATHERING - THIS Monday 8-9pm in the lounge at Northcourt Road. Then on following Mondays - 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 2nd Dec. All Welcome

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 - Today is Ben Ffrench's last Sunday (Youth intern). We are so thankful to God for his ministry over the last year here on team at CCA.

ALPHA COURSE

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 Keith, email alpha@cca.uk.net or call the church office.

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, 521931.

SAVE THE DATE! INTERNATIONAL BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH 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!**

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

THE OTHER SERVICE

Next Sunday (8th Sept) in the staff room Wellspring will be looking at the History of the world wide church and also at our own personal history. This will be led by Sandra Pike and Penny Smith. If you plan to visit the other service then please go straight into the staff room, not into the hall first. Tea and coffee is served at the beginning of the service from 9.45 onwards.