

FOODBANK we are currently short of fish, fruit, pasta sauce, cereal, toilet rolls, and shampoo. Thank you for your help.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: This month we're briefly featuring each of our Mission Partners on the Mission of the Month leaflet. Please use the information to pray for each of our Mission Partners this month.

PETER AND JANE DUNN: a special service is being held to welcome Peter to his new role as European Director of Biglife at Wakefield Baptist Church (WF1 5JY) on Sunday 28 September at 11.30am to be followed by a light lunch. Peter and Jane would be delighted to see any friends from Christ Church Abingdon who can make it to Wakefield for this service. Peter's role with Biglife will be to encourage and equip disciple-making across Europe and will also be working closely with the Yorkshire Baptist Associate to ground his ministry in a local context.

FOOTPRINTS meets Tuesday 10 September from 10.30 to 12.00 in the Barn, when we will have a speaker from Archway. We welcome anyone who has been bereaved or is living with other losses to a friendly gathering with refreshments and opportunity to meet new people. Do invite and bring friends and neighbours who might find this helpful. Further information from Pauline Croucher 521071 or Hilary Hart 520850.

ALL WELCOME TO PRIME TIME EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

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

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

Tue 10th Sep: Footprints - bereavement support, 10.30, The Barns
Wed 11th Sep: Link for carers and babies/toddlers, 10.00, Hall, NR
Wed 11th Sep: Friendly Cuppa for LF residents, 2.30 pm, LFCC
Wed 11th Sep: Alpha Launch, 6 pm, Spice Valley
Thu 12th Sep: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 12th Sep: Bible Journalling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinney
Fri 13th Sep: Resonate for 18s - 30s, 8 pm, Barns Cafe

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

NEW TERM CARD OUT TODAY, please take one and give to friends & neighbours

SERVICE PASTORS

We want to honour God by ensuring each congregation in CCA is thriving, and that each person is known and cared for. To help develop that we're going to have a member of the staff team overseeing each congregation. We're calling them Service Pastors. We'll explain how this will work in the services today. The Service Pastors are:

8am: Kath and Phil; 9:30am Keith; 11:15am Ros, 6:30pm Nessa.

Kath and Phil will continue to oversee Long Furlong.

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!

CONGREGATION GATHERINGS

To kick start the role of the Service Pastors, each congregation is going to have an opportunity to get together informally. This will be a chance to get to know one another better, to celebrate our life together as a congregation and to pray. There will be refreshments!

8:00 congregation: date to be confirmed

9:30 congregation: Sunday Sept 22, after coffee starting at 11:15am, in the Upper Room

11:15 congregation: Sunday Sept 22, in the afternoon at 3.30pm in the Church Lounge

6:30 congregation: Sunday Sept 15, at 8pm after a shorter evening service in the Church Lounge

STAFF NEWS

Bea Ellaby starts her maternity leave tomorrow. **Emma Bogue** and **Logan Walker** are job sharing the Youth Pastor maternity cover; Emma started last week and Logan starts tomorrow.

We're delighted to say that following interviews, **Suzie Miles** has been appointed as the **Children's Intern**. She started this week working with Heather.

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. We need numbers for catering TODAY.

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 is 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.

ASHLEIGH GIBB

Please pray for Ashleigh as she flies back to Thailand on Thursday 12 September and she begins planting The Salt and Light Coalition in Chiang Mai, particularly pray for wisdom and peace each day as she seeks God's will for the ministry and for her as she says goodbye to family and friends in UK this week.

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

COLLECTION FOR WORLD VISION

The children collected £322.41 for World Vision last academic year. This amount included collection from the LF Christmas Card.

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.

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.

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.

INTERNATIONAL BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH ON 29 SEPTEMBER

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 from Janice Gordon.