



**16 February 2020**

**LF HOSPITALITY MONTH & MORE - DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 46 Coleridge Drive  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb: Men who lunch, 12.30 pm, Spread Eagle  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: Thursday Fellowship, 10.30 am, Hall, CCNR  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Board Games, 7.30 pm, CCNR  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Beer & Banter - evening for men - 8pm at Spread Eagle -  
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**PRIME TIME SUMMER EVENT RETURNS!**

The Prime Time Summer Event will happen this year from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. As before, its main aim will be to reach out to folk who don't normally come to church but who might appreciate a "holiday at home" where they can find fun, friends and food for body, mind and soul. Church friends are encouraged to invite and accompany their neighbours as well as enjoying the event themselves. A team led by John Earwicker is preparing the programme which will be suitable primarily for friends who are retired but wanting to live life to the full! Thank you to John for taking this key ministry on, and 'huge thanks to Maggie & Ian Snowball and all the committee for facilitating the PT Activity week in recent years – we're so glad it's continuing into a new season.

**WEDNESDAY 8AM PRAYER MEETINGS**

All welcome to join us in the Prayer Room in the Barns.

**LF COFFEE AND WELCOME TEAM NEED YOU**

It's crunch time – no biscuits!! Regrettably, without new recruits to the team (despite members doing extra shifts), it may not always be possible to give that special Long Furlong welcome when you arrive, and provide refreshments after the service every Sunday. It is the desire of our friendly and supportive team to ensure that we continue to do this and, with your help, we can. To find out more have a chat with Marian, or any member of the team, or email Marian on mimi.dreier@gmail.com.

**LF QUIET DAY** - Saturday March 28 at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection, led by Geoff Maughan. More details to follow.

**FOODBANK**

We are currently short of: long life milk, cereal, squash, meat and sugar. Thank you.

**LENT: ARCHBISHOP'S 40-DAY CHALLENGE!** We have copies of the #LiveLent booklet produced by the Church of England inspiring us to explore care for God's Creation during Lent. There is a short passage from scripture and thought each day looking at necessities for plant and animal life: light, water, seasons, environment, and aspects of life style including rest and restoration. Books available in the foyer, suggested donation: £1.50 but please don't be bound by that! (Sue Robbins, EcoGroup)

**BARNs ALARM SYSTEM** New alarm panels have been installed in the Barns. If you are an alarm fob holder, your current fob will no longer work. Please contact Clint as soon as possible if you require a fob. clint@cca.uk.net

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - there will be a service of Holy Communion at 8pm on Wednesday 26 February led by Phil & Kath Cooke.

**BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION** Are you ready to declare that Jesus is your Lord? We have a baptism and confirmation service on **Sunday 15 March** at 6:30pm. Four adults and five youth are already exploring this step. Speak to a member of the clergy if you would like to also explore this.

**SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 5 July - LF Away Day:** More details to follow & if you'd like to get involved with planning this day have a word with Phil or Kath Cooke - kath@cca.uk.net

**THE ABINGDON BIG SPRING CLEAN** - Leap into action from Saturday 29 February. Last year 10 community groups held their own litter picks in aid of The Big Spring Clean – we hope more will join this year. To reserve your equipment please contact the waste team in good time at waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk

**GABRIELLE DENT'S SECOND TRIP SERVING WITH MERCY SHIPS**

In October 2017 Gabrielle was able to fulfil a life time desire to serve with mercy Ships in providing life changing surgery on board their hospital ship. She will be going again from 1 March -18 April to work on the Africa Mercy in Dakar, Senegal, where the ship is for its present 10 month field service. Please be praying for her as she makes her preparations to leave, that God will be present in her travels and time on the ship working in the hospital and in her relationships with some of the 450 people on board. Those people who give up their time to provide this work are from up to 30 different countries, all brought together by their desire to bring hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor in West Africa. If you would like to contribute to her fundraising there is a leaflet and current information booklet in the foyer to enable you to do so and current information about Mercy Ships.

**CONSIDERING PUTTING YOURSELF FORWARD AS A CHURCHWARDEN?**

There is an event for people in the Oxford and Dorchester Archdeaconries to explore what this might involve, on Sat 28 March (in the Barns at Christ Church) 10am-12pm. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exploring-the-role-of-churchwarden-tickets-91114001431> or let Dal Warburton know (when registering, add your full name to the *first name* field and your parish to the *surname* field!).

**AN EVENING OF WARM & WITTY WORDPLAY**, humorous, heartfelt storytelling & sweet, soulful song. Saturday 22 February, 7.30pm – 10pm, New Barn, Christ Church. Touching on Star Wars, school days & the emotional impact of supporting England during a major tournament, spoken-word artist Christopher Badger, presents poetic ponderings on the nature of destiny, deity, and possibly dentistry in the comedic 'Badger of Destiny'. Occasionally sad, occasionally spiritual, & often very funny, Christopher reflects candidly on his search for meaning, mentors & the perils of navigating that first 43 years. All profits to The Archway Foundation. Tickets £7 via <https://bit.ly/2R0U63r>

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Dave Parker and Neil Weston are both hosting tables and quiz teams for a *Curry and Quiz* night in aid of the choir they belong to, the All Saints' Singers, Sutton Courtenay. They would be delighted to include members of Christ Church in their respective teams! If you are interested, please do contact one of them (contact details on ChurchSuite). Leap Year Day, Sat 29 Feb, 7.00pm at Manor Prep School, Faringdon Road, Shippon. Tickets £15.

**2020 CHURCH WALK DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** - Tuesday 24 March shorter local walk; Thursday 23 April; Wed 13 May; Thurs 18 June; Fri 17 July; Fri 7 Aug short walk; Tues 25 Aug; Thurs 10 Sept; Wed 14 Oct; Fri 6 Nov. These walks will be between 3-4 miles in length. The leader will advertise where they are going two weeks ahead. All are welcome and there is a pub lunch after. Leave Christ Church at 10 am and return is usually about 2 30pm. Any queries ask Maggie Snowball 527673.

**ABINGDON STREET PASTORS** urgently need recruits! We can no longer cover every Saturday of the month due to a shortage of Street Pastors. Training is provided and the commitment is to go out one Saturday night a month. To see what we do, come as an Observer for a taster session on a Saturday night. For further details, contact Sue Robbins (susankrobbins@gmail.com) or Sarah Turner (sarahmarianneturner@gmail.com).

#### **ALMSHOUSE VACANCY**

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon has a small first floor self-contained dwelling available in the town centre for occupation by an age 50+ person or couple. Further information from [www.ch-of-abingdon.org](http://www.ch-of-abingdon.org) or 01235 526587.

**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP** - This week on Thursday 20 February 20 we will be meeting in the Church for refreshments at 10.30am followed by this term's Holy Communion Service. Phil Cooke will be leading and as part of our theme "Towards Easter" speaking on the Significance of The Passover Meal and the Last Supper Matt 26: 17-30 We have lunch in the hall after for those able to stay.

**MWM Thursday 27 February.** Ros Steel will lead a discussion on Growing Older Gracefully. We shall meet at Michael Chown's home, 2 Clevelands at 2.15 for 2.30.

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 6 MARCH**

A women-led, global ecumenical movement: This year's service will be at Trinity Church, at 10.30am (with crèche) or 7.30pm. This year's service is written by the women of Zimbabwe, and all (men and women) are warmly invited. Parking restrictions have been lifted on Park Crescent for both services. *Hilary Beale 01235 525086*

#### **OXFORDSHIRE YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE**

presents Jesus Chris Superstar, 25 – 28 March, 7.30pm, afternoon matinee Saturday 28 at 2.30pm at the Radley School Theatre. Tickets from [www.wegotickets.com/OYMT](http://www.wegotickets.com/OYMT)

**PERSONAL - I believe I have mislaid a grey North Face coat** (Size large) a few weeks ago at church, so if anyone finds it, please could you let me know? Many thanks, James Lever. 01235-528115.

**Free to collect** 3 seater (steel) garden swing with cushions. Telephone 01235 525975.

**Family looking urgently** to rent three-bedroom house in North Abingdon. If you can help at all, please contact Helen Harwood on 07754 392890.

**1 box of hearing aid batteries** (approx 60), size 312, or PR41. In date until Dec 2021. No longer required - free to anyone who can use them. Please contact Susan Schneider 01235 555427 or sue@formpak.co.uk

#### **CHILDREN IN THE PLAYGROUND**

Parents/Carers, please could you ensure that your children are supervised in the playground after the service. Unfortunately, all the play equipment behind the fence in the main school playground is now too dangerous to be used and has been condemned. So please can all children not play on it and could those adults supervising the children ensure nobody goes into the fenced 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, Hugh Parkman.

If you have any items for the newsletter or for prayers, please contact Anne Taylor [annejtaylor61@gmail.com](mailto:annejtaylor61@gmail.com) or 528505.

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