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THE ABINGDON MARATHON is on 18 October. I know it's months away but please put it in your diary. Lots of volunteers are needed for the day. Please let me know if you would like to get involved and have questions about the event by emailing sandarwade@yahoo.co.uk or texting on 07804041918. Many thanks, Sandar

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- those who are unwell
[LF] Judy Wood, Caroline Craig, Louis Furlong, David Robertson, Rachel Robertson, Logan Mazie (Jane J's great nephew), Cynthia Holland.
[NCR] Janet (Lesley Taylor's sister), Sheila (friend of Vicky Russell), Myrtle Hodgkins, Tom Bewley, Joanna Kilburn, baby Noah (Keith & Ruth Mersh's grandson)
- Pete Edwards and family, after the death of his father.

Please contact the office if you would like your name or a friend or relative's to be included on this list. The name will remain there for six weeks or so. If the need is for continued, long-term prayer support, the name will be added to the monthly prayer diary. Please let the office know when a name can be removed from the list. Thank you.

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Christ Church
Northcourt Road & Long Furlong

"With Jesus, Like Jesus, For Jesus"

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SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'. Matthew 11:28

WELCOME *If you are new to the church, a very warm welcome to you. If you would like further information, please visit the Welcome Corner in the entrance foyer between the morning services, or fill in the welcome card in the chair and hand it to one of the service leaders or welcome team. Thank you.*

CHRIST CHURCH TOGETHER

While the congregations across the two Christ Church sites are unable to meet physically during the Coronavirus outbreak, we're producing a joint Christ Church Northcourt Road and Long Furlong newsheet each week.

CORONAVIRUS – COVID19

We've been emailing out regular updates, and also using the Christ Church Community Facebook page – do pick up a latest letter from the church, or ask someone with access to the internet to print you one off. But the core messages are:

- We are still God's people, loved, cherished, called to be disciples of Jesus
- But the way we are doing church has to change for the time being.
- There are no church services at present, but we are live-streaming a service this Sunday morning at 10:30am, we'll be emailing details of how to watch
- There are no midweek groups meeting at present, but we are organising the church into Networks during the crisis – groups of people who will care for each other following a simple pattern of TALK – PRAY – HELP. See the latest letter
- We've organised a central list of people offering help, and needing help, email coronahelp@cca.uk.net, or phone the church office 539172.
- We are also encouraging church members to love and serve their neighbours and local communities
- Foodbank is remaining open, and will need extra help
- Our children and youth team are working on plans to support those age groups over the coming weeks
- Please don't hesitate to contact a member of your Network, or one of the clergy, or the church office, if you have any concerns, need to talk to someone, or need help.

We're praying! And trusting in the Lord! We are not alone. God is with us in Christ, by his Spirit.

MEN@CCA BREAKFAST, SATURDAY 4 APRIL – POSTPONED

THE LONG FURLONG QUIET DAY, 28 MARCH - POSTPONED

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

At the APCM on 26 April we will be electing 7 new Christ Church representatives for the Deanery Synod (Abingdon and district), 5 new members of the PCC and 2 Church Wardens. Please speak to Keith or one of the wardens if you would like to know more.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS REQUIRED

The driving rota bringing people to the 11.15 service currently has three cars operating each Sunday, each bringing two or three passengers. We have been asked if we can provide lifts regularly for a new passenger who cannot easily be accommodated by the existing arrangements. We are therefore looking for four or five new drivers willing to drive one Sunday per month. You do not need to be a regular attendee at the 11.15. Please speak to Roland if you can help (01235 412944 or randjknight@gmail.com). Also, if you know of someone who is not on the current passenger list, who struggles to get to church and would like to be included in the lift service, please do let Roland know. Thank you.

PRIME TIME PRAYER FORCE

Unfortunately, due to the present circumstances, the meeting planned for this coming Monday 23 March will not be taking place. However, the PTPF is alive and active, and we will be sending emails of prayer needs to all who let us know their email address so as to pray at home. We look forward to hearing from you! michael-gwenda@uwclub.net

CHURCH WALK TUESDAY 24 MARCH

If you would like to come, we will walk from Sunningwell Village hall, meeting at 10.15am. The walk will be no more than 1½ hours and mostly off muddy areas. If you come you must keep 2 metres from others walking and there is no pub meal arranged. Please wear boots and bring a drink. No car sharing provided. All presuming Government guide lines don't change! Any queries ring Maggie 527673

OLD PERSONS MINISTRY ENABLER

The PCC has agreed to appoint a voluntary part-time O/P Ministry Enabler. This is initially a two-year post, on the staff team, helping the Older Persons Ministries play their part in fulfilling the church vision of being a church family growing as disciples of Jesus. The postholder will work with existing O/P ministries to explore needs, providing oversight, empowering ministry leaders, working with them to review how ministries might develop and be shaped and resourced in the light of the church vision. Please do be praying about this key role. Details on CCA website, closing date 20 April. If you'd like to know more please chat with Keith, Ros or Kath.

READVERTISING CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR/VICAR'S PA/BOOKKEEPER POST(S)

Is God calling you to take on this exciting opportunity to play a core role in enabling the mission and ministry God is doing through Christ Church. The job description is on the website, www.cca.uk.net/vacancies. Closing date for applications 30 March.

COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT

There will be no Coffee, Cake and Chat until further notice.

Di Bryan & Chris Waite

FOODBANK

We are currently short of jam, sugar, meat, carrots, squash and pasta. Thank you for your help.

TIM PERRY

Please pray for Janice Perry and daughters, Megan, Joy and Harriet, after the sudden death of her husband Tim, Chaplain of Cothill School. Tim was curate here at Christ Church from 1993 - 1997.

CARETAKER

We are now recruiting a paid part-time Caretaker. The Caretaker will play a pivotal role in the day-to-day upkeep of Christ Church buildings, including event set-up, light maintenance and security, providing additional support to the Older Persons ministries as well as the Operations Team here at Christ Church. Please visit www.cca.uk.net/vacancies for full details or contact Clint if you would like to talk about the post.

SUPERSWISH – THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who came along to the clothing swap last Saturday - £114.90 was raised for Christian Aid. Thanks to the helpers and refreshment team.

WELCOME TEAMS - NEW RECRUITS NEEDED!

There are Welcome Teams at each of the services on Sundays at Northcourt Road, providing a friendly welcome to people, offering relevant information and ensuring a safe and secure environment that supports our clergy and lay teams as they lead us in worship. Some team members have moved on to other groups, after a period of faithful service, so we are looking for others to join our teams. If you enjoy meeting people and are willing to help with practical organisation, then come and join one of our Welcome Teams. You will be on a rota, with your allocated regular team, to cover one service a month - always the same service, at either 9.30am, 11.15am or 6.30pm and the same week in the month. You will work alongside experienced colleagues, so that you can learn "on the job". We particularly need people to join teams at 9.30 and 11.15am. Interested? Then contact Janice Gordon on chriswgordon6@aol.com or 01235 553971.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION IN NORTH ABINGDON?

Lucy Hefford (6:30 service) who works for Viva in Oxford, is looking for two Christian females to share her flat in the Wootton Road from April. Further information from Lucy lahefford@gmail.com or see her advert on Christian Flat Share https://www.christianflatshare.org/details.php?id=32523&post_type=offered.

CLOTHES BANK

Can we make another appeal for men's and ladies' spring and summer clothes and shoes please if you no longer want them? Also men's jeans / chinos 34/36 " waist trousers You can either drop them off at church in the clothes donation box or bring them round to my house, 12 Austin Place Dunmore estate Abingdon, if I'm out just put them over the gate for me. Thank you. Please pray too that those who come in to the clothes bank feel welcome and that it could be a stepping stone for coming closer to God. If you know of anyone who is struggling please point them in our direction. There are some flyers in the entrance hall.

Sue Porter and Rosemary Cooper