



15 March 2020

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tue 17th Mar: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 15 Austin Place
Tue 17th Mar: Men who lunch, 12.30 pm, Spread Eagle
Wed 18th Mar: Link, 10 am, Hall, CCNR
Thu 19th Mar: Thursday Fellowship, 10.30 am, Hall, CCNR
Thu 19th Mar: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 19th Mar: Bible Journaling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM SERVICE THIS EVENING 6.30pm

Bishop Colin is leading and speaking at our service. Twelve adults and young people are being baptised and/or confirmed. Please pray for the candidates – Natelle Buclanov, Caroline Dix, James Fry, Thomas Fry, Kayleigh Lucas, David Naylor, Caleb Pell, Tu Phan, Ros Steel, IgBowen Tian, Benny Warburton, Davy Williams.

LONG FURLONG QUIET DAY 28 March 10am-4pm at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection - *Experiencing God's Rest*.

Revd Geoff Maughan will be leading our reflections, time to pray, relax, listen & rest. Bring a packed lunch, drinks & biscuits provided, cost £5 per person - lifts available if needed. Fill in form on welcome table, or email kath@cca.uk.net

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 & application form on CCA website, closing date 20 April. If you'd like to know more please chat with Keith, Ros or Kath.

BARNS CAFE SATURDAY TEAM MEMBER

The Barns Café are recruiting a paid team member to work in the café on Saturdays, alongside other paid staff and volunteers. The role involves preparing and serving hot and cold drinks and food items; taking orders and payments from customers; clearing, cleaning and washing up duties; and providing friendly and efficient customer service. Further details can be found by visiting www.cca.uk.net/vacancies

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.

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.

PASSOVER (SEDER) MEAL 9 APRIL

We're going to be holding **Passover (Seder) Meals** on Maundy Thursday evening this year, **9 April**. We have provided guidelines for any Life Group/ Small Group who would like to host one; and we're also going to host a large Seder in the church. So (i) please put the date in your diary (ii) if you are in a small group think about whether you might like to host a Passover meal (iii) we are keeping the option of the larger Passover meal in church under review given the coronavirus situation.

FIRST AID TRAINING We are hoping to run a First Aid course at Christ Church soon. If you are interested in attending this training and would be willing to be one of Long Furlong's named First Aiders for Sundays please contact Phil & Kath - kath@cca.uk.net

FESTIVAL OF PRAYER

BRF/Diocese of Oxford Festival of Prayer is to be held again at Ripon College, Cuddesdon on Saturday 11 July. It offers different approaches to Christian prayer and spirituality in a day-long conference. Details of speakers and workshops are given at <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/products/the-festival-of-prayer-2020>, where you can join in addition up to three different workshops or have one-to-one sessions with a spiritual director and time and space for personal reflection. The cost for the day is £30.00, including coffee and tea, but we will need to bring our own lunch. We get a free place for every five booked – thus reducing the price from £30 to £24. If you would like to join in our group booking, please let me know (andrew.d.turner@btinternet.com) together with which 3 workshops you would like to attend. *Andrew Turner*

PRIME TIME 2020 PRAYER FORCE - Update

We have been asked by John Earwicker to organise prayer for Prime Time this year. We hope many people will be willing to join us to pray for its success and we propose an initial time together for all those willing to come along when we will discuss suitable dates, times, morning/afternoon/ evening, frequency weekly/monthly, etc. We recognise that there will be some - perhaps many - who might find it difficult to commit themselves to meeting up, but are willing to pray at home, so we plan to send out a weekly email of prayer needs to any who let us know their email address. We hope that the leaders of the Support Teams will email us weekly to tell us their prayer needs. As unfortunately, no-one was able to come to the meeting scheduled for 5 March we are planning the initial meeting on Monday afternoon 23 March at 2.30 at 23 Charney Avenue Peachcroft OX14 2NZ. Please let us know if you can come, or if you are willing to join the Prayer Force but can't make the meeting: michael-gwenda@uwclub.net. 01235 529084. We look forward to welcoming you aboard the Prayer Force. *Gwenda and Michael Sams*

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, Phil, Kath or one of the wardens if you would like to know more.

'VIVA COLLECTIVE' is Viva's brand new international conference, taking place on Saturday 16 May, 9.30-4pm, at Christ Church It's a day designed to inspire, build and equip a Christ-centred movement in response to children's needs around the world, as well as locally, right where you are. This conference will ask: *"How can we equip the Body of Christ to play a part in shaping children's lives and futures through working together?"* Viva's international team will speak on lessons learnt from equipping churches to work together; as well as encouraging us all to discern our part in working collaboratively for the sake of children around us. The conference will include interviews, panel discussion, workshops, take away resources, networking, full lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Tickets are only £7 and can be booked at vivacollective2020.eventbrite.co.uk.

CHURCH WALK TUESDAY 24 MARCH

All are welcome to come on this local walk. We will leave Christ Church in cars at 10 am and go to Sunningwell Village hall. We will be walking in the Boars hill area, please wear boots and bring a drink. After we will go to The Flowing Well at Sunningwell. Any queries ring Maggie 527673.

LADIES@CCA - COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

Saturday 2 May 10am to 12 noon, at Christ Church on Long Furlong. More details to follow soon.

CLOTHES BANK

We have had a small steady stream of regulars and not so regulars this past 10 months. It has been brilliant to see people going out with some lovely clothes and shoes. One man in particular was so pleased when he saw a tan suede type jacket with a pile collar/edging that he put it straight on and went outside to show it off to his friends. Another exclaimed "Cor a BENCH" knitted jacket " (fitted like a glove) to him it was like Christmas all over again so thank you. 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 to that they feel welcome when they come in 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*

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 .

HEADINGTON SINGERS AND ORCHESTRA conducted by Sally Mears, Mozart Requiem Solemn Vespers, Friday 20 March, 7.30pm, All Saints' Church, Lime Walk, Headington. Tickets on the door: £12/£10/children free.

JOB VACANCIES

1) **Viva** is looking for a new Operations Manager and Executive Assistant to the CEO to join the team, on either a full or part-time basis. Find further details and apply at: viva.org/jobs. Closing date for applications is 22 March.

2) **The Archway Foundation** is looking for someone with a heart for social concern who has experience in managing staff & volunteers and working with adults in a health/ social care/charity setting, to be part of a busy, committed, supportive team responding to a diverse range of individuals and needs. Further info: www.archwayfoundation.org.uk or office@archwayfoundation.org.uk or 01865 790552. Closing date 31 March 2020. Interviews 6 April

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 annejbaylor61@gmail.com or 528505.

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