

Dear Christ Church member

## CoronaVirus COVID19 Update 3: 27 March 2020

*Be still, and know that I am God, Psalm 46:10*

Welcome to the third CCA COVID19 update letter. We want to encourage you as disciples of Jesus as we navigate the impact of Coronavirus; the church may have stopped meeting in the ways we're used to, but we are still church. And we continue to pray, worship God, love, and serve others, even if these are in new ways.

### Keeping Safe and Healthy

We want to urge everyone to continue to follow the government guidelines on staying at home (allowing for the four exceptions they give), and good hygiene including regular handwashing. It's a way we love our neighbours, by playing our part in helping to limit the immediate spread of the virus and ease the load on our NHS.

Rosemary Green kindly sent in this quote from Martin Luther, about how he responded to the plague of 1527: *I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbour needs me ... I will go freely. I see this as such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.*" That has a contemporary ring to it!

### Sundays

Thank you for the many encouraging responses after last week's livestream service. We're planning another Christ Church Together this Sunday. As church buildings are now closed, we will be live-streaming from homes with some pre-recorded videos. There's an outline of the service with song lyrics on the newsheet, which you can access through ChurchSuite or from the websites, and is also attached to this covering email. We're **live-streaming at 10:30am**, and you can join in by clicking this link: [https://youtu.be/d\\_BVxGhiju0](https://youtu.be/d_BVxGhiju0) (simply hover over this link (in the Word version of this letter), and press Ctrl +click, and it should take you right to the YouTube site; alternatively copy and paste the link into your browser).

At 4pm today the children's team are streaming another mini family together time, which can be accessed here: <https://youtu.be/cep4PHMsSP4>

PS don't forget this is the weekend the clocks spring forward!



### Christ Church Networks – TALK, PRAY, HELP

These are largely set up and running now, as a way of enabling everyone to feel they belong, are known and loved. Thank you to those who responded last week offering to set a network up. If you're in a network, you should be able to see that on MyChurchSuite (When you log into MyChurchSuite, select 'My Groups'. You may currently be in more than one network). Hopefully the network has already been in touch with you. If you're in the wrong network, or want to change, or aren't in a network and would like to be, please get in touch with Clint, [clint@cca.uk.net](mailto:clint@cca.uk.net), who can help. The following pages show a list of the Networks and a map where they are centred (but bear in mind many of the networks draw from a wider geographical area).

### Children and Youth

We have a new family and children website, providing inspiring resources during the COVID19 crisis. See this link, and contact Heather if you have any questions [www.ccafamlyresources.com](http://www.ccafamlyresources.com)

The midweek youth groups are continuing to meet, using online conferencing as Genesis on Thursdays and Space on Fridays. The Standing Committee have approved a new policy which gives directions for this to happen safely. If you're a parent you'll need to fill in a specific permission form if you would like your child to take part – please see the email the youth team sent out earlier.

## Church Office

All staff are now working from home, including Clint and Christine. If you need to contact the church office, email [office@cca.uk.net](mailto:office@cca.uk.net), or use the new mobile number 07707 850282.

## Offering to Help? Needing Help?

A reminder that although the Networks are the first line of offering help to those who need shopping or medicine picking up etc, we also have a team of people keen to offer help centrally - please email [coronahelp@cca.uk.net](mailto:coronahelp@cca.uk.net) or phone the church office on 07707 850282 if you would like to access that.

## Abingdon Foodbank

Food Bank continues to run and is currently open 11am-1pm Tuesdays & Fridays. We have a huge level of demand, so we are welcoming donations of food, which can be delivered 10am-1pm on those mornings at the Northcourt Road site, or at other times in Abingdon Waitrose.

## The Barns Café

Given the new government restrictions this week, we've made the decision to close The Barns Café until further notice.

## Prayer Diary

April's prayer diary is attached to this covering email, and is also available on ChurchSuite

Finally, not everyone at Christ Church is on email, so if you are aware of someone who won't have received this, please could you print out a copy of this letter for them.

With our love and prayers, Keith, Kath, Phil, Ros, Heather and Clint

## Current List of Christ Church Networks

| Name                                 | Postcode | Name  | Postcode |
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| 8am BCP                              | OX14 1QU | Monday Life Group                                       | OX14 3SQ |
| After Eight                          | OX14 5NN | MWM Church Members Network                              | OX14 1PL |
| Barnabas Life Group                  | OX14 1NB | NE Abingdon/Peachcroft Network                          | OX14 3YN |
| Bible Journaling                     | OX14 1TA | NW Abingdon / Long Furlong Network                      | OX14 1XS |
| Bingham Life Group                   | OX14 3XT | NCR Pastoral Listening Network                          |          |
| Boxhill / Fitzharry Network          | OX14 1NU | NCR Pastoral Visitors Networks - 6 nr                   | OX14 1PL |
| Coffee Break on Long Furlong Network | OX14 1XD | Praydays  | OX14 2QL |
| Didcot Life Group                    | OX11 0FH | Prime Time Church Members (not in other groups) Network |          |
| Dubock Life Group                    | OX14 4AN | Prime Time Walks Network                                | OX14 2BD |
| Earwicker Life Group                 | OX14 1PL | Revival Missional Community                             | OX14 1DH |
| Explorers Life Group                 | OX14 1PL | Rush Common Area Network                                | OX14 2AP |
| Faith and cake life group            | OX14 1LW | Simple Network  | OX14 1EL |
| Footprints Church Members Network    | OX14 1PL | Snowball Life Group                                     | OX14 2BD |
| Fountain Court Network               | OX14 1QT | Staff Team  | OX14 1PL |
| French Life Group                    | OX14 1ET | Tattersall Life Group                                   | OX14 2ET |
| Friday Am Women's Life Group         | OX14 2BB | The Good Shepherd Life Group                            | OX14 3YQ |
| Gents Who Lunch Network              | OX14 1XR | The Jesus Lifestyle                                     | OX14 1PL |
| Hodgson Life Group                   | OX14 5NJ | The Rainbow Group                                       | OX14 1LS |
| Home Communion Network               | OX14 4HL | Thursday Afternoon Life Group                           | OX14 1PH |
| Jars of Clay Life Group              | OX14 2EE | Thursday Evening Life Group                             | OX14 1XR |
| Jeeva Life Group                     | OX14 1QT | Thursday Fellowship Church Members N/work               | OX14 1PL |
| Kitcheners Life Group                | OX14 1LB | Tuesday Life Group                                      | OX14 1XR |
| LF1 Network                          | OX14 3AF | Turner Life Group                                       | OX14 1XR |
| Mary & Martha Group                  | OX14 1PR | Village People  | OX14 3DH |
| Midweek Prayer Group                 | OX14 2ET | Visitors Network  | OX14 1PL |

# Christ Church Network Locations

