



# Christ Church

Northcourt Road & Long Furlong

*“With Jesus, Like Jesus, For Jesus”*

EASTER 7

SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020

WELCOME TO THE NEWS SHEET

## THY KINGDOM COME ABINGDON

### Thy Kingdom Come (21-31<sup>st</sup> May)

As a church we're joining this global prayer movement that invites Christians to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

### Sunday 31st May, Pentecost

All Age Livestream 10:30am  
4pm Wellspring - contemplative service  
6:30pm Sung Worship, Prophecy and Prayer

### Continuous Prayer

We are running 10 days of continuous worship and intercession, praying as a community day and night from our own homes from 12pm on Thursday 21st May until 12pm on Sunday 31st May. You can use this [link](#) to sign-up to pray for an hour. If you don't have access to a computer, please contact someone who does in order to sign up.

### Praying Together Daily

8am Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 8pm Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May.  
8am, Rising with God – Informal prayer via Zoom  
12pm, Pausing with God – Praying alone using [Psalm 23](#) & the Lord's Prayer  
8pm, Resting with God – Led prayer with simple liturgy via Zoom.  
There will be simple prayer resources available for those without computers to join in with praying at the same times. Please contact Janice Gordon - [chriswgordon6@aol.com](mailto:chriswgordon6@aol.com) if you would like a copy of these.

### Contact Information

If you'd like to join with one or more of the times of prayer please get in touch with one of the team listed below who will email the Zoom meeting code.  
Janice Gordon - [chriswgordon6@aol.com](mailto:chriswgordon6@aol.com)  
Rosemary Green - [rosemarywgreen@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarywgreen@gmail.com)  
Claire Proudman - [claire.proudman2185@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claire.proudman2185@hotmail.co.uk)  
Any questions please contact us on [tkc@cca.uk.net](mailto:tkc@cca.uk.net) or 01235 539226. Find us on Facebook and Instagram: 'Thy Kingdom Come Abingdon'

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### 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 news sheet each week.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

We're livestreaming again this Sunday morning at **10:30am** - all welcome!  
Click here for the [Livestream Link](#). After the livestream, why not make a cuppa and phone someone, or Zoom in your network, to encourage one another in the Lord.

And at **4pm** we're streaming the weekly [Family Worship Resource](#). This week's story is about Feeding the 5000, brought to us by Kathryn Rogers. All welcome!

### Pentecost Sunday

We need YOU! We're hoping to produce a video showing lots of different Christ Church people during lockdown, to use in the Pentecost Sunday 10.30am Livestream. So could you please send a 10 second video clip (no words) showing you, or your household smiling/waving/doing something funny to Kath Cooke - [kath@cca.uk.net](mailto:kath@cca.uk.net) Thank-you.

## Prayer Ministry

Would you like prayer?

We have members of the CCA Prayer Ministry team who are available to pray with you after the Sunday service. Go to the [CCA website](#) or click [here](#). After the service you will be guided through by our host and receive online prayer with two of the team, in a secure and confidential space.

## Sunday Tech Team

We'd like to grow a tech team to help with the Sunday Livestreams, working alongside the amazing Mark Jarvis. If you're interested, or would like to find out more please get in touch with Kath - [kath@cca.uk.net](mailto:kath@cca.uk.net) or Mark.

## Technical/Practical Support

The Networks are the first line of offering help to those who need shopping or medicine picking up etc. We are also aware that with the new apps/software currently being used, there may be some people who need help with this. If your network is unable to help with your needs then please contact the central team

of people keen to offer help by emailing [coronahelp@cca.uk.net](mailto:coronahelp@cca.uk.net) or phone the church office on 07707 850282.

## News sheets, Prayer Diary, Mission of the Month

We're continuing to produce these, making them available on the church websites and from MyChurchSuite. If you have any problems accessing these, please contact our Ops Manager [clint@cca.uk.net](mailto:clint@cca.uk.net).

## Church Office

Clint is working from home. Email [clint@cca.uk.net](mailto:clint@cca.uk.net), phone 07707 850282. The news sheet is now being produced by Clint and Suzie. Please send any information to be included in the news sheet to the office email: [office@cca.uk.net](mailto:office@cca.uk.net) by 4pm Thursday. Please try to keep information to a 65 word limit.

## Christ Church Networks

Connecting church members to TALK, PRAY, and HELP, so everyone feels they belong, are known and loved. If you would like to join one, contact [clint@cca.uk.net](mailto:clint@cca.uk.net).

## FEEDBACK/REVIEWS

### Independent Safeguarding Review

The report from the independent safeguarding review on the handling of the Tim Davis case will be coming out in June. We will signpost it to the church as it becomes public

### Long Furlong Leadership Team Feedback

The team met this week & began to think & pray about some medium-to-long-term planning. We

considered the pros and cons of on-line church; assessed how lack of physical meeting affects some and affects those unable to use their particular gifting; considered the current pastoral situation; looked at some new models of church and missional and creative opportunities. This is, of course, a learning experience for everyone, and just the beginning of listening & praying together as we move forward. Any comments to the team (David, Del, Anne, Jane, Diana, Nic, Phil & Kath) are always welcome

## OTHER NEWS/UPDATES



### Barns Café News

The Barns Café continues to be closed due to the COVID19 outbreak. Please be praying for all the Barns Cafe team and for those in the community who are missing the friendship and relationships built through the work of the cafe.



### Foodbank

Thank you for all the donations of money and produce. This week's particular Foodbank needs are: Marmite, tinned carrots, peas and potatoes, dog and cat food, shampoo, washing up liquid, spray multi-purpose cleaner and nappies. Any produce can be brought to

the church between 9:30 and 1:00 on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is hugely appreciated at this difficult time.

### Association of Christian Counsellors

ACC's COVID-19 Crisis Counselling Support Service has been set up to help people who are experiencing difficult feelings, thoughts and circumstances because: they work within an NHS setting (medical and ancillary staff) or they have been bereaved at this time, whether due to COVID-19 or another reason. The service offers up to ten sessions of counselling on a no-fee basis, either on-line or by telephone. For more information visit ACC's [website](#) or phone 024 7644 9694.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Alpha



Alpha Online is a great way to make new connections, meet new people and have honest conversations about the big questions in life. We are running several mini Alpha Online courses. The Monday evening 7:30pm group started last week but you are welcome to join this week; the Friday afternoon 2:00pm group is accepting guests and will start when it suits guests. We're also exploring a couple of others Alpha's. These online courses use the Alpha film series, and then a 45 minute Zoom discussion group, and are limited to 4-6 guests to enable conversation to bubble. See the church [website](#) for details and to book a place.

### Help with Alpha

Please help advertise by sharing the Facebook post on the church Facebook page with friends, and invite them to come

If you'd like to help run a mini online Alpha, please speak to Keith [keith@cca.uk.net](mailto:keith@cca.uk.net). And please pray!

### Marriage Courses

With the lockdown, although we can't run a marriage course, HTB is running an online version of their course. We know after several weeks of lockdown together you may be feeling the strain, but why not invest some of this time in your marriage. The [HTB course](#) is sessions of approx. 2 hours each at your own pace.

## PRAYER

### Wednesday Morning Prayer Meetings

We've restarted the 8am Wednesday morning prayer meetings, online using Zoom. These run for 45 minutes, and include a Psalm and open praise, a bible reading and intercessory prayers. You're welcome to join, please email [keith@cca.uk.net](mailto:keith@cca.uk.net), or Dal on [warden-dal@cca.uk.net](mailto:warden-dal@cca.uk.net), or Janice on [chriswgordon6@aol.com](mailto:chriswgordon6@aol.com) for the meeting ID and password (which will be the same every week).

### Intercessory Prayer

Are you, or someone you know and love, needing particular prayer at this time? We have a team of intercessors who love to pray for others. If you would like to be in touch with them to ask for prayer, follow the [link](#), or telephone Richard Howard on 01235 533 278.

### Mission Support Group

Archway Foundation: Please pray for Sheila Furlong and for the staff of the Archway Foundation, as they continue to provide support for those who are lonely and isolated during this time of Covid-19 lockdown. Although members of the team are not able to meet with people face-to-face, they are

continuing to provide emotional support and contact through telephone calls, and through electronic and postal communication. A number of Archways fundraising meetings have had to be cancelled, and to help them through this challenging time, the MSG (Mission Support Group) agreed at their meeting on Monday to provide Archway with a grant of £1,000 to help them as they support the lonely and vulnerable at this time. For further information about the Archway Foundation, check out their [website](#).

### 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] Hugh Parkman, Richard Feeney.

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.

## USEFUL LINKS/RESOURCES

[Christ Church Abingdon Website](#)

[Christ Church Long Furlong Website](#)

[Christ Church Abingdon Facebook Page](#)

[Christ Church Long Furlong Facebook Page](#)

[ChurchSuite](#)

[Family and children website](#)

[NHS 24/7 Mental Health helpline:](#) Adults: 01865 904 997

Children and young people: 01865 904 998



## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Daily** – The Life groups and Networks connect on various days and times

**Wednesday** – 8am prayer meeting on Zoom – see news sheet

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm** – **Genesis** (years 7-9) meeting-up via Zoom

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Pentecost:**

**10:30am** - All Age Worship Livestream

**4pm** - Wellspring - Contemplative service

**6:30pm** - Sung Worship, Prophecy and Prayer

More details will be on websites: [www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk](http://www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk) or [www.cca.uk.net](http://www.cca.uk.net)