

THE FOODBANK is very short of tinned peas and carrots, meat, tinned fruit, pasta sauces. Thank you so much for your donations.

MAI CHARITY DINNER AND AUCTION; 14 September

This event will be held at The Cosener's House, Abingdon. A drinks reception commences at 7.30pm followed by a three course dinner with wine and coffee. The Auction includes three and seven night accommodation breaks as well as a variety of services, event tickets and dining options. Tickets are strictly limited and are available from john@medicassistinternational.org or 07766 255221 priced at £45 or £85 for two persons.
John Earwicker

Fantasy Football is back

We'll be continuing the church Fantasy Football league on 10th August. We have different generations playing across both sites. Existing players are able to renew. Older players are welcome back, as are any new members. The code you need is **51459-11514**. Any questions, contact Derek on del@walkercrew.plus.com.

CHILDREN IN THE PLAYGROUND

Parents, please could you ensure that your children are supervised in the playground after the service and do not go into the fenced areas to the left and right of the main play area. They are your responsibility!

DRIVE DISABILITY SCOOTER, able to be folded up and go in a car, ramps also included. Good condition, open to offers. Please contact George on 07845922128 (Jan & Hermann's friend).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Caroline Craig, Louis Furlong, David Robertson, Isaac Grange, Tom Bewley, Rachel Robertson, Rosemary (Tim Schneider's mother), Lhogan Mazie (Jane J's great nephew).

If you have any items for the newsletter or for prayers, please contact Anne Taylor annejbtaylor61@gmail.com or 528505.

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22nd July 2018

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tue 24th July: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 14 Rose Avenue
Wed 25th July: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR
Thu 26th July: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 26th July: Bible Journalling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinne

WHAT IS THE 4 O'CLOCK COMMUNITY?

The 4pm Community is brought to you by the letter F ... Fellowship, Family, Faith, Food, Four O'Clock! Open to all at Long Furlong and beyond. Want to find out more? Talk to Derek Walker or Emma and Martin Leaver. We usually meet on the third Sunday of each month – but the July gathering is a week later due to the World Cup Final. Next 4 O'Clock Community: Today, Sunday 22 July at 7 North Avenue.

NEW LIFE GROUP

There is a new Life Group meeting twice a month on Thursday evenings. Those interested please speak to Andy and Sheila McCabe after the service or email familymccabe@tiscali.co.uk for more details.

GDPR TEAM Mike Warner is having to step down from the GDPR Team at the end of this month and we urgently need more help to ensure that all our church data at both sites is kept safe. If you can help speak to Mike or the Church Wardens asap.

IT We have a great IT group at Church Church, providing support and direction to IT across the disciplines including the website, hardware, advice on church computers, and AV systems. Simon Farres, who chairs the group, would value a new member who could help organise the team, and drive a plan of action forward. Please speak to Simon, or email him on simon.farres@gmail.com.

GROWING LEADERS

Are you a leader, or about to step into a leadership role? Would you like to be led more by Jesus, lead more like Jesus, and lead more to Jesus? Then consider coming on the Growing Leaders course. Growing Leaders for over a year, with a monthly training session (on Monday evenings and three Saturdays), and a monthly meeting with a mentor. Find out more at an **exploratory evening on Monday 10 September**, 7:30pm, in Barn 2. Course leaders: Keith, Kath, Phil, Nessa, & John Rogers.



SUMMER HOLIDAY SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEK...

Next Sunday our summer holiday teaching series begins. In the mornings we're going on Adventures with Abraham – following his story and encounters with God in Genesis; at the 9:30am at NCR and 10am at Long Furlong it will be All Age Worship; at the 11:15 at NCR it's Morning Worship. In the evenings we're picking up a series in Mark again, Authentic Jesus – part 3.

VISION PROCESS IN THE AUTUMN

Looking ahead... during the Autumn we're going to be seeking God's vision and values for Christ Church across both sites. There will be a sermon series, life group material (including temporary life groups people can join), and one-off meetings. We would like everyone to be able to take part in this, seeking God's purpose for his church in the Bible, and listening to the Holy Spirit for his specific call on Christ Church Abingdon. We'll give you more information at the start of the autumn term. Keith

THE CIA (CHURCHES IN ABINGDON) MONTHLY NEWSLETTER is now available to be read and can be found on the notice board at Northcourt Road and on the welcome desk at Long Furlong. If you are interested in having this delivered to you electronically then please contact me with your details and I'll arrange that for you. *Sandra Pike*

ronandsandrapike@gmail.com

ISRAEL AND THE BIBLE (Change of Venue!)

Come and hear how archaeological discoveries in Israel affirm the accounts in the Bible. Keith & Lynne will be showing photos and talking about their recent trip to Israel on Monday 23 July at 7:30pm. Due to the popularity of this event, it will now be in Barn 2 at Northcourt Road (so there's plenty of space!). Phone 209145 or email lynne.dunnett@gmail.com to let us know if you're coming so we know how many chairs to put out! Keith & Lynne

After Church Bike Ride (FINAL CALL):

Any interest in a bike ride today Sun 22nd July after morning service? Let me know in church or via james.dollar@sharp.eu. Thanks, James.

BIBLE JOURNALLING

We are now meeting every Thursday (not 2nd August) at 3 The Spinney, anytime from 7pm - 9.30 pm. If you enjoyed the Bible journalling activity at the Grand Day Out, then here's a great opportunity to take it further. *Anne Taylor, (annejbtaylor61@gmail.com)*

HOLIDAY CLUB LEADERS

Holiday Club is Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st August. We have lots of children booked in (but still room for more!) so we need more adults.

We need:

- 5 more full time adults to work with the children in groups (or job-shares)
- 1 adult to work in the crèche with children of leaders
- 1 or 2 adults to do refreshments
- 2 more security people for the whole week
- Volunteers to run BBQ at the party on Friday night (31st)

Please contact Heather for further questions, or fill in a Leader's Form to apply.

Prime Time Activity week: Rob Beale would like volunteers to assist in setting up tables and chairs for the Prime Time Activity week on Monday morning 6th August from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 and for Friday afternoon 10th August from 1:30 - 3:30pm.

YOUTH INTERN OPPORTUNITY

We have an exciting intern opportunity for a university graduate, school leaver, or young adult to invest a year into the youth ministry whilst doing a New Wine discipleship year or suitable course at the same time. Details are available on the church website, or from the church office. We also welcome informal conversations with our Youth Pastor, Bea (07741 553198 / bea@cca.uk.net). Please pray the Lord will bring the right person for this role.

PAT HERBERT WRITES: "I moved into my new home on Thursday 12 July and I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all those who have made it possible for me to furnish it by providing help practically and financially, or assisting in any other way. A big hug to you all and God's richest blessing on you!!"

Afternoon Tea Party Sunday 22 July St Ethelwold's House 30 East St Helen's Street Abingdon OX14 5EB 14.30 – 17.00 Tickets £7.00 Proceeds to The Abingdon Passion Play.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Thank you once again this year to all the box holders. £875 has been sent up from Abingdon, a significant increase from last year. The Children's Society works with children who are neglected and in poverty in the UK. Please visit childrenssociety.org.uk to read about all the amazing work they do. If any other members of the congregation would like to support them by having a collection box in their home please ring me on 01235 201070. Many thanks *Trish Howkins*

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, OXFORD

We are looking for a gifted administrator to support the work on various projects being undertaken by the operations team at the church as we seek to develop a new vision and strategy and as we equip the church family to join in with all God is doing in this part of Oxford. The post is full time and is a 6 months fixed contract (which is potentially renewable). See our website www.standrewsoxford.org for more details.

VISITORS from COLMAR, FRANCE in end-AUGUST, start-SEPTEMBER 2018

CiA's Church Twinning have invited 12 Christians from our twin town in Alsace for a visit to Abingdon from Thursday 30th August to Monday 3rd September 2018. It is fun to meet with these people and exchange points of view. If you are interested in hosting people in your home or offering a Friday evening meal please contact Eileen Bontempelli on epkbontempelli@gmail.com. Phone contact: Eileen 01235 526331 till 27/7/18, then Maggie Greaney 01235 534900. A programme of visits and events is being planned.

A VISIT BACK TO FRANCE, SEPTEMBER 2018

The Church Twinning group in Argentan, Normandy have invited Christians from Abingdon, one of their twin towns, to visit over Thursday 13th to Monday 17th September 2018. This is their Heritage Weekend and an excellent programme is being arranged. Hosting is with families unless otherwise requested. If you are interested, please contact Eileen Bontempelli on epkbontempelli@gmail.com. Phone contact: Eileen 01235 526331 till 27/7/18, then Maggie Greaney 01235 534900.

SILENT REFLECTIONS on Tuesday 31 July at St. Michael and All Angels from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Enjoy prayerful activities in the quiet of the sanctuary with the option of coming together to share your journey at the end of the session. Open to anyone who wants to 'come and see'.