

29th July 2018

4pm community

There will be no 4pm Community in August. Next 4pm Community Sunday 16 September, 7 North Avenue. Find out more from Derek Walker or Emma/Martin Leaver.

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

26th August Bike Ride (+ PUB LUNCH)

Do you expect to be attending morning service for the August bank holiday weekend? Do you fancy the idea of a cycle ride and pub lunch or (car ride &) pub lunch? Please let me know (james.dollar@sharp.eu) and we can develop plans accordingly. Thanks, James

4 AUG, SNOWDON CLIMB

I am organizing a small party climb up Snowdon with work colleagues on the 4/Aug, staying overnight and returning on Sun 5 Aug. There is one spare bed but we can always book more rooms. If you are interested please let me know and I can share more details.

James (james.dollar@sharp.eu, 07823-774671)

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

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.

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 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 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'.

THE FOODBANK is very short of tuna, soup, squash, meat and pasta sauce. 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).

SALLY MEARS IS WALKING THE THAMES PATH (from its source to Hampton Court) which is 147 miles/235 km in short sections over the Summer holidays in order to raise awareness and pray for a small African charity called The Gerontius Amenity Fund. The Trustees (Sally, Hazel and Charles Murray) should be grateful if you would kindly support this venture in any way. There are leaflets available explaining that it is a small charity operating in Freetown, Sierra Leone. It aims to finance medical bills for those who have no means to afford it. Further information from GerontiusFund@gmail.com Many thanks.

PART-TIME YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES MINISTER

Salary: £15.3k-£17k for 23 hours/week dependent on experience (equivalent to £25k to £27.7k full time). Peachcroft Christian Centre is seeking an experienced Young People and Families Minister to join our staff team on a part-time basis to help us respond to a growing need and opportunity to expand our ministry to young people and families inside and outside the Church. We are seeking someone with a mature faith, to shape and lead this exciting ministry, as part of the Church Staff team, as well as playing an active role themselves; inspiring, motivating and developing others to share in this ministry; enabling us to pastor, disciple and nurture young people in our church and to reach out to our community.

ROSEMARY SCHNEIDER died earlier this week; her funeral will be on Monday 6 August 11.30am at South Oxfordshire Crematorium. Please do be praying for all the family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Caroline Craig, Louis Furlong, David Robertson, Isaac Grange, Tom Bewley, Rachel Robertson, Logan 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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