

**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.

#### **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 recently; her funeral will be on Monday 6 August 11.30am at South Oxfordshire Crematorium. Please do be praying for all the family.

**HELP!** I am looking for a garden lover, who, for a fee or donation to Christ Church, would help me transform a south facing, 12 x 1 metres border into a space for all seasons.

*Marie France 01235 555932 info@mfbewley.org.uk*

#### **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!

#### **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](mailto:annejbtaylor61@gmail.com) or 528505.

Notices now on the web at [www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk](http://www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk)

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**5<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

#### **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](mailto:familymccabe@tiscali.co.uk) for more details.

#### **NEW WINE 2019**

Yes 2019. Because there are discounted rates available for New Wine 2019 at this year's summer conference (presumably to encourage people to book onto the event at its new location in Peterborough Show Ground from next year), we've had to choose which week we're going on as a church. Based on a survey of those who came last year or this year, we've opted for Week 1, Sat 27 July to Fri 2 Aug 2019.

#### **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.



#### **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*

#### **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.

#### **CHURCH DATABASE**

Over the summer we're trialling some new church management software, ChurchSuite, which if successful will make it easier to fulfil GDPR regulations, enable us to communicate much more easily to church members, and to manage groups lists and rotas (and lots of other things too). Many churches our size are finding this software is extremely helpful. We'll let you know the outcomes of the trial in September!

## 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](mailto:simon.farres@gmail.com).

## 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:james.dollar@sharp.eu), 07823-774671)*

## BIBLE JOURNALLING

We are now meeting every Thursday 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](mailto:annejbtaylor61@gmail.com))*

## HOLIDAY CLUB LEADERS

Holiday Club is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 (31<sup>st</sup>)

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

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & FAITH: A RICH TERRAIN FOR CHURCH ENGAGEMENT

**Sep 12 @ 9:30 am – 4:30 pm.** A day conference sponsored by the Science Missioner Project and the Ian Ramsey Centre @ Ripon College Cuddesdon. Speakers: Alister McGrath (Oxford University), Richard Cheetham (Bishop of Kingston), Jennifer Brown (Science Missioner), Lizzie Henderson (Faraday Institute), Gillian Straine (Guild of Health & St Rafael), and Carina Loble (Parish of Harwell & Chilton). Full details at the following link: <http://www.sciencemissioner.org.uk/calendar/>

## 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](mailto:bea@cca.uk.net)). Please pray the Lord will bring the right person for this role.

## VACANCY

Our church evening security officer needs to step down from this position from the end of September, and we need to replace him. The task involves checking the security of the property (doors, windows, lights, etc.) on 6 evenings per week at about 10 or 10.30pm (or earlier if all group activities have finished). Timing is flexible, and the check usually takes about 15 - 20 minutes. We would also consider a job share arrangement for 3 evenings per week. An honorarium is payable for this valuable service to the church. For further details please contact the Church Office or the Church Warden (Roland Knight).

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:john@medicassistinternational.org) or 07766 255221 priced at £45 or £85 for two persons.  
*John Earwicker*

**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP** are hosting a Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy Sale on 16 August to raise funds for the NSPCC. There will be a stall for cakes and produce and others for "small" gift donations. 10.30am in the Hall at Northcourt Road. This is a worthy and needed charity that also manages "Child Line". Please give your support.

## FANTASY FOOTBALL IS BACK

We'll be continuing the church Fantasy Football league on 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:del@walkercrew.plus.com).

**BOARD GAMES DAY** - A library of board, dice and card games will be available to borrow. **Saturday 18 August**, 10am – 10pm in Barn 2. Free entry. All welcome, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Bring drinks and snacks (no alcohol before 7pm please). No children after 7pm.