

12th August 2018

NEW WINE 2019

We'd love you to join the Christ Church group going to New Wine next summer! We're going to Week 1, Saturday 27 July to Friday 2 August at the Peterborough showground. There is a Flash Sale on tickets offering substantial discounts for those booking by 3 September – see www.new-wine.org. More detail from Keith, or Paul & Karen Brombley.

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.



CATERING ON GROWING LEADERS

Would you like to help the church invest in developing leaders over the next year? We're looking for someone to organise some simple catering (drinks, nibbles/ biscuits/ cakes) for the Growing Leaders course, which meets once a month from September to June. We're expecting about 30 people on each session. Please get in touch with Keith Dunnett if you can help.

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!

LONELINESS AND CONNECTION

The effect of loneliness on our health and wellbeing. A training workshop for everyone – especially those with a pastoral role in churches and communities. Saturday 29 September at St Luke's Church Canning Crescent, OX1 4XB. Gather at 9:30am for coffee & croissants, ready for a prompt start at 10:00am, concluding at 12:30. Booking is essential – please email ray@archwayfoundation.org.uk by 17 September including your name, the name of your church and the names of any others attending with you, using the subject: "Loneliness: Sat 29 Sept". Attendance is FREE but donations towards the costs will be gratefully received.

HOLIDAY CLUB LEADERS

Holiday Club is Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st August. We currently have 82 volunteers on the team! But we still need:

- 3 full-time adults (or job-shares)
- 1 part-time adult for just Tuesday and Wednesday
- 1 full-time security guard
- 1 part-time security guard for Tuesday and Wednesday
- A team to run the BBQ at the party on the Friday night
- 1 more adult to help in the crèche for kids of leaders

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH to the 25 people who turned up to help set up for Prime Time on Monday. *Maggie*

HANNAH BREWER is our new Children's Intern – she is joining us for a year at the beginning of September to work with Heather. Please be praying for Hannah as she prepares to move to Abingdon.

QUIET GARDEN DAY at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection on Saturday 15 September 10 am - 4 pm. Leaders: Josie Midwinter and Joan Impey. 'Let be and Let God' come into the silence. Lunch and refreshments are provided. A donation of £15 would be welcome. Let Keith Green (rkeith1037@gmail.com) know if you want to attend.

26-Aug (After Church) 'ALL' AGE BIKE RIDE & PUB LUNCH

Outline Itinerary:

- 11:45** Leave & take 30min bike ride to Radley
- 12:30** Pub lunch at Bowyer Arms, Radley
- please check out website for GF, vegetarian options etc...
- 14:00** Back to the bikes for 20mins down to Abbey Meadows
- 14:30** Ice Cream in the park (*Kiosk or Van*)

(All times very approximate)

Alternatives:

- (1) Food only and follow by car
- (2) Bowyer Arms only & return home
- (3) You propose ('Flexibility is the name of the game')

Please let me know (james.dollar@sharp.eu) if you are thinking about coming along and then I can make a suitable booking at the Bowyer Arms.

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO RECYCLE IN THE DIRECTION OF HOLIDAY CLUB CRAFTS!!!

Urgently needed - Can you help by saving kitchen roll cardboard Inner tubes, empty 2 litre fizzy pop bottles, old CDs. There will be a box in the foyers of both sites to put these in from today. THANK YOU SO MUCH! Any queries, ask Beth Palmer 07981 827 595

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. I can't do 16th or 23rd August, but happy for people to come to my house any other evening of those weeks, just let me know. *Anne Taylor, (annejbtaylor61@gmail.com)*

MWM are hoping that a visit can be arranged to the Houses of Parliament on Monday 15th October. The visit would include both chambers and various committee rooms, including question time in the House of Commons and hopefully a brief meeting with Layla Moran, our Local M.P. We shall probably need to leave Abingdon between 8.00 and 8.30 a.m. More details will be given later, but if you are interested, please note the date, and let Hugh Parkman or Michael Chown know, so that numbers can be ascertained.

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

September 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: Alistair 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 Lobley (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). 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).

THE FOODBANK is very short of tuna, soup, squash, meat and pasta sauce. Thank you so much for your donations.

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.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH PASTOR VACANCY

Full-time 3 year fixed term appointment at St Andrew's and St Peter's, Bristol, vicar Andy Murray, a former youth pastor at Christ Church. Further details www.standrews-stpeters.org/jointheteam. Closing date for applications 15th September.

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 or 528505.

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THIS EVENING – AT NORTHCOURT ROAD

6.30pm Evening Worship

Jesus' Vision for Society Mark 10:1-16 Nessa Watts

NEXT SUNDAY, 19 August 2018

All Age Worship, 10am

When God comes to Dinner Genesis 18:1-15 Sandra & Anne