

**ABINGDON GOSPEL CHOIR** - Do you like Gospel Music? You are invited to a free taster night on 30 August at 8pm at Trinity Church when we shall launch a new programme of Gospel Music with new musical director Heidi Cottrell. Regular rehearsals will recommence after the Summer break at Trinity Church, Conduit Road starting on Thursday 27 September from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Singers of all standards are welcome. Come along and see (and sing) for yourself. Further information from Alan Joinson (01235 521247 or alanj@phonecoop.coop)

#### **COULD YOU HELP THE CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY DEBT CENTRE?**

A volunteer is needed to see a male client in Abingdon who lives close to Christ Church and has apparently suffered head injuries. If anyone feels that they could volunteer for this, please contact: Jill Ewbank, Centre Manager - Oxford Central Christians Against Poverty 07885549594 for further details.

#### **SIMON STEER**

You may notice over the next few weeks that Simon Steer has 'disappeared' from the PCC and staff team lists. That's because the bishop has, with Simon's agreement, changed his licence to Permission to Officiate. This means Simon can continue to preach and lead services (praise God!), without needing to be on the staff team or PCC.

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITY AT VIVA**

Viva is seeking a Supporter Relations Manager to build and develop relationships with individuals and churches, and to inspire them to support our work with vulnerable children worldwide. The candidate should have experience in this area, be a natural communicator with strong administrative skills, and a team player, yet able to work independently.

Read more at [www.viva.org/jobs](http://www.viva.org/jobs). Application deadline is 6 September.

#### **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.

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#### **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](http://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 and a monthly meeting with a mentor. Find out more at an **exploratory evening on**

**Monday 10 September, 7:30pm, in Barn 2.** The course dates are [Saturdays all day, Mondays 7.30pm]: Sat 13 Oct, Mon 12 Nov, Mon 10 Dec, Mon 14 Jan, Sat 9 Feb, Mon 11 Mar, Tues 23 Apr, Mon 20 May, Sat 15 June. 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 a team to work with Karina Stevens 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 Karina or the office 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, Phil & Kath*

#### **STAFF TEAM CHANGES**

At the end of August, James Elward (Assistant Children and Youth Minister), Mark Jarvis (temporary Children and Youth Intern), and Chris Ellaby (Intern) come to the end of their time on staff team. We want to say an enormous thank you for the way they have served the church in helping us be and make disciples of Jesus. In September Hannah Brewer joins the team as the Children's Intern, and Clint McVea as Operations Manager (Alison Grieve will overlap with Clint for a month to aid handover). Please pray for them as they move and settle in.

## 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!

## "BELONGING": welcoming young people with additional needs into the church

Trinity Church, Conduit Road, is hosting a live screening of this online conference on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 9:30am - 2:30pm. Clergy, parents and church volunteers all very welcome. Sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/belonging-conference-screening-trinity-church-abingdon-oxfordshire-tickets-48194324522>

## 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto: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

This is about being creative to illustrate verses in the Bible. No artistic talent necessary. I use rubber stamps, stickers and pictures from the internet. I have everything you need to get started. We are now meeting every Thursday at 3 The Spinney, anytime from 7pm - 9.30pm. I can't do 23 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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: 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 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](mailto:bea@cca.uk.net)). Please pray the Lord will bring the right person for this role.

## VACANCY AT NORTHCOURT ROAD

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).

**QUIET GARDEN DAY** at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection on Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm. 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](mailto:rkeith1037@gmail.com)) know if you want to attend.