

26 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](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 if you can help.

### VISION PROCESS IN THE AUTUMN

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 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.  
*Keith, Phil & Kath*

### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB WEEK 28 – 31 AUGUST "ONWARDS AND UPWARDS"

Please hold the Holiday Club week in prayer, *that we may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured* Col 4:12

### 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.

### "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 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.

### 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. *Anne Taylor, (annejbtaylor61@gmail.com)*

### 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).

**SMALL CHARITIES FORUM:** the first meeting of the Small Charities Forum, which is being sponsored by the MSG (Mission Support Group) is being held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm at church. If you are a member of the church and involved in the running of a small charity either in management or as a trustee and would like to be a part of this forum, please contact John Rogers for an invitation ([john.deerbrook@btinternet.com](mailto:john.deerbrook@btinternet.com)).

**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.

**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@phoncoop.coop](mailto:alanj@phoncoop.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.

#### **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.

#### **CCA BOARD GAME NIGHT:**

Friday 7 and 21 September in the lounge 7:30pm. Everyone welcome. Email [terryoneill2@hotmail.com](mailto:terryoneill2@hotmail.com)

#### **CCA FOOTBALL EVERY MONDAY NIGHT**

at Tilsley Park 8pm. Ages 16 and up. Email [terryoneill2@hotmail.com](mailto:terryoneill2@hotmail.com)

#### **FOODBANK**

We are short of squash, fish (not tuna), small bags of sugar, small jars of coffee and long life milk. Thank you for your contributions. They make a huge difference.

#### **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Thank you to everyone who came, on a wet morning to support our coffee and bring & buy for the NSPCC. With some very generous donations we made £350.00

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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**CHILDREN IN THE PLAYGROUND**