

2 September 2018

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Mon 3rd Sep: Meeting God in the silence, 7.30 pm, The Barns
 Tue 4th Sep: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 46 Coleridge Drive
 Tue 4th Sep: Apprentice, 4.30 pm, Prayer Room
 Thu 6th Sep: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
 Thu 6th Sep: Bible Journalling, from 7 pm, 3 The Spinney
 Fri 7th Sep: Board Games, 7.30 pm, Lounge, NR

WELLSPRING

Wellspring will be on next week (9th Sept) in the staff room at 10am. If you intend to go to Wellspring then please go directly to the staff room, don't come into the hall first. Ben Jeapes will be leading it.

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 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.

ARE YOU 16 - 19? Scripture Union are researching the faith journeys of Christians aged 16 - 19 for their "Gen Z Faith" project. If this is you, please fill in their survey at <http://su.org.uk/GenZFaith>.



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



Sun 23rd Sept
Family friendly BIKE RIDE and LUNCH (Bowyer Arms, Radley)

Please let me know if you interested: james.dollar@sharp.eu / 07823-774671

The plan:

Option 1:

11:45 Leave & take 30min bike ride to Radley
 12:30 Pub lunch at Bowyer Arms, Radley
 14:00 Back to the bikes for 20mins down to Abbey Meadows
 14:30 Ice Cream in the park (Kiosk or Van)

Option 2:

13:45 Join bike ride at Bowyer Arms (OX14 3AE), Radley etc...

Check out <https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/oxfordshire/bowyer-arms/> for menu details and an idea of lunch costs.

Natty's HELPERS!

Please tell my Dad if you can help me to enjoy XStream on Sundays at 10:00am Long Furlong (07823-774671 or james.dollar@sharp.eu)
Nathaniel is 11yrs old, attends special school and has been awarded a council care agreement. If you are able to be Natty's 1:1 carer in XStream, at weekends or during school holidays please do not hesitate to get in touch and we can chat about details. Thanks! James

"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 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.

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.

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 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).

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)

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 12th 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).

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. Application deadline is 6 September.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Sunday 16 September, 10.30am at St Mary Magdalene Shippon. All welcome.

CCA BOARD GAME NIGHT:

Friday 7 and 21 September in the lounge 7:30pm. Everyone welcome. Email terryoneill2@hotmail.com

CCA FOOTBALL EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

at Tilsley Park 8pm. Ages 16 and up. Email terryoneill2@hotmail.com

THE BIBLE AS IT HAPPENED.

Free to a good home: a copy of a one year (took me about a year and a half!) chronological Bible reading plan with full NIV text. *Jane Robinson.*

FROM 1st OCTOBER to END DECEMBER 2018

A family friend of Simon and Sheila Furlong (a 20 year old man in paid employment) is looking for a room in a shared house or to be someone's lodger. Is able to pay a fair rent. Please contact Simon and Sheila on 01235 533042 or Simon on 07890121328 or Sheila on 07904879409

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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