

**9 September 2018**

**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

Mon 10th Sep: Growing leaders, 7.30 pm, The Barns  
 Tue 11th Sep: Footprints for the bereaved, 10.30 am, The Barns  
 Wed 12th Sep: Link for toddlers and carers, 10 am, Hall, NR  
 Wed 12th Sep: Friendly Cuppa for LF residents, 2.30 pm, LFCC  
 Thu 13th Sep: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC  
 Thu 13th Sep: Thursday Fellowship, 10.30 am, NR  
 Thu 13th Sep: Bible Journalling, from 7 pm, 3 The Spinney  
 Fri 14th Sep: Resonate for 20s-30s: 8 pm, Barns Cafe

**WELLSPRING TODAY** 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.

**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.

**WEBSITE**

We're moving towards producing the new church website. One option is for us to buy in website design expertise from an external company. But before we do that, if you have the technical and artistic experience to design websites and would be willing to do this for Christ Church, please contact [jackie@cca.uk.net](mailto:jackie@cca.uk.net).

**DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?**

Following the trial during the summer we've starting using ChurchSuite, a church software system that supports administration, management and communication. Two advantages of ChurchSuite are firstly it's GDPR compliant, and secondly that the church will be able to communicate more effectively with church members. This will take a few months to roll out, but the first step is to ensure that we have everyone's email addresses correct. Keith sent out a general email this week using the emails we already have permission to use. If you didn't receive an email, and would like to receive future ones or be able to access ChurchSuite, please give the office your current email ([christine@cca.uk.net](mailto:christine@cca.uk.net)). If you don't have an email address, don't worry, the church news will continue to also be available in the weekly newsheets. Many thanks.

**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>.



**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

Family friendly BIKE RIDE and LUNCH (Bowyer Arms, Radley)

Please let me know if you interested: [james.dollar@sharp.eu](mailto: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.

**PRIME TIME CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Monday 10 December at 12.30 for 1.00pm at The Cosener's House, Abbey Close, Abingdon. Cost: £19.75. Details and menu choices now available from Diana Bryan or the Church Office. Return booking slip by Friday 9 November. We hope that all involved with Prime Time will be able to join us.

**MWM** (the group for older men). Thursday 13 September. Punting. We shall punt from the Oxford Boathouse to Marston, and return after lunch at the Victoria Arms. Meet at NCR car park 10.00 for car sharing. Please let Brian Woolnough know if you intend to come. (Tel: 01235 202146)

**PRIME TIME WALK** on Tuesday 25 September. A four mile level walk with three low easy stiles in the Newbridge/Northmoor area, followed by lunch at the Dog House pub. Meet in the church car park at 10am. Please wear boots or sturdy shoes. For further information please contact David & Elizabeth Wadham on 012135 529548.

**GOD GAVE US THE GIFT OF DYSLEXIA**

A new group to celebrate all things to do with dyslexia in prayer, worship, sharing of coping strategies, with laughter and joy in a safe place with tea and coffee. First meeting: Thursday 13 September, 7.30pm in the lounge. More information from Alison Grieve 07774 464819.

**PRIME TIME: "JUST LOOKING" - in Luke's Gospel**

Are you, or is someone you know, searching for something? Do you have questions to ask about Jesus and who he really is? Then come along to the five week "JUST LOOKING" course, starting on Wednesday 26th September in the Coffee Lounge at Christ Church, Northcourt Road, from 2.30 pm with refreshments. The weekly course runs from Wednesday 26 September to Wednesday 24 October, followed by a social on 7 November, and looks at five different episodes in Jesus' ministry as recorded in Luke's

gospel. Do come along, or invite a friend - we'd love to see you and share with you. Further information from Janice Gordon on 01235 553971 or [chriswgordon6@aol.com](mailto:chriswgordon6@aol.com)

### **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](mailto: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*

### **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](mailto: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 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)).

### **COMMEMORATION SERVICE OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN**

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

### **LOCAL COMMUNITY DATA**

Are you good with data? As part of our vision process we are wanting to think about our context in the local community. We are looking for someone who could, using the local census data, help us to produce a profile of our local community in the form of a few graphs and pie charts to help us recognise who lives here, what age and stage they are, the composition of households, what businesses are here, etc. If you can help, please contact Nessa at [nessa@cca.uk.net](mailto:nessa@cca.uk.net). Thank you.

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

Friday 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)

### **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.*

### **WEEKEND FOR BEREAVED PARENTS**

Care for the Family is holding a weekend for bereaved parents at the De Vere Staverton Park Hotel in Daventry from Friday night on 5<sup>th</sup> October to lunchtime on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October. If someone in your family or a friend has suffered the death of a son or daughter, this would be a time for them to find understanding and encouragement for the heartache they are going through. Please feel free to pass this on to any parents you know who have lost a child in any circumstance and at any age, whether recently or years ago. Details of how to book are on the Care for the Family website at [www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk). Follow the links to Events/Bereavement Support Events. Many have found these weekends make a huge difference in helping them cope. There is also a bereaved Dad's walk being held locally on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Michael and Deborah Harford, 01235 527516.

**FUND RAISING DINNER** at St Andrews Church. Linton Road, Oxford on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm to raise money for school bus for Ahkom school in Sierra Leone. African food, speaker, auction and raffle with great prizes. Tickets £20.00 and contact [vicky-russell@outlook.com](mailto:vicky-russell@outlook.com) for more details

**SINGERS WANTED.** Next Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, is the first rehearsal by All Saints' Singers for three of Handel's Chandos Anthems. Please see <https://allsaintssingers.org> for more information. *Steve Fisher, Tel: 0781 203 7530 or [dr.s.m.fisher@gmail.com](mailto:dr.s.m.fisher@gmail.com)*

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

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