

**CCA FOOTBALL EVERY MONDAY NIGHT** at Tilsley Park 8pm. Ages 16 and up.  
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**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.

**CCA BOARD GAME NIGHT:** Friday 21 September in the lounge 7:30pm. Everyone welcome. Email [terryoneill2@hotmail.com](mailto:terryoneill2@hotmail.com)

**NEW SATURDAY TEAM MEMBERS AT THE BARNES CAFÉ** We are pleased to announce that we have appointed two paid Saturday team members at The Barns Cafe; Seonaid Lindsay and Anna Cook. They will begin in their new roles from the beginning of October.

**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.*

**FUND RAISING DINNER** at St Andrews Church. Linton Road, Oxford on Saturday 13th 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

**VOLUNTEERING AT THE BARNES CAFÉ** Ever thought about volunteering at The Barns Cafe? It is one of the best ways to meet new people of all ages from Christ Church, from other local churches, and from the local community. If you regularly have some free time in your week and would like to use it to serve our community and make some great friends, then please get in touch with Hannah at [hannah@thebarnscafe.co.uk](mailto:hannah@thebarnscafe.co.uk). We are particularly looking for more team on Tuesday afternoons and on Thursdays.

**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.

Notices now on the web at [www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk](http://www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk)

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**16 September 2018**

#### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**Tue 18th Sep: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, 66 Alexander Close**

**Tue 18th Sep: Men who lunch, 12.30 pm, Spread Eagle**

**Tue 18th Sep: Hungry: Praise and Prayer, 8 pm, The Barns**

**Wed 19th Sep: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR**

**Thu 20th Sep: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC**

**Thu 20th Sep: Bible Journalling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinney**

**Fri 21st Sep: Board Games, 7.30 pm, Lounge, NR**

#### VISION

As you probably already realise this autumn we are particularly seeking God's vision & values for Christ Church across both sites. The Sunday sermons will feed into this, we began last Sunday & this sermon is now available on CCLF website. Small group materials are also available to help follow up some of these themes and continue our listening together through the week. Existing Life Groups will be following this material in one way or another. If you're not already in a Life Group, there are various ways in which you can still be involved:

1. Join one of the existing groups - see the Midweek Discipleship leaflet for details of the current LF groups
2. If you already meet in a different group (eg prayer group), just email the church office for the group materials (or download from website)
3. Join one of the temporary Life Groups which will meet for the next 10 weeks (Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening or Wednesday evening) - ask Phil & Kath for details
4. Come to a one-off vision event in November - one of which will be the **Long Furlong Prayer Evening at LF School on Tues 13th November**
5. Join the weekly **Wednesday morning vision prayer meeting 8-8.45am** in the church at Northcourt Road.

We really need *everyone* to be involved in exploring God's purpose for his church - through our Bible reading, through listening to the Holy Spirit for his specific call on Christ Church, and through our conversations together. Life Groups will be gathering summaries of their own listening, and passing these on to the church office. The PCC will seek to distil what God has been saying at the PCC Away Day on 24th Nov. In order to ensure we gather all the different pieces of the jigsaw, there is also a special email address - [vision@cca.uk.net](mailto:vision@cca.uk.net) - so please do email anything else you sense you've heard from God, many thanks, Phil, Kath & Keith.

**Long Furlong School Prayer Space - 24th-28th Sept.** Please be praying for this to be a significant week.

Help needed with set-up after church service on Sunday 23rd Sept, please speak to Jo Walker to find out more.

**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. 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. **Applications are now open**-pick up a form from the entrance foyer or the office and return it by the 24 September.

**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. Keith sent out a general email last 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.



**NEXT SUNDAY (23<sup>rd</sup> Sept)**  
Family friendly BIKE RIDE and LUNCH (Bowyer Arms, Radley)  
  
Please let me know if you are 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: "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.

**18-23S MEETUP, SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 4.30PM – 6PM** Have you recently finished school or university and decided to stay in Abingdon? Or perhaps you've just moved here and you're in this age group. We'd love to hang out and explore the best ways to invest in you and support you this year. Please join us for Pizza and Cake at [34 Geoffrey Barbour Road](#). RSVP to Bea: 07741 553198

**RE:BOOT CONFERENCE, 22 SEPTEMBER, CENTRAL WESTMINSTER HALL, SW1H 9NH** 'How can we know God exists?', 'Why does God allow suffering?' and 'Hasn't science disproved God?'. REBOOT is an interactive day for 12-18s to ask their big questions about God. This is a place for young people, with or without any faith, to raise their objections and investigate different perspectives on life. Speakers include Louie Giglio, Amy Orr-Ewing, Alanzo Paul and Lara Buchanan. Tickets £15 from [www.rebootglobal.org/london/](http://www.rebootglobal.org/london/)

**Welcome Home Event for Pat Herbert:** On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October MSG is marking Pat's return to Abingdon after 46 years in Ghana. Following an "invitation only" lunch for some of Pat's long-term supporters from Abingdon and beyond, we would like to welcome everyone from church to join us at 3.00 pm in The Barns for coffee and cake, to celebrate Pat's many years of service in Ghana and to give her a very warm welcome to her new life back in Abingdon.

**OUR YEAR THROUGH ART** On Saturday 29th September we will be having the first of four art days in the next year that will give us a space to create and explore different art media. Especially as we travel the first full year in our new season as a church. The Barn will be open 9am-3pm for people to spend the day or just drop in for a short time. Whilst there will be some materials available to use, we also encourage you to bring your own if you want. Come along to find out more or email [sarahbrombley@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahbrombley@hotmail.com).

**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.