



Christ Church

Northcourt Road & Long Furlong

“With Jesus, Like Jesus, For Jesus”

EASTER 4

SUNDAY 10th MAY 2020

WELCOME TO THE NEW NEWS SHEET

Now that we're several weeks into the COVID lockdown, we're merging the weekly news sheet and the COVID19 newsletter, into this new combined format, which we hope is easy to look at online and also to print out at home.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Christ Church Together

While the congregations across the two Christ Church sites are unable to meet physically during the Coronavirus outbreak, we're producing a joint Christ Church Northcourt Road and Long Furlong news sheet each week.

Sunday 10th May

We're livestreaming again this Sunday morning at **10:30am** - all welcome!

Click here for the [Livestream Link](#). After the livestream, why not make a cuppa and phone someone, or Zoom in your network, to encourage one another in the Lord.

And at **4pm** we're streaming the weekly [Family Worship Resource](#). This week's story is The Wise and Foolish Builder, brought to us by some special guests. All welcome!

Prayer Ministry

Would you like prayer?

We have members of the CCA Prayer Ministry team who are available to pray with you after the Sunday service. Go to the [CCA website](#) or click [here](#). After the service you will be guided through by our host and receive online prayer with two of the team, in a secure and confidential space.

Long Furlong Lockdown Lunch

Sunday 10th May, using zoom. Please contact James Tweed for details (James.tweed@btinternet.com). Timing - 12 to 1:30pm, but please join for as much or as little as you

like. Grace - at 12:15pm. Group photograph at 12:30pm to record the occasion. Lunch - afraid you have to bring your own! 😊

Technical/Practical Support

The Networks are the first line of offering help to those who need shopping or medicine picking up etc. We are also aware that with the new apps/software currently being used, there may be some people who need help with this. If your network is unable to help with your needs then please contact the central team of people keen to offer help by emailing coronahelp@cca.uk.net or phone the church office on 07707 850282.

News sheets, Prayer Diary, Mission of the Month

We're continuing to produce these, making them available on the church websites and from MyChurchSuite. If you have any problems accessing these, please contact our Ops Manager clint@cca.uk.net.

Church Office

Clint is working from home. Email clint@cca.uk.net, phone 07707 850282. The news sheet is now being produced by Clint and Suzie. Please send any information to be included in the news sheet to the office email: office@cca.uk.net by 4pm Thursday. Please try to keep information to a 65 word limit.

Christ Church Networks

Connecting church members to TALK, PRAY, and HELP, so everyone feels they belong, are known and loved. If you would like to join one, contact clint@cca.uk.net

FEEDBACK/REVIEWS

Independent Safeguarding Review

The report from the independent safeguarding review on the handling of the Tim Davis case will be coming

out in the next few weeks. We will signpost it to the church as it becomes public.

PCC Feedback

The PCC met for a short meeting online on Monday evening. The main item was discussing and unanimously approving Ros Steel's journey towards ordination as an Ordained Local Minister, recognising

that it is a joint journey, and committing ourselves to becoming fully involved in the training and development on that journey. We also had a finance update and a safeguarding policy update.

OTHER NEWS/UPDATES



Barns Café News

The Barns Café has been closed to customers since Saturday 14 March because of the COVID19

outbreak. Following consultation with staff, and with their agreement, the Barns Cafe Directors and PCC have furloughed all the Barns Cafe paid staff, with the exception of the manager Phil Adams. Phil will split his time between Abingdon Foodbank and undertaking ongoing financial and management tasks for the cafe. We anticipate this will be for a period of 3 months, but are keeping the situation under review. Please be praying for all the Barns Cafe team, both paid staff, volunteers and Directors. Pray also for those in the community who are missing the friendship and relationships built through the work of the cafe.



Foodbank

Thank you for all the donations of money and produce. Any produce can be brought to the church between 9:30 and 1:00 on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is hugely appreciated at this difficult time.

Paul Brombley

Congratulations to Paul who has recently passed his selection conference to start training as a Licenced Lay Minister.

Colin & Judy Wood

Congratulations to Colin & Judy Wood who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week.

Message from Christine Talbot

Thank you so much to everyone for your kind words and good wishes, cards and emails, flowers and chocolates, and the generous financial gift on my retirement at the end of April. Your prayers and support over the years have been much appreciated, thank you. *Christine Talbot*



The King's School Witney

The King's School are looking for a part time teacher who can teach secondary Computer Science, with the potential for some humanities teaching. Further details can be found [here](#). Closing Date – 9am Wednesday 13th May 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Alpha

Alpha Online is a great way to make new connections, meet new people and have honest conversations about the big questions in life. We are running several mini Alpha Online courses, starting next week:

Monday evenings 7:30pm

Friday afternoons 2:00pm.

We're also exploring a couple of others Alpha's, and if the Monday evening one is full we will start another one the following week. These online courses use the Alpha film series, and then a 45 minute Zoom discussion group, and are limited to 4-6 guests to enable conversation to bubble. See the church [website](#) for details and to book a place.

Help with Alpha

Please help advertise by sharing the Facebook post on the church Facebook page with friends, and invite them to come

If you'd like to help run a mini online Alpha, please speak to Keith keith@cca.uk.net.

And please pray!

Thy Kingdom Come (21-31st May)

As a church we're joining this global prayer movement that invites Christians to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Thursday 21st May, Ascension Day:

11am Book of Common Prayer communion.

Evening - virtual prayer gathering hosted by Long Furlong congregation.

Friday 22- Saturday 30 May:

Opportunities to join in continuous prayer, use family prayer resources, pray together daily. Check out the [website](#) to find ideas, resources & inspiration.

Sunday 31st May, Pentecost:

All Age Livestream 10:30am, 6:30pm extended online worship.



Christian Aid Quiz

Christian Aid Quiz Night on Zoom!
Suggested minimum donation of £5 to support the work of Christian Aid. To take part, email abingdon.caquiz2020@gmail.com as soon as possible. Nearer the time you will be sent an invitation link,

which you simply click on just before 7.30 on the night.

Marriage Courses

With the lockdown, although we can't run a marriage course, Care for the Family and HTB are both running online versions of their courses. We know after several weeks of lockdown together you may be

feeling the strain, but why not invest some of this time in your marriage.

[Care for the Family course](#) runs for 4 Monday evenings from 11th, 18th, 25th May, 1st June.

[HTB course](#) is 7 sessions of approx. 2 hours each at your own pace.

PRAYER

Wednesday Morning Prayer Meetings

We've restarted the 8am Wednesday morning prayer meetings, online using Zoom. These run for 45 minutes, and include a Psalm and open praise, a bible reading and intercessory prayers. You're welcome to join, please email keith@cca.uk.net, or Dal on warden-dal@cca.uk.net, or Janice on chriswgordon6@aol.com for the meeting ID and password (which will be the same every week).

Nessa Watts

Thank you to all of you who have been asking about how Nessa, our curate is. Nessa is signed off sick and will be for some weeks to come because of the COVID19 lockdown. Please uphold her and James, Emily and Esther in your prayers.

Esther Johns

Esther died peacefully on Monday 27 April, falling asleep in the Lord. Her funeral is on Thursday 14 May

at 3pm. COVID19 Social distancing means only ten people can attend the funeral and these have been allocated to close family/ friends, but please join in at home giving thanks to God for Esther's life.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Unwell

[LF] Judy Wood, Caroline Craig, Louis Furlong, David Robertson, Rachel Robertson, Logan Mazie (Jane J's great nephew), Cynthia Holland. [NCR] Janet (Lesley Taylor's sister), Sheila (friend of Vicky Russell), Myrtle Hodgkins, Tom Bewley, Joanna Kilburn.

Please contact the office if you would like your name or a friend or relative's to be included on this list. The name will remain there for six weeks or so. If the need is for continued, long-term prayer support, the name will be added to the monthly prayer diary. Please let the office know when a name can be removed from the list. Thank you.

USEFUL LINKS/RESOURCES

[Christ Church Abingdon Website](#)

[Christ Church Long Furlong Website](#)

[Christ Church Abingdon Facebook Page](#)

[Christ Church Long Furlong Facebook Page](#)



[ChurchSuite](#)

[Family and children website](#)

[NHS 24/7 Mental Health helpline](#): Adults: 01865 904 997 Children and young people: 01865 904 998

THE WEEK AHEAD

Daily – The Life groups and Networks connect on various days and times

Wednesday – 8am prayer meeting on Zoom – see news sheet

Thursday 14th May 6.30pm – **Genesis** (years 7-9) meeting-up via Zoom

Friday 15th May 7pm – **Space** (years 10-13) meeting-up via Zoom

Sunday 17th May – more details will be on websites: www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk or www.cca.uk.net

10.30am **Christ Church Together Livestream**

4.00pm **Family All-Together Time** – Bible story, prayer, worship & challenges – for all ages.