

**THURSDAY 30 JANUARY - MWM** We shall discuss books and articles of particular interest. If you can, please be ready to contribute something. 22 East St. Helen's Street, 2.15 for 2.30. All older men welcome.

**SHIFT ABINGDON** are having an open morning on Thursday 23 January in the Barn. 9.30-11.30am. Parents, Carers and those working with a child who has additional needs are welcome to come along and find out more about SHIFT and what we do. Refreshments will be available and children are welcome. *Jo Walker and Sally Foulsham*

#### **JOB ADVERT – DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING REVIEWERS**

The Diocese are advertising for two full time posts with a one year fixed term contract for Safeguarding Past Cases Reviewers. Details are on the Diocesan website and there is a copy of the advert on the table in the Entrance Hall. Closing date is Monday 27 January 2020. These jobs are not related to any Christ Church past cases.

*Roland Knight, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

**PRIME TIME** - Thank-you to all who came to the meeting last Sunday afternoon. We are thinking and praying about whether or not to have Prime Time summer activities this year - perhaps over 3 days, with simplicity being the key word. If this is the right way forward then we need a team of people to commit to facilitating Prime Time 2020. If you sense God is calling you to be involved in some way, or want to know more please contact Kath Cooke - kath@cca.uk.net by Sunday 26 January.

#### **VACANCY IN THE BARNS CAFÉ**

We are recruiting a paid team member to work in The Barns Café on Saturdays (opening hours 10am to 3pm, working a 6.5 hour day to assist with opening up and closing the cafe). The role involves: assisting with opening up and closing the cafe, preparing and serving hot and cold drinks and food items; taking orders and payments from customers; clearing, cleaning and washing up duties; and providing friendly and efficient customer service. You would be expected to work in all areas of the café as required. We are looking to recruit someone who is available to start as soon as possible, and the closing date for applications is Monday 27 January at 9.00am. Please contact Clint McVea (clint@cca.uk.net) for an application form and job description. If you would like an informal chat about the role, please speak to Phil Adams, Barns Cafe Manager.

#### **CHILDREN IN THE PLAYGROUND**

Parents/Carers, please could you ensure that your children are supervised in the playground after the service. Unfortunately, all the play equipment behind the fence in the main school playground is now too dangerous to be used and has been condemned. So please can all children not play on it and could those adults supervising the children ensure nobody goes into the fenced area. They are your responsibility!

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Judy Wood, Caroline Craig, Louis Furlong, David Robertson, Rachel Robertson, Logan Mazie (Jane J's great nephew), Cynthia Holland, Hugh Parkman.

If you have any items for the newsletter or for prayers, please contact Anne Taylor annejbtaylor61@gmail.com or 528505.

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

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**19 January 2020**

#### **LF HOSPITALITY MONTH & MORE - DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Tues Jan 21<sup>st</sup> - Coffee Break at 14 Rose Avenue at 10.15  
Weds Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - LF Curry eve 7.30pm at Tiffins - contact: annejbtaylor61@gmail.com  
Sunday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - LF Link-up Lunch - contact: stuartwilsonesq@hotmail.com  
Saturday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - Ceilidh 7.30pm at LF Community Centre. Tickets £5 - contact: kath@cca.uk.net  
Tuesday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> - Women's social evening 7.30pm at 7 Holland Rd - contact: janicewenninger@gmail.com  
Thursday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - Beer & Banter - evening for men - 8pm at Spread Eagle - contact: phil@cca.uk.net

#### **FANCY SUNDAY LUNCH? LINK-UP LUNCH IS BACK**

Would you appreciate a bit more time to get to know your fellow Long Furlongers? Well, Link-Up Lunch is back on 02/02/2020, for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Get yourself in the draw and you'll be linked up with other LF folk for Sunday Lunch. You can choose to host or be hosted. Leave your paper form in the box at the back of church or email Stu Wilson at stuartwilsonesq@hotmail.com.

**CURRY NIGHT** - Wednesday 22 January, 7.30 pm, Tiffins Tandoori, Abingdon. Please let Anne Taylor know if you would like to come by e-mail, text, Facebook event or sign up on ChurchSuite.

#### **CEILIDH (AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH DANCING) - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 – 9.15pm at Long Furlong Community Centre**

Great opportunity to enjoy dancing, chatting & getting to know others - do invite friends, family & neighbours too. We recommend that you wear flat shoes. Tickets (including soft drinks) £5.00 - 1 adult £10.00 - 2 adults; £12.00 - family. Available on Sundays at LF & from Jane Robinson, Phil & Kath Cooke. **No unaccompanied children, please.**

#### **BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION**

Are you ready to declare that Jesus is your Lord? We have a baptism and confirmation service on **Sunday 15 March** at 6:30pm. We'll be running baptism/ confirmation preparation sessions beforehand. Speak to a member of the clergy if you would like to explore this.

**LF PRAYER EVENING - Tuesday 4 February from 7.45pm** in the school hall with prayer stations to start & finish, as well as a gathered time of prayer. An opportunity to pause, pray & listen to God. Prayer stations will focus on 3 areas of our vision – meeting local needs in loving service, growing in maturity & new housing/congregations.

### **CCA LADIES BREAKFAST**

Come and enjoy coffee, pastries and fruit for breakfast together on **Saturday 25 January, 9.00 – 10.30am** in the church hall at **CCA Northcourt Road**. There will be time to chat, meet friends and get to know each other a little better. It's a chance to connect with women of all ages and discover how we can encourage, support and inspire one another. We will also hear something of what God has been saying about the future of the women's ministry at CCA. (£2 suggested contribution towards costs.) Please sign up on ChurchSuite by 22 January to assist with numbers for catering and any dietary requirements.

For more details, please contact Andrea Farres [andrea.farres@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.farres@gmail.com), Jan Haywood [janhaywood18@gmail.com](mailto:janhaywood18@gmail.com) or Gill Turner [gill.turner17@btinternet.com](mailto:gill.turner17@btinternet.com).

### **WEDNESDAY 8AM PRAYER MEETINGS**

All welcome to join us in the Prayer Room in the Barns.

### **PARISH GIVING SCHEME**

A big thank you to all who have transferred their regular giving to the PGS since it was launched at CCA in 2019. The PGS brings many advantages (reduced administration, improved cash flow etc.) and our finance team are already benefitting from the change. Just over half of our regular givers have now transferred, but it would be great to increase this number further so we can get the most from this excellent scheme. If you haven't got around to it yet, or you are unsure what this is all about, please take a "Finance and Giving 2019" pack from the welcome teams today (or from the Finance rack in the entrance hall next to the pigeon holes) and post off the Gift Form. Thank you!

**CALLING BUTTONS** - If anyone has buttons (the sew on sort not the Panto!), my elderly friend who knits would like some more. She has knitted lots of twiddlemuffs for dementia folk and needs more buttons to complete them. She is very grateful for both the wool and buttons that you kindly find for her. If you let me have any, I'll pass them on. Many thanks, Jane Robinson.

**PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING** - Would you like to be better equipped to pray for others? In March we are offering a prayer ministry training course, to train and equip anyone in the church who would like to learn and grow in this area. All are welcome. The course will run on 3 Monday evenings: 2, 9 and 16 March. We'll enjoy some teaching, refreshments and practice together in a safe and supportive context. For more information please chat to Alex Horlock or John Owen or, to book, please sign up via ChurchSuite or email [office@cca.uk.net](mailto:office@cca.uk.net). Thank you.

**MARRIAGE COURSE** - We all know that investing in our marriage is really important. We will be running "The Marriage Sessions" from Care for the Family as 2 half days on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb (part 1) and Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March (part 2) 9:30am – 12:30pm. Please book on through Church Suite or contact the Church office. We are looking at having a crèche to help those with young children, if you need this can you please let us know. For more information contact Paul & Karen Brombley.

**SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 5 July - LF Away Day:** More details to follow & if you'd like to get involved with planning this day have a word with Phil or Kath Cooke - [kath@cca.uk.net](mailto:kath@cca.uk.net)

**LINK-UP PICNIC - Thursday 23 January, 12 noon in church hall.** Thursday Fellowship & Link joining for picnic lunch, singing, craft & chatting. Contact Doreen Cooper or Kath Cooke for more details.

### **THE JESUS LIFESTYLE COURSE**

Wednesday evenings 7.30pm. Join anytime. This is for:

- Those intrigued by Jesus and exploring faith maybe for the first time
- Those wanting a next step after being on the Alpha course
- Newcomers to Christ Church looking for a small group to join

**Contact Details** - The course is led by Jo Wakefield and Keith & Lynne Dunnett

- To find out more: [keith@cca.uk.net](mailto:keith@cca.uk.net), 209145 or [jocoles2000@hotmail.com](mailto:jocoles2000@hotmail.com).

To book a place: [www.cca.uk.net/events](http://www.cca.uk.net/events)

This week will be in The Barns Café at Northcourt Road.

**SUZY AND CHRIS WILSON AND FAMILY**, our mission partners in Gambella (and my daughter and family), are coming back for a few months in three weeks' time. As it is very hot in Gambella they are not equipped for winter, and they wondered if anyone had any surplus warm winter clothes or wellies which might fit the children, just to get them going. Abigail is 6, Mathew 4 and Micah 2 (foot size 11,9,6). We have coats for the two boys but nothing much else. Please let Penny Smith know if you can help ([pennysmith@yahoo.com](mailto:pennysmith@yahoo.com), 07840242937)

**CHRISTIANS WORKING AT CULHAM** I have been asked by one of our LLMs-in-training, who works at Culham, whether any other Christians working there would be interested in getting together from time to time, even just informally. If so, please do contact Sam Tippetts at [sam.tippetts@ukaea.uk](mailto:sam.tippetts@ukaea.uk) *Phil Cooke*

**AUTUMN TOUR TO BAVARIA & AUSTRIA, 2020** A friendship tour to Munich, Salzburg & Vienna is being planned for 13-23 October with John Earwicker. ATOL protected. While art and music are on the agenda, there will be plenty of free time as well. Brochure & full details from [abingdonjohn66@gmail.com](mailto:abingdonjohn66@gmail.com) or 07766 255221.

### **CHURCH IN ABINGDON QUIZ - THIS FRIDAY!**

The annual inter-church quiz is happening this Friday 24 Jan from 7.30 pm (for a prompt 8pm start) in St Michael's Church as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. A donation of £2 per person is suggested to cover refreshments, etc. Any surplus donations, after expenses, will go to a local charity. Teams are a max of 8 people and we have in the past fielded up to 2 teams. Just about falling into our hospitality month, this is another easy way to get to know others in the church (especially if you are new) and we'd love to field two full-strength teams of various ages from about 12 years up. If you're interested, please let Ben Jeapes (01235 204011) or Derek Walker (01235 528134) know ASAP, as the host church will need to organise their refreshments etc. by about Tuesday.

### **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP**

meet this week on Thursday 23rd when Pauline Croucher will be our speaker She will be starting our series "Towards Easter" looking at John 12:1-11 "Anointed by Mary" We shall meet at 10.30am in the Church for refreshments and our Service as we have a "Link-up Picnic" in the Hall afterwards (Our 2nd inter-generational fun time with some of the pre-school Link children their Parents/carers Kath and helpers) *Doreen Cooper*