

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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIANS WORKING IN SCIENCE, MEDICINE OR TECHNOLOGY

We'd really value hearing your voice. Will you please complete a short survey, likely to take no more than five minutes, in order for the wider church to be able to draw upon your wisdom as we all seek to engage well with issues of technology? This national work has grown out of the local 'Faith, Technology and Tomorrow' project which we ran in St Mary's Church, Longfleet in Poole and the survey is available via that church website and this link: https://smilpoole.org.uk/Groups/242067/Faith_Technology_and.aspx

ORGANISED? EFFICIENT? FRIENDLY?

Then Archway's **Individual Support Service & Training Assistant** role may be for you. Part time - 18 hours per week. (worked mostly Tues, Wed & Thurs plus 6 Saturdays and 2 evenings a year) Salary: £9,360 to £9,828 depending on experience. Visit www.archwayfoundation.org.uk for job description and online application form. Closing date **27 January 2020**. Interview date 4 February.

HARWELL AND CHILTON CHURCHES have a vacancy for a Church Administrator and PA to the Rector (Maternity Cover). Further info: <http://hcchurches.org/adminpa>. Job share applications will be considered. Applications by 7pm Monday 3 February

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 and on ChurchSuite.

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LF HOSPITALITY MONTH & MORE - DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 29th Jan: Link, 10 am, Hall, CCNR

Thu 30th Jan: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC

Thu 30th Jan: Bible Journalling, 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

Sunday Feb 2nd - LF Link-up Lunch

Saturday Feb 8th - Ceilidh 7.30pm at LF Community Centre. Tickets £5 - contact: kath@cca.uk.net

Tuesday Feb 11th - Women's social evening 7.30pm at 7 Holland Rd - contact: janicewenninger@gmail.com

Thursday Feb 27th - Beer & Banter - evening for men - 8pm at Spread Eagle - contact: phil@cca.uk.net

OLDER PEOPLES MINISTRY – PCC OUTCOME

We're delighted that on Monday the PCC voted unanimously to invest in the Older People's ministry, with time and money. The PCC is going to make two key appointments: a voluntary part time Older Persons Ministry Enabler, and a paid half time Caretaker.

The role of the **Older Persons Ministry Enabler** will be to:

- Support the existing leadership teams of O/P ministries
- Ensure O/P Ministry is represented on staff team
- Help leadership review and reshape the O/P ministries to align them with the new church vision. This will also help us see how we can help the other church ministries do the same
- Give some additional support to the caring of church members who are frail, housebound and dying.

The **Caretaker** will assist O/P ministries with room set up and set down, and also support Clint with other room management and site maintenance, freeing Clint to focus on more strategic operational matters.

Do talk to any of the PCC members to find out more. Our next step is to develop job descriptions and then advertise. Please join us in praying for that process.

CEILIDH (AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH DANCING) - Saturday 8th 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.**

WEDNESDAY 8AM PRAYER MEETINGS

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

LF LEADERS TEAM FEEDBACK

As well as several 'nuts and bolts' matters, our last meeting included reviewing Christmas; looking at Deanery Synod nominations; outlining the next prayer evening format; aiming to shorten the annual report in line with our vision strapline to make it readable; and progressing the Awayday plans - please book the date: 5th July. We are thrilled that Nic Cook is joining the team - we don't think that too many Cook(e)s spoil anything. If you have any concerns or inspiring thoughts, please find a vicar, lay minister or other team member and let us hear you. Derek Walker.

LF QUIET DAY - Saturday March 28 at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection, led by Geoff Maughan. More details to follow.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR / VICARS PA

With Christine retiring in April, the PCC is recruiting a new Church Administrator/ Vicar's PA. It's an exciting opportunity to play a core role in enabling the mission and ministry God is doing through Christ Church. The job description is on the website, <https://cca.uk.net/vacancies/>. Please spread the news; maybe God is calling you to apply?

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.

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. Thank you.

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

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.

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 1st Feb (part 1) and Sat 14th 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.

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, 209145 or jocoles2000@hotmail.com.

To book a place: www.cca.uk.net/events

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

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
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 or 07766 255221.

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 a couple of Sundays ago. 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 **TODAY**.

OUR LADY'S ABINGDON SCHOOL (OLA)

Open Morning Tuesday 11 February 2020, 9.30am – 11.30am. A perfect opportunity for parents to come and see our Nursery and Reception, Junior School, Senior School and Sixth Form in action on a regular teaching day. www.olab.org.uk/Open-Morning