



Christ Church

Northcourt Road & Long Furlong

“With Jesus, Like Jesus, For Jesus”

EASTER 6

SUNDAY 17th MAY 2020

WELCOME TO THE NEWS SHEET

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 17th 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 about Mary and Martha, brought to us by Pauline and Steve Cooper. 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.

Sunday Tech Team

We'd like to grow a tech team to help with the Sunday Livestreams, working alongside the amazing Mark Jarvis. If you're interested, or would like to find out more please get in touch with Keith –

keith@cca.uk.net, Phil - phil@cca.uk.net or Kath - kath@cca.uk.net.

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.

THY KINGDOM COME ABINGDON

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 [Livestream](#) Book of Common Prayer communion

8pm Virtual Prayer Gathering - hosted by Long Furlong congregation via Zoom. Contact Kath Cooke for the Zoom link - kath@cca.uk.net

Sunday 31st May, Pentecost

All Age Livestream 10:30am, 4pm Wellspring - contemplative service, 6:30pm extended online worship.

Continuous Prayer

We are running 10 days of continuous worship and intercession, praying as a community day and night from our own homes from 12pm on Thursday 21st May until 12pm on Sunday 31st May. You can use this [link](#) to sign-up to pray for an hour.

Praying Together Daily

8am Friday 22nd May – 8pm Saturday 30th May.

8am, Rising with God – Informal prayer via Zoom

12pm, Pausing with God – Praying alone using [Psalm 23](#) & the Lord's Prayer

8pm, Resting with God – Led prayer with simple liturgy via Zoom.

There will be simple prayer resources available for those without computers to join in with praying at the

same times. Please contact Janice Gordon - chriswgordon6@aol.com if you would like a copy of these.

Contact Information

If you'd like to join with one or more of the times of prayer please get in touch with one of the team listed below who will email the Zoom meeting code.

Janice Gordon - chriswgordon6@aol.com

Rosemary Green - rosemarywgreen@gmail.com

Claire Proudman-

claire.proudman2185@hotmail.co.uk

Any questions please contact us on tkc@cca.uk.net or

01235 539226. Find us on Facebook and

Instagram: 'Thy Kingdom Come Abingdon'

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

OTHER NEWS/UPDATES



Barns Café News

The Barns Café continues to be closed due to the COVID19 outbreak. Please be praying for all the Barns Cafe team and 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. This week's particular Foodbank needs are: tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned spaghetti, pasta and jam. 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.

Association of Christian Counsellors

ACC's COVID-19 Crisis Counselling Support Service has been set up to help people who are experiencing difficult feelings, thoughts and circumstances because: they work within an NHS setting (medical and ancillary staff) or they have been bereaved at this time, whether due to COVID-19 or another reason. The service offers up to ten sessions of counselling on a no-fee basis, either on-line or by telephone. For more information visit ACC's [website](#) or phone 024 7644 9694.

Cricket Pitch Development Update

The hearing arranged for the 2nd June 2020 has been postponed. We will let you know when a new date has been confirmed.

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!

Long Furlong Quiz

Long Furlong Quiz, Friday 22nd May 7.30pm, contact David Lever for details

davidandticia.lever@btinternet.com

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.

BBC Philharmonic

[Join the BBC Philharmonic](#) to sing *Hallelujah* from Handel's *Messiah* for broadcast on Ascension Day, 21 May at 8pm. Just record yourself at home to be part of a national choir.

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

Thank you all so much for your loving support of us, before and since the peaceful death (heart attack) of Esther. Your prayers have been powerful indeed.

Because of her lifelong love of babies and children, all donations will go to the Children's Society. Cheques payable to that should be sent (put through the door of) Carter's Funeral Directors at 107 South Avenue. Edith, Carol and David Debling.

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] Tom Bewley, Hugh Parkman, Richard Feeney.

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 21st May 6.30pm – **Genesis** (years 7-9) meeting-up via Zoom

Friday 22nd May 7pm – **Space** (years 10-13) meeting-up via Zoom

Sunday 24th 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.