



Christ Church

Northcourt Road & Long Furlong

“With Jesus, Like Jesus, For Jesus”

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY 31st MAY 2020

THY KINGDOM COME ABINGDON

Thy Kingdom Come (21-31st May)

As a church we've been joining this global prayer movement that invites Christians to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Our prayers draw together this Sunday on Pentecost Sunday as we pray “Come Holy Spirit.”

Thank You

It has been great to join in with 24/10 continuous prayer & daily prayer together - a huge thank-you to the teams involved with planning, preparing & facilitating these times of prayer.

Feeding Back What God has been Saying

We'd love to hear what you feel God has been saying through the 10 days. There are three ways you can feed these back, and Ruth Savage has kindly offered to draw these together:

Facebook: post on the *Thy kingdom Come Abingdon* page

Email: tkc@cca.uk.net

Phone: Speak to Ruth Savage 01235 539226.

What Next?

We're hoping these 10 days have strengthened our prayer muscle. But what should we do next in terms of prayer? Please feedback any thoughts to the Facebook/ email/ phone above.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday 31st May

We're livestreaming three services this Sunday – all welcome!

10:30am Pentecost All Age Livestream. 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.

4pm Wellspring – Contemplative Service. Click here for the [Livestream Link](#).

6:30pm Sung worship, Prophecy & Prayer. Click here for the [Livestream Link](#). You're welcome to share any words/pictures/ scriptures the Lord gives you during this service to this phone number (valid for this service only): 07796 395557

Please note as it is half term, we're not streaming the normal 4pm Families Worship Resource this week.

Sunday at the Don't Spread

After this Sunday's 6:30 service, come and join us online in the virtual Spreddeagle, with a drink of your choice, and cheesy chips if you can make them! It would be great to hear some thoughts from the service. We will open the [Zoom room](#) from 8 to allow you to collect your thoughts, and grab your drink.

Prayer Ministry

Each Sunday following the Sunday morning livestream service, we would love to pray for you. If you would like prayer, please [click here](#) to enter. You will be directed to our virtual waiting room before two of our trained prayer ministry team join you in Zoom to chat and pray with you. Please note that we can only offer this to over 18's. The prayer team will be available for about 30 minutes after the 10.30am service ends.

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 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.

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 June. We will signpost it to the church as it becomes public.

Long Furlong Leadership Team Feedback

The team met this week & began to think & pray about some medium-to-long-term planning. We

considered the pros and cons of on-line church; assessed how lack of physical meeting affects some and affects those unable to use their particular gifting; considered the current pastoral situation; looked at some new models of church and missional and creative opportunities. This is, of course, a learning experience for everyone, and just the beginning of listening & praying together as we move forward. Any comments to the team (David, Del, Anne, Jane, Diana, Nic, Phil & Kath) are always welcome.

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: Marmite, tinned carrots, peas and potatoes, dog and cat food, shampoo, washing up liquid, spray multi-purpose cleaner and nappies. 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](http://www.acc.org.uk) or phone 024 7644 9694.

Wycliffe

The Wycliffe Office here in the UK is looking for volunteers to type up translated Scripture into digitized form. Some texts can be scanned by using a digital scanner but there are other texts that cannot be digitized in this way and need to be typed manually. This is a project being run in partnership with SIL and MissionAssist. If you are interested in helping with this project will you please contact Trevor Tucker on ttucker@wycliffe.org.uk.

Mission Support Group

Following the tragic death of Miranda Harris, the church put together a book of messages of condolence for Peter. Unfortunately there were some delays in getting the book to Peter, partly as a result of Covid-19, but we were able to send the book to Peter earlier in May. Peter has now responded: "*The parcel (condolence book) has arrived and I was so moved to open it and to read all of the wonderful messages inside. The care and thought expressed in it all is quite remarkable and I do hope you can find a way of thanking all of those concerned? It was such a major project I can see, and has been done with such sensitivity. The day it arrived was actually Miranda's birthday and so it was a very appropriate day to be reading it all. I am only sorry that ongoing issues with my shoulders and arms mean that dictating into my phone is the very inadequate way I can best reply.*"

Men@CCA Online Breakfast

We're going to be hosting another online Men@CCA breakfast at 10am on Saturday 6th June. We'll hear from James Ross on the subject: 'Where is God when it hurts? What I learned from the life - and death - of

my daughter, Beth.' Once again there will be a chance to chat and pray together in breakout rooms. We'll also have time for sung worship. Click here for the [Zoom link](#).

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 groups: *Monday evenings* 7:30pm – has recently started but people are still welcome to join.

Hosts - John Owen/ Katie Finch

Monday evenings, 8pm, from 8th June. Particularly suitable for anyone 18-20s.

Hosts - Josh Buckingham/ Bea Ellaby

Thursday mornings, 10am, particularly suitable for mums with young children.

Hosts - Nikki Hellem (from ACC)/ Bea Ellaby.

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!

Marriage Courses

With the lockdown, although we can't run a marriage course, HTB is running an online version of their course. 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. The [HTB course](#) is sessions of approx. 2 hours each at your own pace.

Long Furlong Craft Sessions Saturday 30th May

10 - 11 am and/or 1 - 2 pm - Craft Sessions for all ages. For more details contact Anne Taylor - annejbtaylor61@gmail.com.

Long Furlong Afternoon Tea Online

Sunday 7th June. Bring your favourite home bake & plenty of time to chat in small groups. More details soon.

PRAYER

Wednesday Morning Prayer Meetings

Our 8am Wednesday morning prayer meetings are continuing 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).

Intercessory Prayer

Are you, or someone you know and love, needing particular prayer at this time? We have a team of intercessors who love to pray for others. If you would like to be in touch with them to ask for prayer, follow the [link](#), or telephone Richard Howard on 01235 533 278.

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] Hugh Parkman, Richard Feeney, Nicola Price.

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](#)

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[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 4th June 6.30pm – **Genesis** (years 7-9) meeting-up via Zoom

Friday 5th June 7pm – **Space** (years 10-13) meeting-up via Zoom

Sunday 7th June – 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.