



Christ Church

Northcourt Road & Long Furlong

"With Jesus, Like Jesus, For Jesus"

TRINITY 2

SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2020

CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday 21st June

We're livestreaming again this Sunday morning at **10:30am** - all welcome! We'll be having a 'This Time Tomorrow' interview with Pina Ross as a teacher hearing how things are going in a local school, and we're welcoming Peter and Jane Dunn who will be exploring Jesus teaching on growing as disciples, and hear some practical tips gleaned from disciple making movements around the world. 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 we are thinking about God's love for every one of his sheep...plus lots of amazing guests in our special action song video! All welcome!

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@cca.uk.net

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

Church Open for Private Prayer

From Monday 29th June, we are opening the church on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am and 4pm for private prayer. Please see email on the 18th June for more details. If you would like to volunteer welcoming those coming in, please email clint@cca.uk.net

Sunday Service CDs

For those who are without internet access, we are pleased to say that Spencer White (Tel: 01235 521 369) is now able to put the Bible reading and talk on to CD. Please let him know if you would like a copy.

June Term Card

7 June	Matthew 28:16-20
14 June	Matthew 9:35-10:8
21 June	Matthew 10:24-39
28 June	Matthew 10:40-end

FEEDBACK/REVIEWS

I Wonder

On Sunday 5 June we invited the church to "wonder what our life together as Christ Church is going to look like in the New Normal". **What are you wondering? We'd love to know!**

Our vision hasn't changed – *to grow as disciples of Jesus by being a church family that priorities being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and living for Jesus* ([see the full vision here](#)). But COVID19 probably means the way we do church, grow as disciples, and

engage in mission and ministry will change.

Please will you tell us what you are wondering - eg questions you have, insights you want to share, what might God be saying to us - by clicking [this link](#). It's a simple form – it just asks for your name, and there's a box for you to share your wonderings. Everyone's comments are being gathered together and will be seen by the clergy and wardens.

We'll have a link to the form available in every

newsheet throughout June and July – you are welcome to complete it as many times as you like as your wonderings develop.

If you know someone who doesn't have access to these emails, please print them off a copy of the email and the form, and they can either post it back to the office, or phone the office with their thoughts.

OTHER NEWS/UPDATES



Barns Café News

While the Barns Café continues to be closed due to the COVID19 outbreak, we are exploring options for small scale opening in July – more details to come!



Foodbank

Foodbank is now well stocked due to the generosity of many donors, but there are a few items that we are short of. These are: Shampoo, Conditioner, Shaving foam/ gel, Washing up liquid and Curry or Chinese Style Sauces. Any produce can be brought to the church between 9:30am & 1pm

on Tuesdays and Fridays. Thank you so very much for your continued generosity during these difficult times.

Mariposa Trust

Saying Goodbye (part of the Mariposa Trust) traditionally hold baby loss support services across the UK. They have now launched 'The 'Saying Goodbye Online' - virtual gatherings that take place every other Sunday at 8.00pm, featuring music from a host of incredible musicians and singers (including no.1 artists and songwriters), poems and even an act of remembrance. Broadcast on Facebook Live, YouTube and on a dedicated platform – for more information please visit their [website](#).

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. 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.



New Wine

Every year a large group from Christ Church attend New Wine together. New Wine has moved online this year because of COVID19. It's running from Thursday 30 July to Monday 3 August. And it's free! Everyone can access it. You're welcome to dip in to as much or as little as you like.

There will be a mix of celebration, worship, bible teaching, TED-style talks, sofa sessions, and live webinars covering issues that matter today such as grief, loss & lament; the power of the Holy Spirit; race; preparing for a new world; mental health & wellbeing; parenting; prayer; apologetics; and creation care.

There's a full kids programme, and LUINOSITY will be running for 11-18s. More details can be found [here](#). We'd love to be creative in the way we join in as a church community, so if you have some energy and creative imagination on how we can bring the Christ Church community together, please speak to any of the clergy, or Karen and Paul Brombley.

Holiday Club Online

3rd-7th August we are presenting 'Treasure Seekers', our online Holiday Club. With a 30min video each day with songs, stories, games and fun. In addition, a printable activity pack and craft videos. The event is for 5-11s but under 5s are welcome to sign up to access content during the week. Sign up [here](#) or via the [Church Website](#).

Men@CCA at The Gathering 2020

As part of our Men@CCA 2020 calendar, we are hoping for as many as possible to attend Christian Vision for Men's "The Gathering" this year. Instead of taking place in a field near Swindon it is going online as "The Gathering 2020 - Bunker Edition" **next Friday & Saturday, 26th-27th June**. If you've never been before and want to find out what it's like from the comfort of your sofa, now's your chance - for free! Check out the Men@CCA group on Facebook or [click here](#) to find out what's going on and how to access the events.

LF Scavenger Hunt & Afternoon tea on-line

Sunday 5th July was to be the LF Away Day, as we can't go away the leadership team are planning a

scavenger hunt for all ages, followed by on-line afternoon tea. More details to follow, but please put the date in your diaries.

Oberammergau Passion Play 2022

The amazing village afternoon and evening portrayal of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus has been

postponed from this year until 2022. Why not join a group of friends to experience it and enjoy the beauty of the Bavarian Alps and Lakes? John Earwicker is organising a visit; email or phone him to receive details with no obligation.

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] Rosemary Green, Richard Feeney, Nicola Price, Ray Ellaby (Chris Ellaby's Dad).

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

Resources for Growing Disciples

Peter and Jane Dunn

Key points from Peter and Jane's talk this morning about Growing Disciples:

Personal update

Learning from Jesus in Matthew 10: Discipleship is.... for everyone not just the few; relational not a set of rules or programmes; active and not passive; costly.

Learning from the Worldwide Church: the "Three Thirds" model – see below

What is God stirring in the UK church in response to COVID19 ... no longer going to church but we are church; the value of small groups for discipleship; rediscovering the priority of prayer

Three stories of what God is doing in the UK: Indian students; novel way of leading someone to faith in Christ; three thirds in a family.

Three Thirds Format for a Group – Click [here](#) for a handout.

Article by Dr Curtis Sergeant – Planting Rapidly Reproducing Churches – a more in depth article gleaned what we can learn from the experiences of churches in China. Click [here](#) for the article.

Resources for Digital Evangelism

If you missed last week's interview with Tabitha Jorden, and/or the useful set of resources she offered in the newsheet, please do go back to last week's newsheet for details

[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 newssheet

Wednesday – 7:30pm Life Group Leaders meeting

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

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

26th/27th – **Men@CCA** attending the online Bunker Weekend – see notice above

Sunday – 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.