



# Christ Church

Northcourt Road & Long Furlong

*"With Jesus, Like Jesus, For Jesus"*

TRINITY 5

SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

We're livestreaming again this Sunday morning at **10:30am** - all welcome! In Sunday's Livestream Philip Bingham is helping us to explore the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13. We'll find out more about Suzie Miles and hear from Sheila Furlong about Archway Foundation. There will be time to worship through music & prayer, as well as seeing some things that people have been growing during lockdown, of course, there'll be lots of 'chat'! 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 our last [Family Worship Resource](#). This week we are thinking about stepping out in faith. 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.

### Church Open for Private Prayer

The church is open on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am and 4pm for private prayer.

### When Can Churches Reopen for Worship?

National guidance about churches reopening for worship was released this week ([see here](#)). It's quite complex and challenging, so as you can imagine, the clergy and PCC will need some considerable amount of prayer and planning to consider the way ahead for CCA. In the meantime, our intention is to continue the Sunday livestreams throughout the coming month, so that the church continues to worship God together.

### 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 whole service on to CD. Please let him know if you would like a copy.

### July Term Card

12 July	Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23
19 July	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
26 July	TBC

## 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! Thank you to those who have sent in their responses.

**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.

## OTHER NEWS/UPDATES



### Barns Café News

The Barns Cafe has reopened starting with limited opening hours of 10:30-2:30 Tuesday to Thursday. It will initially be takeaway only with a simplified menu of hot & cold drinks, snacks and cake. Hope to see you there.



### 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: sauce for rice, tinned carrots, tinned potatoes, deodorant, jam, sugar and toilet rolls. 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.

### COSHH

We are looking for someone with experience in working with COSHH assessments. If you have some time on your hands and would be willing to help, please get in touch with [clint@cca.uk.net](mailto:clint@cca.uk.net)

### Light in the Darkness

We're putting together another all-age music video for using in September. We're currently looking for people who are physically going into work or children who are physically going into school who would be willing to do a 1min filming of themselves in their workplace/school (details of what will be given, but it's very simple). Please contact Heather if you are interested. Thank you!



### The King's School Witney

The King's School are looking for a support assistant to provide one to one pupil support. Further details can be found [here](#). Closing Date – 9am Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### Calling Generous Families & Individuals

Please will you help us? We want to bless every person who joins Prime Time 2020 with a Gift Pack

containing a small number of items. This would be great fun to involve children and parents but kind individuals are also needed. We will send you a suggested list of items if you let us know that you are willing to help. Please email us at [primetime@cca.uk.net](mailto:primetime@cca.uk.net). Thank you!

### Mission Support

At the end of May, our long-time Mission Partner, Peter Harris, retired from A Rocha. On Monday, the PCC endorsed the MSG's recommendation that A Rocha continues as a Mission Partner specifically supporting the work and ministry of Sarah Walker and Chris Parkman. Sarah and Chris are married and live at the A Rocha centre at Les Courmettes in France. Sarah serves as International Coordinator for A Rocha and Chris works part-time with A Rocha France and part-time with the Anglican Church in the area. There will be a special "Mission of the Month" for August which will introduce Sarah and Chris to the church.

### Christian Concern

While naturally so much attention is focused on dealing with the Coronavirus there are lots of other debates and legislative issues being voted on in Parliament and getting little media news coverage. For information, go to the "Care" and "Christian Concern" websites and add your own concerns in prayer and by contacting our MP.

### News from the Foodbank

The work of the Foodbank has expanded hugely over the past three months, and there is an expectation that this will continue for some time yet. The management committee has decided, with the agreement of the PCC, to appoint a part time Coordinator. The post will be for six months initially and is advertised on the church website, Facebook page and more widely across Abingdon. The closing date for applications will be the morning of Friday 31st July, with shortlisting and interviews to follow within the following fortnight.

## 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.* 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.

### Emmanuel Summer School

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. An opportunity for children aged 5-11 to learn in community, to socialise positively with others and to help them reflect on the past few months with the eyes of faith. For more information [click here](#).

### Long Furlong Breakfast

What do you have for breakfast? Whether it is a cup of tea, cereal, orange juice or the full works (including maple syrup), you are welcome to join the Christ Church Long Furlong breakfast on Sunday 19th July. More details next week.

### Summer Outreach Prayer Gathering

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm we will be having a Zoom Prayer and Worship gathering to pray for the summer Holiday Club and Prime Time events. Bekah and Ed will be leading us in worship (everyone else will be on mute!), then we'll go into smaller breakout rooms for prayer. Everyone is welcome but you need to book yourself a place on [ChurchSuite](#).

## SUMMER 2020

### Summer Events

Over the summer we have four major events planned, helping us to connect faith to everyday life:

New Wine Breaks Out	30 July to 3 August
Children's Holiday Club	3 to 7 August
Prime Time Summer	13-16 August
Resonate Conference for 18-30s	5 September



### 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 [here](#). 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. We are planning a church community, so please join our Facebook group "[Christ Church Abingdon New Wine](#)". We would like to host Zoom meeting at the end of each day, if you could host one please speak to any of the clergy, or Karen and Paul Brombley.

### Holiday Club Online

3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

### Prime Time 2020 - 13 to 16 August

The event returns this summer but under the strange conditions of the pandemic. As a result, it is both similar to previous events but different. These are the elements:

- Hello! Visits by Team members to the doorsteps of participants, leaving a Gift Pack
- Two Competitions – Poetry or Art -advance entries with winners announced on the Sunday
- Six varied Programmes on the Christ Church YouTube channel, including the livestreamed PT2020 Songs of Praise
- The help of a trusted Tech Buddy to help you with technical questions about accessing these video programmes
- Optional activities in both real time (socially distanced in small groups) or online

You should receive a Brochure and Application Form in the post this week but if you don't - or would like one to give to a neighbour - please email [primetime@cca.uk.net](mailto:primetime@cca.uk.net) or phone 01235 550233. Applications must be received by July 31. We look forward to welcoming you.

## 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](mailto:keith@cca.uk.net), or Dal on [warden-dal@cca.uk.net](mailto:warden-dal@cca.uk.net), or Janice on [chriswgordon6@aol.com](mailto:chriswgordon6@aol.com) for the meeting ID and password (which will be the same every week).

### Evelyn Burborough

Evelyn Burborough, a much-loved member of our 11.15 congregation, passed peacefully away on Tuesday this week. Please pray for her family and friends at this time.

### 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), Keith Wakefield (Jane Johnson's Dad). [NCR] Rosemary Green, Ray Ellaby (Chris Ellaby's Dad), Fiona Topp, Daniel Bourdanne, Audrey Sibbet.

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

If you missed the inspiring talk from Peter and Jane Dunn last week on how we grow as disciples, do have a listen to the talk again on the church YouTube channel; their handout on the Three Thirds format for a group is [here](#).

### Resources for Digital Evangelism

If you missed the interview with Tabitha Jordan on 14<sup>th</sup> July, and/or the useful set of resources she offered in the newsheet, please do go back to that 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 newsheet

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

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

**Sunday** – more details will be on websites: [www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk](http://www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk) or [www.cca.uk.net](http://www.cca.uk.net)

**10.30am** **Christ Church Together Livestream**