

SERVICES TODAY

At Northcourt Road

8am **HOLY COMMUNION** followed by breakfast
 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15 Keith Dunnett

9.30am) **ALL AGE WORSHIP** Heather Hughes/
 11.15am) The Peacemakers Joshua 22:10-34 David Hancock

6.30pm **EVENING WORSHIP**
 Gentleness Matthew 12:15-21 Andrew Coleby

At Long Furlong

10am **ALL AGE WORSHIP**
 Blessed are the Peacemakers Matt. 5:1-12 Kath Cooke

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- those who are unwell: Nicola Price, Bernard Tingley, Simon Evans.

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.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

At Northcourt Road

9.30am) Morning Worship Emma Worrall,
 11.15am) The Persecuted Open Doors

6.30pm Holy Communion
 Self Control Acts 16:16-34 Michael Green

At Long Furlong

10am Morning Worship John Ross,
 Blessed are the Persecuted Matt. 5:1-12 Open Doors

SORTING OUT YOUR CUPBOARDS?

Maybe there are some board games you could spare for Archway's Young Adult Project starting in Abingdon on 22 February. The group for 18 to 30 year olds who are in need of supportive social contact, have expressed an interest in playing board games. Some of the young people are hearing impaired so we are especially looking for games with strong visual elements, but all offers of games will be gratefully received. Please contact Sheila Furlong on 07703186041 or by email: sheila@archwayfoundation.org.uk.

ABINGDON VOLUNTEER DRIVERS CENTRE

The ADVC is looking for more help. You can read full details in last Sunday's bulletin or for more information contact Roland Knight on randjknight@gmail.com (or 01235 412944), or phone the ADVC office on 01235 522438 between 9.30 and 12.30 Monday to Friday, or call into 35 Ock Street (First Floor).

PERSONAL Violin and bow (in case) in need of restoration. Also picture frames and art materials. All free. Contact Judy on 01235 521369.



"Being Disciples, Making Disciples"

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

LENT 1

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2018

He was in the desert for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. Mark 1:13

WELCOME

If you are new to the church, a very warm welcome to you. If you would like further information, please visit the Welcome Corner in the entrance foyer between the morning services, or fill in the welcome card in the chair and hand it to one of the service leaders or welcome team. Thank you.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO KERRY ROSA DRABBLE and her parents, Ben & Lydia, and sister Keziah, and family and friends. Kerry is being dedicated at the 9.30 service.

BREAKFAST AFTER 8.00 COMMUNION TODAY

Cereals, home-made bread and marmalade and coffee and tea will be served.

BISHOP STEVEN – MEETING THE CHURCH MONDAY 26 FEB

Bishop Steven will be meeting the church at a meeting open to all members of Christ Church from both sites, on Monday 26 February, at 8pm. The purpose will be to explain to the church about the Tribunal process to date, and to answer any questions church members may have.

NEW HOUSING PRAYER MEETING MONDAY 5 MARCH

We met with the developers of the new housing in North Abingdon this week. They anticipate builders starting this summer, and the first show house being ready in Spring 2019. Now is the time for the next church prayer gathering asking God how he wants us to respond as a church. We're meeting in the evening of Monday 5 March, in the Upper Room, at 8:15pm after Brownies! All are welcome.

IF YOU LIVE ALONE, our Life Group invites you for lunch in the hall on Sunday 25 February at 1pm. Please sign with Christine in the office if you would like to come. Contribution of £3 would be welcome. *Ian and Maggie Snowball*

WELCOME LUNCHES

Are you new to Christ Church? Then we'd love to invite you to a Welcome Lunch, on a Sunday. The dates planned are 4 March, 15 April, 13 May, 10 June, 1 & 22 July. Pick up an invitation from the Welcome Corner.

OPEN DOORS SPEAKER SUNDAY 25 FEB

Our speaker at both morning services next Sunday will be Emma Worrall, from Open Doors. She will be talking about the persecuted church, as we explore the final Beatitude, Blessed are the Persecuted.

POST-TRIBUNAL UPDATE – TIM DAVIS

These are some of the things currently being worked on during February (with more to follow!):

- We have heard this week that the **Penalty Hearing** will be Saturday 10 March in London.
- Bishop Steven is meeting church members – see page 1
- The PCC Standing Committee are considering proposals tomorrow evening (i) from external providers to undertake a safeguarding audit; and (ii) from two Christian Listening agencies to provide a group of listeners so members of the congregation (including some who no longer worship here) have access to someone they can talk to in confidence if they have concerns, worries or issues they want to raise.
- We are seeking the input and ideas from Life Group Leaders and congregation members about other steps you think we should take or actions that would be helpful. Please speak to any of us below and continue to pray. Several conversations have been around how to develop and shape leadership in the church.

Keith, Kath, Phil, Nessa, Ros, Roland, Sue

VACANCIES FLIER

If you weren't here last week, please pick up a one of the "Dive in" fliers from the entrance foyer which lays out the many roles we'd love to fill in church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – WALKS

Tuesday 27 March, Thursday 19 April, Tuesday 22 May, Monday 11 June, Friday 6 July, Prime Time week 7–10 August, Tuesday 25 September, Wednesday 10 October, Monday 12 November. All walks leave from Christ Church at 10am and include a pub lunch. Good footwear and waterproofs needed and water. Walks are usually up to 4 miles long. Any queries ring Maggie Snowball 527673. All welcome.

BERNI COMISSIONG, Christ Church's first full time youth worker in the nineties, had a kidney transplant recently. This is the end of a long saga of kidney failure that extends back to his time here. He is pleased to report he is recovering well.

PRAYER JOURNALLING DAY - On Saturday 24 February we have booked the Barn for a day of prayer journalling. Anyone who is interested in coming along is welcome. Whether you've done it before or not! We will run 10am-1pm for all ages and 7pm-10pm for Adults and Youth (under 16s need accompanying). To book your place please email heather@cca.uk.net. There is no cost for attending but there will be resources available to purchase.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

at the Peachcroft Christian Centre on Friday 2 March at 1.30pm and 7.30pm. The services will last for an hour and will be followed by refreshments. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname and the subject is caring for God's very good creation – an extremely relevant topic now as sea levels are rising and fish are being poisoned either by chemicals in rivers or microbeads and plastic packaging in the sea.

MEETING GOD IN THE SILENCE Tuesday 20 February. From 9.30, starting at 10am in the Church. 'Gods face of compassionate love is always turned towards us.'

NEWS FROM SARAH THOMAS, MISSION PARTNER

"We are doing well. It's been a busy season with a number of pre-term retreats and various outreach events. We had one in the desert last Thursday and 64 student attended which I think is a record so very encouraging! This semester we're doing a series on "If you could ask God one question" so we got them to chat around the campfire about what their questions for God would be, and it was great seeing all our student leaders be really intentional and on-game."

CAMBRIDGE MISSION

A big thank you to the many who prayed daily for the mission in Cambridge University. We saw God at work in a big way, and those who pray are every bit as much part of it as those who go. That's what unity in the Body of Christ is all about! *Michael Green*

ARTIST TALK - FENG HO. Thursday 1 March, 7:30pm, at The Barns Café

Feng Ho, the award winning ethical fashion designer will be coming to speak and show some of her work at The Barns Café on Thursday 1 March at 7:30pm. It is a free event, with a wine and nibbles reception sponsored by Co-op and Fairtrade at St Michaels. She is currently exhibiting some of her photography work in The Barns Cafe's MicroExhibition Space, but will be bringing in the original garments for this special one-off evening during Fairtrade Fortnight - not one to miss!! Email mes@cca.uk.net for more details.

ARE YOU THE PERSON WHO COULD HELP THE WARNERS PROMOTE THEIR WORK?

Andy and Andrea Warner, our Mission Partners, are looking for someone who can help them with publicity for their ministry "The Bridge" in Castellón, Spain. They need advice on branding, developing a website and on other publicity materials to enhance their communication about what they are doing. If you are someone who could support them and their ministry in this way, please let them know by emailing them on andyandandrewarner@gmail.com

THE FOODBANK is short of tinned carrots, peas, instant mashed potato, sugar, jam and long life milk. Thank you for your generous donations.

CIA LENT LECTURES 2018: LET'S WAIT AND SEE

Speaker: Revd Dr Paul W. Goodliff - Minister, Abingdon Baptist Church
Over four lectures, we will explore this theme of waiting using the visual arts and poetry.
19 Feb - Lecture 1: Waiting with Mary. Seeing the Annunciation
26 Feb - Lecture 2: Waiting with St Francis. Seeing the Baptism of Christ
19 March - Lecture 3: Waiting for the God of Surprises. Seeing the Damascus Road
26 March - Lecture 4: Waiting in the Silence. Seeing the Passion of Christ
All to be held at Abingdon Baptist Church at 7.30pm.
Any queries, contact Debra Mcknight, CiA Administrator, on 07896 860381

ONE FAITH – ONE FAMILY: Many of our Christian family members in other countries are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus. They are tortured, rejected by their families and even killed. We meet every fourth Thursday to support them in prayer. Venue: 61 Farm Road at 8pm. All welcome to join us. *Jean Webb*