

SERVICES TODAY

At Northcourt Road

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 Thess. 3:9-end; Luke 21:25-36	Keith Dunnett/ Niv Lobo
9.30am)	Morning Worship		
11.15am)	Living with Light of God's New Day	Romans 13:8-14	Andrew Coleby
6.30pm	Evening Worship		
	Living to Please God	1 Thess. 3:12-4:12	Keith Dunnett

At Long Furlong

10am	Holy Communion - Be Ready	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-26	David Lever
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- those who are unwell: David Price, Paula Beal, Nicola Price, Bernard Tingley, Chris Rowe, Nessa Watts, Alan Newton, Debbie Purbrick, Mike Bowles, Naomi, Nat.

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 9 DECEMBER

At Northcourt Road

9.30am)	The Greatest Show - Carol Service	– Luke 2:6-7	Ignite
11.15am)	The Greatest Show - Carol Service	– Luke 2:6-7	Pathfinders
6.30pm	Evening Worship		
	When the Lord Comes	1 Thess. 4:13-5:11	Kath Cooke

At Long Furlong

10am	Prepare the way	Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6	Anne Taylor
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MWM THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER

A very informal meeting to share personal experiences, anecdotes and interests. 2.15pm for 2.30pm at the home of Hugh Parkman: 61 The Old Goal, Bridge Street, Abingdon. All older men are welcome.

CHRISTMAS RESONATE LOUNGE - 14th December, 8pm-10pm

Resonate Lounge is a monthly late night cafe event, hosted by The Barns Cafe, aimed at the 18-30s(ish) community. For our Christmas event there will be a live band, Christmas crafts, and a quiz, all within the relaxed cafe atmosphere. A free event - just come along and have fun! Find us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) as Resonate - Abingdon, or get in touch by email at resonate@cca.uk.net if you have any questions/feedback.

SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

An Advent conference in evangelistic training, 3 - 7 December 2018 at Wycliffe Hall. For details see <https://www.wycliffehallevangalism.co.uk/>

LAZERS FUNDRAISING CAKE AND CRAFT STALL

After the service on Sunday 9th Dec please support our Lazars who will be raising money for the Viva project they support in Uganda working with children at risk. If you are able to bake some cakes/cookies for the stall they would be very grateful....and of course, don't forget your wallet!



Christ Church
Abingdon

“Being Disciples, Making Disciples”

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

ADVENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2018

Behold, he is coming with the clouds – **Revelation 1:7**

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.

SERVICE FOR THOSE LIVING WITH LOSS - Today at 3pm

This is a quiet, reflective service for anyone who is living with loss, or any kind of bereavement. Please take a card with details of the service for yourself, or to pass on to friends or neighbours. All are welcome.

Ros Steel

VISION PROCESS

If you didn't receive an email this week updating you on the outcome of the PCC Day Away, printed copies are available in the entrance area.



CHRISTMAS FLIERS

These are now ready in bundles with road names and numbers. Christmas is the easiest time of year to invite someone to a service. Please could you take a bundle or two of fliers and deliver them to your road / any other road in the parish! We've reduced the size of the largest bundles compared to last year. You're welcome to push them through the letterboxes, but some might want to consider ringing the door bell, and then you warmly inviting the occupier to a Christmas event, leaving them the flier as a reminder. How about doing this as a life group as a bit of outreach?

MISSION PARTNER CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be sending Christmas cards and a gift from Christ Church to our eight mission partners. Please sign your greetings on the coloured sheets on the table in the entrance hall. Do add your name even if you don't know the people as it is an encouragement to them to know that our whole church is backing them in their ministries. They are engaged in full-time mission on our behalf. Thank you.

Sue Robbins, Mission Support Group

PROGRAMME CARDS

The latest programme card is available today – please take one home, and pass others on to friends and neighbours as a way of inviting them to church!

Church Office 01235 539172 office@cca.uk.net



TOP TIP

In My ChurchSuite please indicate the congregation(s) you attend – this helps us develop the pastoral care within the church. Thank you!

THE BARN'S CAFE PRAYER INTERCESSORS

The Barns Cafe is a ministry right on the frontline of our community, and we experience both the wonders and the difficulties that come with that. We would not be able to do what we do without regular prayer support, and our faithful prayer intercessors have a huge part to play in this ministry. Do you have a heart for the work The Barns Cafe is doing and think you could join our prayer intercessors team? Please get in touch for more information from Hannah at hannah@thebarnscafe.co.uk.

NEW WINE 2019 – Book now as it is filling up fast!

We'd love you to join the Christ Church group going to New Wine next summer and don't want you to miss out as we have heard it may even fill up by Christmas. It is a great opportunity not only to breathe in from God, but also to spend time as a church community. We're going to Week 1, Sat 27 July to Fri 2 August at the Peterborough showground. To book see www.new-wine.org. More detail from Keith, or Paul & Karen Brombley.

WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS

The group praying for the vision process on Wednesday mornings have enjoyed it so much we're going to continue! Everyone is welcome to the **Wednesday Early Morning Prayer Meetings**, 8am-8:45am, in the Prayer Room by Christine's office.

JOIN THE RESONATE TEAM!

Resonate is the name for the 18-30s(ish) ministry at Christ Church. We run a monthly late-night cafe event called Resonate Lounge at The Barns Cafe, as well as other events and activities to build community in which we can share our faith. We are opening up the invitation for others to join our core team. For more information please email resonate@cca.uk.net, or speak to any of the current Resonate team members.

YEMEN EMERGENCY APPEAL

In response to the growing famine crisis in Yemen the children in Ignite have been collecting money to send to Yemen via Tearfund. The final collection is today. For more info see www.tearfund.org/yemen. Thank you for your support.

NEW FOODBANK PRAYER MEETING

We'd love you to join us in prayer for the work of the Foodbank across the town. We're meeting on the first Friday of the month (except January), from 10.30-11.30am in the quiet room (opposite the kitchen).
Jane Lane and Sarah Fry

KIDS TEAM CHRISTMAS PARTY

If you are on the children's team at Northcourt Road or Long Furlong (and are either an adult or a youth) you are invited to the Kids Team Christmas Party on Tuesday 4th December, 7pm-10pm in the Barn at Northcourt Rd. Our chance to thank you for all you do. Your personal invite should be in your pigeon holes (NR) or on the welcome desk (LF). RSVP to Heather.

HF WALKING HOLIDAY

A four night guided walking holiday has been booked for 2 September 2019 at the HF House at Brecon. There will be a choice of three walks each day and all accommodation is ensuite and full board at the basic cost of £469. If you are interested or require further information, please contact David and Elizabeth Wadham by 10 December 2018.

MEETING GOD IN THE SILENCE - Mon 3rd Dec 9.00am and 7.30 pm, The Barns, NCR

PRIME TIME HOLIDAY 2019

Yes, it's time to start thinking of sunny summer holidays again! Next year we are off to Weston-super-Mare once more and the brochures are now available. Those who have been before (in the last 3 or 4 years) will find a brochure in an envelope addressed to them in their pigeon-hole. There are spares on the table in the lobby for others who would like to find out what all the excitement is about! - Neil & Maureen Weston (204147)

A ROCHA'S GIFTS WITH A DIFFERENCE

This Christmas, what can you give that special person who has everything? Why not something that brings hope for them and the planet? Help save the White-naped Mangabey in Ghana's Atewa Forest or give clean water to a family in Uganda with a bio-sand filter. To find out more, pick up A Rocha's Gifts with a Difference catalogue – available in the church foyer – or browse online at shop.arochoa.org. A Rocha is one of our Mission Partners.

NSPCC CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to everybody who supported us. We raised £477, plus some donations which took the total to £608. Thank you so much.

BIBLE READING NOTES 2019

To continue your regular subscription or to make a new one, please contact: Lesley Chapman 01235 531722 or chapmanabingdon@aol.com

HELP AT CHRISTMAS SERVICES

As the season of Advent begins and we anticipate celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, there are opportunities to reach out into our community by inviting friends and family to join us at Carol Services, Christingles and Christmas worship. There are seven Christmas services based at Northcourt Road and we want to extend Jesus' loving welcome to every guest, from the local community and beyond. To do this, we need temporary volunteers to supplement the Welcome Teams and ensure that everyone can come and worship and feel part of our celebrations. We'd appreciate your help at the following services:

1. Carol Services on Sunday 16 December at 4.00pm and 7.00pm
2. Christingle Services on Monday 24 December at 3.00pm and 4.30pm
3. Midnight Communion on Monday 24 December at 11.00pm
4. Christmas Day Communion (BCP) on Tuesday 25 December at 8.00am
5. Christmas Day Family Worship on Tuesday 25 December at 10.00am.

We're also looking for volunteers to help with setting up for the Carol services, on the morning of 16 December after 9.30 am worship, and preparing and serving mulled wine and mince pies after each Carol Service on that day. If you can help out at one or more of these events, or would like to know more, I'd love to hear from you, as soon as possible. Please contact Janice Gordon 01235 553971 chriswgordon6@aol.com Many thanks - we can't do this without you!

'BEASTS OF BETHLEHEM' IN OUR BARN!

A marvellous NEW Christmas 'moosical' for all ages by **LAMPS**. Join Sheep, Ox and Donkey for a wild and woolly retelling of the nativity, as they chew over who and what on earth the little baby in their feeding trough might be. Inspired by the C.S. Lewis poem The Nativity. Mon 17th December 4pm and 7pm and Tue 18th Dec 1.30pm and 7pm **Christ Church Abingdon Barn**. Tickets £10 (£5 under 16's) www.buytickets.at/lampscollective or by calling 07452982705. If Prime Time members know folk who don't like going out in the dark, please make them aware of our 1.30pm show.

TEA TIME TREATS

12th Dec in lounge 2.30-3.30pm. Come and join us – all welcome.

For 9th December

21st Dec Prime Time Christmas Special. This will be in the Barns from 10am - 11.30am. Andy Jones and Sally will play music and there will be coffee and mince pies ending with carols and a thought from Kath Cooke. Do come and bring a friend.