

**SERVICES TODAY**

**At Northcourt Road**

8am	Holy Communion Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12	Phil Cooke
9.30am )	Morning Worship	
11.15am )	God Revealed Matthew 2:1-12	Michael Green
6.30pm	Evening Worship God Keeps His Promises Genesis 21:1-21	Paul Brombley

**At Long Furlong**

10am	Holy Communion Epiphany: Following the Star Matthew 2:1-12	Becca Williams
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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, Ellie McRitchie, Peggy Woolnough, Maggie Baker-Rawle.

*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.*

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**SERVICES ON SUNDAY 13 JANUARY**

**At Northcourt Road**

9.30am )	Holy Communion	
11.15am )	Many Bodies. One Body. Romans 12:1-8	Keith Dunnett
6.30pm	Evening Worship The Lord Will Provide Genesis 22:1-19	Nessa Watts

**At Long Furlong**

10am	Morning Worship Growing Up in God Ephesians 4:11-16	Phil/Kath Cooke
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**HOLY LAND TOUR** The Revd Dr Peter Walker, for many years an NT tutor at Wycliffe, and author of a superb guide book *'In the steps of Jesus'* is leading a tour to the Holy Land April 24- May 2. If anyone is thinking of going, you could not have a more experienced and spiritual guide. Primarily designed for 'Friends of Wycliffe Hall' it is not confined to them. If interested contact Peter (peter.w.l.walker@gmail.com.)

**JOB OPPORTUNITY AT VIVA**

The global children's charity, Viva, is seeking a dynamic and creative **Supporter Relations Manager** to build and develop relationships with individuals and churches, and join the dynamic and creative team based in Oxford. The application deadline is Monday 14 January and all the details are at [www.viva.org/jobs](http://www.viva.org/jobs)

**WOMEN OF GOD CONFERENCE, OXFORD**

**Saturday 16 March, 10am – 4.30pm, the King's Centre OX2 0ES**

Your story... your story is the most powerful story you have. It's time to tell it... [www.womenofgodconference.org.uk](http://www.womenofgodconference.org.uk). Tickets £25.00.



**Christ Church  
Abingdon**

***"Being Disciples, Making Disciples"***

**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY**

**THE EPHIPHANY**

**SUNDAY 6 JANUARY 2019**

**Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world. C.f. 1 Timothy 3:16**

**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.*

**THE JESUS LIFESTYLE**

A closer look at Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. Wednesdays 7:30pm from 16 January to mid July. This group is aimed at:

- Those intrigued by Jesus and wanting to explore faith maybe for the first time
- Those wanting a next step after being on the Alpha course
- Newcomers to Christ Church looking for a small group to join

Hosted by Keith & Lynne Dunnett and Nessa Watts at the Dunnett's home (keith@cca.uk.net, 209145)

*If you're already a longstanding member of Christ Church, we're encouraging you to join/continue to be part of, one of the existing small groups.*

**NEW SMALL GROUP LAUNCHING**

Carl and Ruth Savage are launching a new small group later this month with an emphasis on praying for real change in ourselves, our networks and in our town. It's going to meet Tuesdays or Thursday evenings, including bible study, prayer, and meals from time to time. Contact Ruth on [ruthsavage@aol.com](mailto:ruthsavage@aol.com) or 539226.

**DAILY BIBLE READING**

Jesus calls us to *remain in him*, and for his words to remain in us, so that we will bear much fruit (John 15). We encourage every member of Christ Church to spend a few minutes each day reading the bible and praying. There's lots of bible reading aids around, including:

**Online:** The Bible in One Year, from Alpha, download the app from Googleplay/ or Apple store, or access it from [www.bibleinoneyear.org/](http://www.bibleinoneyear.org/)

**Bible reading notes:** to continue your regular subscription or to make a new one, please contact: Lesley Chapman 01235 531722 or [chapmanabingdon@aol.com](mailto:chapmanabingdon@aol.com)

Make a New Year resolution to engage with God each day in this way.

**Church Office 01235 539172 [office@cca.uk.net](mailto:office@cca.uk.net)**

The **MISSION OF THE MONTH** leaflet is published today. Please use it to pray for our Mission Partners, Chris and Suzy Wilson, and our other mission partners featured this month

**Calum Steer** leaves for a 3-month short-term mission trip to Tanzania with Tear Fund on Wednesday (not Tuesday as published in the MOM leaflet). Please pray for him as he travels and settles into Muzoma in Tanzania.

**Ashleigh Gibb** returns to Thailand on Friday and will be sharing during **the evening service** at Northcourt Road today. Please pray for her as she returns to her ministry in Bangkok.

### MUSICAL VICARAGES!

The diocese are in the process of replacing the vicarage, selling the old one at 69 Northcourt Road, and buying 33 North Avenue as the new one. You may see a For Sale sign going up at 69 NCR later this week. Once contracts are exchanged on the new vicarage, there will be a little bit of work to do on it and then Keith and Lynne will move in the early Spring. Kath and Phil will move into the vacated Associate Vicar's house later in the year.

### RUTH BAKER

Ruth Baker, who represented the Quakers on the Church in Abingdon Governing Body, died on New Year's Day following a stroke. Please hold her husband Roger, daughter Judith, and our friends at the Quakers before the Lord in prayer.

### CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer is one of our core values at CCA – *unless the Lord builds the house the builders labour in vain* Psalm 127:1. Each month there are opportunities to gather to pray together as a church, as well as using the prayer diary daily as individuals (thanks Janice!). Can we encourage you to join together in prayer at one of these gatherings (the details are also on the Term Cards).

Wednesday Mornings, 8am for 45mins in the Prayer Room opposite Christine's office  
Hungry, Wed 16 January, 8pm, in the Barn

Meeting God in the Silence, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 9am and 7:30pm in the Barn

**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP** invite you to our first meeting of the Spring Term this week 10 January, 10.30am in the Hall when we shall be welcoming Trevor Grant of The Leprosy Mission.

**FOOTPRINTS**, the group for people who have been bereaved or are living with other losses, meets each month on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 to 12noon in the Barn, for friendship, fun and understanding, with coffee and cake. This Tuesday, 8th January, Paul Herrington will be entertaining us and encouraging us to sing. Many of our guests have no connection with a church or are from other churches. Do come and bring friends or neighbours who may be finding this time of year particularly difficult. (The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 12th.). Further information from Pauline Croucher 521071 or Hilary Hart 520850

### NEW OR "NEW-ISH" TO CHRIST CHURCH?

You are invited to a Welcome Tea on Sunday 20 January at 4pm in the church lounge. Please visit the Welcome Corner to find out more or contact Lynne on 01235 209145 or lynne.dunnnett@gmail.com if you would like to come.

**ANNE MOON** – her birthday celebration arranged for 11 January has now been postponed until 8 February.

**CHURCH WARDEN** - Our church wardens are elected annually at the annual parochial church meeting in April. We are so thankful to God for our current wardens, Sue Gibbins and Roland Knight. Roland has concluded its right for him to not stand for re-election this coming April, so please do join us in asking the Lord who he might be calling. Ideally we'd love to have a period of handover.

### TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR/ COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT

Paid, one day a week, in the church office, covering **service production** (service sheets, EasyWorship and Powerpoint preparation), and **communication** (posters, website content, major event publicity). Details from clint@cca.uk.net, closing date for applications 1pm on Monday 21 January. Ideally start early in February. Jackie Sheppard has been fulfilling this role over the last 18 months, but as she has a major film contract (praise God!) starting in February this position is becoming vacant.

### CHURCHSUITE

If you haven't done so, please do login using the invitation email Christine sent you last term, and update your privacy settings so that your contact details are visible to other church members. Christine and Clint would be very pleased to help you!

### 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](http://www.new-wine.org). More detail from Keith, or Paul & Karen Brombley.

**PRIMETIME TEA TIME TREATS** at 2.30-3.30 on Wednesday 9 January. Christmas is past but come and enjoy the company of others in the Church lounge.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 19-25 January 2019

The CiA will be organising the following activities:

**United Service**, Christ Church, 27 January 2019, 3 pm

**Midday prayers**, St Nics, Mon 21 to Friday 25 January 2019, led by the following clergy: Monday 21 Pastor Ed Evans; Tuesday 22 Revd Paul Smith; Wednesday 23 Revd Keith Dunnnett; Thursday 24 Revd Steve Millard; Friday 25 Revd Kath/Phil Cooke

**Inter-church quiz**, St Helen's, Friday 25 January, church open 7.30pm, papers on tables 7.40pm, first questions read 8pm. Max 8 people per team and no limit on number of teams. Suggested donation £2 per person. Basic refreshments provided, people welcome to bring bottles and snacks. Contact administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk or 01235 520144 to enrol teams by Monday 14 January 2019. All profits to local charity.

**MEETING GOD IN THE SILENCE**, both in the Barn. **Monday 7 January** from 9 o'clock for a 9.30am start. And from 7.30 for an 8pm start. Listen to the silence, let it enfold you.

**MWM** (older men's group). **Tuesday 15 January** Talk by Rev'd Michael Green: Jesus of Nazareth - the man's man. At 2.15 for 2.30. Venue: Hugh Parkman's home at 61 Old Goal, Abingdon.