

SERVICES ON 23 DECEMBER

At Northcourt Road

10am United Service – All Age Worship
Leaping for Joy Luke 1:39-56 Nessa Watts

6.30pm Holy Communion
Carols and Communion Phil & Kath Cooke

At Long Furlong

10am All Age Christmas Celebration
Welcoming Jesus

SERVICES ON 30 DECEMBER

At Northcourt Road

10am United Service – All Age Worship
Three Generations Luke 2:41-52 Rosemary Green

No evening service

At Long Furlong

10am All Age Worship
Simeon & Anna Luke 2:22-40 Ben Jeapes

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, Ellie McRitchie.

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 ON SUNDAY 6 JANUARY

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

MESSAGE FROM CHURCH WARDEN - Roland and Jean Knight would like to thank the many members of the church who have sent us Christmas Cards, and hope you will realise that we cannot reply to each one individually. Please accept this message as our greeting to you and our thanks and best wishes for you and your family and you celebrate Jesus.

PERSONAL A professional Christian woman in her 30s looking for long term accommodation in Abingdon area. Would be preferable to be closer to the South Abingdon area but also happy to live in North Abingdon too.



“Being Disciples, Making Disciples”

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

ADVENT 4

SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER 2018

CHRISTMAS 1

SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER 2018

“A Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please pick up a FollowThe Star flyer for further details.
Christmas Eve – Christingles 3pm and 4.30pm
Midnight Communion, 11pm
Christmas Day – 8am Holy Communion with Carols
10am Family Worship



A VERY HAPPY, CHRIST-FILLED CHRISTMAS

to all our church family. May the joy and peace of Jesus fill your lives.
With much love from Keith, the staff team and church wardens

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at last Sunday's carol services, or is helping over Christmas Eve/Day. *To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.* 1 Cor 12:7. Thank you for serving the Lord, his people and this community, and your partnership in the gospel. Keith

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.

Church Office 01235 539172 office@cca.uk.net

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/

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

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

THE BARN'S CAFÉ

Following interviews last week Phil Adams has been appointed Deputy Manager (Maternity Cover) to work alongside Alex Lister Acting Manager (Maternity Cover) from 7 January.

ANNE MOON invites her friends from Christ Church to the Barns at 2.30-4pm for a tea party for her 90th Birthday (24 December) on Friday 11 January. No presents please but if anyone would like to contribute to making something for the tea instead please tell Maggie Snowball 527673.

WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome, 8am-8:45am, in the Prayer Room by Christine's office. There is no prayer meeting on 26 December, but we will gather on 2 January.

ALPHA COURSE

The next Alpha course will start in September (not January as in recent years).

STAMPS

As you receive all your Christmas Post please remember to keep any postage stamps and put them in the box in the foyer to help boost funds for The Leprosy Mission. Thank 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. More detail from Keith, or Paul & Karen Brombley.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed until 9am on Wednesday 2 January.

PRIMETIME TEA TIME TREATS

The next one is at 2.30-3.30 on Wednesday 9 January. Christmas is past but come and enjoy the company of others in the Church lounge.

PASSION PLAY 2019 FUNDRAISING EVENT - NEW YEAR EVE'S PARTY

A New Year's Eve party will be taking place on 31 December 2018 at Trinity Church Hall (Conduit Road) from 8.30pm to 1am to raise funds for the forthcoming Passion Play. There will be a three-course meal and celebratory drink, entertainment and dancing. Tickets (£20) must be purchased in advance from: Anne Green (01235 520171), The Bookshop in Abingdon precinct or online at www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE HOME ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY - they are invited to Peachcroft Christian Centre for Christmas Day Lunch on 25 December 2018 from 1-3pm (arrival from 12.30pm). Meal and transport from home is free of charge but booking is essential. Contact Ruth Adams **TODAY** to book or for more information on: events@peachcroftcc.org or text/phone on 07379 469311 (<http://peachcroftcc.org/>).

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Once again, Christian Aid is holding a New Year's Day walk to raise funds for the Christmas Appeal. This is a very enjoyable way to celebrate the start of a new year with friends from across the churches and beyond. The walk will start at 10 am from Peachcroft Christian Centre and follow a route up to Boars Hill with refreshments at Bayworth Baptist Chapel on the way back down. Donations from walkers will be invited at the start and at the refreshment stop and, if anyone would like to ask friends to sponsor them, sponsor forms are available from church reps or from the Christian Aid website at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/christian-aid-sponsorship-form>. For more information, contact Cliff Marshall on 01235 530480.

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 Dunnett; 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.

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. Tickets £25.00, £20 early bird price available until 31 December.

MOVING INTO STILLNESS: circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes at St Michael and All Angels on Thursday 3 January 2019 from 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed.

SILENT REFLECTIONS on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at St. Michael and All Angels from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Enjoy prayerful activities in the quiet of the sanctuary.

THE KING'S SCHOOL WITNEY

Part-time primary teaching post (maternity cover). Further information from office@tkswitney.org.uk or 01993 778463. Closing date 7 January.