

# The Heart of Christmas



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
LONG FURLONG

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

*"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not (nor can not) put it out" John 1:5*

## Sunday

### Sunday 12 December

**10.30am** Morning Worship. Becca Williams, will be speaking on Zephaniah 3 : 14-20; Micah 5 : 2-5a; Luke 1 : 49-45. The service will be in the school hall & on Zoom.

**10:30am Wellspring**—in the school staff room.

**Next Sun 19th Dec 10.30am is LF Christmas Celebration.** Everyone of all ages is invited to share a song, poem, sketch, reading, dance etc etc. Contributions in person or on zoom equally welcome: please let us know by end of Sun 12th Dec on: [kath.cooke@cca.uk.net](mailto:kath.cooke@cca.uk.net)

## Ministries & Events

### Café Supervisor Vacancy

**The Barns Cafe are advertising for a part-time cafe supervisor.** This will be a 12 month fixed term contract with the possibility of extension. For more information visit [cca.uk.net/vacancies](http://cca.uk.net/vacancies) or contact Phil on [manager@thebarnscafe.co.uk](mailto:manager@thebarnscafe.co.uk).

### Foodbank

We would greatly appreciate if any further Christmas hamper contributions for the Foodbank could be donated by the end of next Tuesday afternoon. We are currently short of: Tins of salmon, custard, gravy granules, cranberry sauce, cake, jam, chutney/pickles, cheese crackers and puddings. Many thanks.

### Coffee, Cake, and Climate

The climate crisis raises lots of questions, large and small. Eco Church would be happy to hear your thoughts and concerns - drop in to the Lounge on Sunday 12th, 4 to 5:30pm.

### Roots

Roots Christmas Social on Sunday 12 December at 4.30pm in the Barn. Roots are gathering for a Christmas social with mulled wine, fruit punch, mince pies and yule log. Getting in the festive spirit nice and early!

### Youth Ice Skating Social

Friday 17th, 7.30-9pm. Young people in years 7 to 13 are invited to join us for a fun ice skating session at Oxford Ice Rink. Tickets are available [here](#).

### Mission Partner Update

Chris and Suzie Wilson (Mission Partners) have left Ethiopia due to the current instability there. They will be spending a few weeks with friends in Zimbabwe, but hope to return to their home and work in Ethiopia soon. Please pray for them and their children.

### Footprints

Anyone who has been bereaved or is living with other losses is welcome to come to Footprints on Tuesday 14th December at 10.30 in the Barn. With others who understand what a difficult time of year this can be, we will have coffee and mince pies, carols, a Secret Santa and a short talk from Ros Steel. Pauline Croucher 521071 Hilary Hart 520850.

### Christmas Craft Evening

Come and join us on Wednesday 15th December at 7:30pm for a free, fun evening of crafting at the Barns Cafe. Bring along your own project or take part in one of the workshops. The cafe will be open for drinks and cakes. We look forward to seeing you!

## Thursday Fellowship

Thursday Fellowship finish our term with "Christmas Praise" Coffee and mince pies followed by a shared Service of carols, hymns, readings and prayers and a warm welcome. Doreen Cooper.

## MWM Event

There will be an MWM event on Monday 13 December in the main barn for about 2 hours starting at 2.15 for 2.30. We shall share favourite readings and pieces of music- on CD please. Regrettably, it is unlikely that everyone will have opportunity to contribute, but all will be able to listen and join in the chat! All older men are welcome. We intend to provide tea or coffee and a mince pie. To get some idea of numbers, please let Michael know if you would like to come. (Email: [m.p.chown@gmail.com](mailto:m.p.chown@gmail.com) or Tel 01235 521195.)

## Night Prayer

Join us on Zoom at 9pm every Wednesday for Night Prayer. Contact [kath.cooke@cca.uk.net](mailto:kath.cooke@cca.uk.net) for details.

## News/Updates

### Faith & Science Workshop

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion will be holding a workshop for church leaders in January: **Faith and Science in the Local Church** 7th-8th January. [More info here.](#)

### Housing Request

A newcomer to CCA is moving to the area in January. She will be working in Harwell and is hoping to live in or around Abingdon. She has asked whether anyone in church has a private rental or is looking for a lodger. If you are able to help with this, please contact the church office on [office@cca.uk.net](mailto:office@cca.uk.net).



## Christmas 2021

### Christmas Services and Events!

**Saturday 18 December: 10am-4pm 'What Does Christmas Mean to You?' Exhibition** (More details below)

**Sunday 19 December: 10:30am LF Christmas Celebration** (LF School Hall) & **6pm Carols in the Car Park** (at Northcourt Road, with fire pit & brass band)

**Monday 20 December: 7pm Babs of Bethlehem LAMPS Production** (Fab Theatrical Fun for All the Family. At Northcourt Road. Tickets available [here.](#))

**Christmas Eve: 3 & 4:30pm Christingle Services** (LF School Hall) & **11pm Midnight Communion with Carols** (at Northcourt Road)

**Christmas Day: 10am Christmas Family Worship** (LF School Hall)

### What Does Christmas Mean For You?

Everyone, church and people on Long Furlong, are invited to submit artwork or poems on this theme for a daylong exhibition at the Community Centre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We hope people will come and go during the day to see the work, enjoy refreshments and chat with friends.

### Request for Volunteers!

We are looking for help with the Christmas Exhibition on 18 December at LF community centre. Please contact Jane Robinson (01235 202514, 07890 024076, [the\\_robinsons@ntlworld.com](mailto:the_robinsons@ntlworld.com) or 21 Loyd Close) if you are able to help with any of the following:

9-10am – Setting up exhibits. Getting Refreshments ready.

10-12pm – Welcoming visitors. Serving refreshments.

12-2pm - Welcoming visitors. Serving refreshments.

2-4pm - Welcoming visitors. Serving refreshments.

4-5pm – Clearing away.

We suggest one or two people per shift on welcoming and one or two on refreshments. If you cannot manage a whole shift, please sign up for what you can do. Any time you can offer will be very much appreciated!

## Prayer & Support

### Please Pray For Those Who Are Unwell

[LF] Logan Mazie (Jane J's great nephew), Simon Furlong.