

# The Heart of Christmas



  
**CHRIST CHURCH**  
LONG FURLONG

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 2021

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

## Sunday

### Sunday 5 December

**10.30am** Holy Communion. Anne Taylor, will be speaking on Malachi 3:1-4 & Luke 3:1-6, 7-18. The service will be in the school hall & on Zoom.

### Advent Service of Loss

A quiet service for those who have experienced loss of any kind. Sunday 5 December, 3pm in the Church at Northcourt Road.

## Ministries & Events

### Winter Social - Sunday 5th Dec 4pm - Christmas Cookies

Baking fun for all ages on Zoom, see weekly mailing for link & [click here for recipe](#) Any questions, please contact Cherry & James Tweed. [cherry.tweed@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cherry.tweed@yahoo.co.uk)

### Wellspring

The Wellspring service will take place next week (12th December) in the staff room at 10.30 am. The aim of Well-spring is to provide a more quiet reflective service, while using the same material that is used in the regular service. If you plan on going to Wellspring then go straight there, don't go into the hall first.



### 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).

### 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.

### Foodbank

We are currently short of tinned meat, carrots, peas, potatoes and cereals such as Weetabix and Shreddies. We are beginning to collect for the Christmas Hampers and you can find donation requests here (add link). Thank you. We are beginning to collect for the Christmas Hampers and you can find donation requests [here](#). Thank you.

### 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 the 5th and 12th, 4 to 5:30pm.

### Meeting God in the Silence

Meeting God in silence will be on Monday 6th December in the Prayer room. Meeting from 10:30 am and 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be offered beforehand. 'Your Teacher is within... It is inside that we listen to the truth.' Psalm 139 v 12.

### Clothes Bank

There is a Clothes Bank which we hold on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. We set up in the hall here at Christchurch from 11.00am - 12.45pm for anyone who is struggling or in need of adult clothes (not children's as we don't have room to store) We have a selection of some new or nearly new clothes and shoes. If you know of anyone who is in need please let them know, the next dates are (an extra) Friday 10th December, Friday 7th January, Friday 21st January, Friday 4th February. Sue Porter and Rosemary Cooper.

## Roots Christmas Social

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!

## Worship in the marketplace

The Revival Missional Community have been meeting regularly in the marketplace for sung worship and prayer. You are welcome to join us on Tuesday December 7th from - we are usually near to the tree by Cafe Java. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Ffrench.

## 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.)



## Christmas Services and Events!

**Saturday 11 December: 2:30pm Prime Time Christmas Party** (Fully Booked)

**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. Jane R would love to hear from you if you'd like to be involved: [the\\_robinsons@ntlworld.com](mailto:the_robinsons@ntlworld.com), 01235 2021514 or 07890 024076

## 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.

See [last week's news sheet](#) for more information on Abingdon Court, Mentoring@CCA and Eco-Church