



# CHRIST CHURCH

## LONG FURLONG



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 2021

*"I thank my God every time I remember you....being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1:3, 6*

## Sunday

### Sunday 17 October

**10:30am**— Gathering for worship in LF School hall & on Zoom. Phil Cooke is speaking from Philippians 3:1-14, 'Loss & Profit'. Suzy & Chris Wilson & family are joining us so we can pray for them all before they head back to Ethiopia.

**Masks** - While no longer a legal requirement, we are nevertheless still strongly encouraging adults to continue wearing face masks indoors (if not exempt) for Sunday worship across all the congregations at Christ Church. Certainly during any moving around (inc arrival and departure) and corporate song/liturgy.

### Upcoming Sundays

**24th Oct - 10.30am** Long Furlong Together - Climate Sunday. All ages together will be exploring the challenges and joys of living well in our world. Sarah Walker & Chris Parkman are visiting from A Rocha and will be sharing with us, worship will be led by LF Youth band.

**4pm** - Welcome Tea at Janice & Richard Wenningers. An opportunity for all who are newer to LF to meet people, find out more about the church, chat and eat cake! Contact [wenningerhouse@gmail.com](mailto:wenningerhouse@gmail.com) for more info.

**Sun 31st Oct - 10.30am** 'Pressing on Together', Sandra Pike will be speaking on Phil 3: 15-4:3- **on Zoom - there will be NO service in the school hall.** Children & Families will meet 10.30am at LF Community Centre for Forest Church, or games if very wet - bring a coat, children must be accompanied by an adult.

**After Service** Cycle ride & Pub lunch – more details in News/Events below.

**3pm** – Light Party at Northcourt Road. [Click here](#) to book.

## Equipping

### New Wine Preaching Conference

Does God's Word burn in your heart? Do you long to invest the preaching and teaching ministry at Christ Church? Join others from across both sites at the New Wine Preaching Conference on Saturday 7 November, as we livestream this conference into the Tith Barn and Church Lounge. Speakers include J John, Simon Ponsonby, John Mark Comer, Amy Orr-Ewing, Jon Tyson and Ness Wilson. You can see a full programme, and the booking link, [here](#). Please also book a seat in church for the conference [here](#).

### Long Furlong Prays Together

**Night Prayer every Weds 9pm on Zoom** - re-starting in November

**Tuesday 9th Nov 8pm-9pm** - Prayer Walk - meet outside LF Community Centre to pray for local community

**Weds 1st Dec 8pm** - Advent Prayer Evening on Zoom.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Midweek/Daytime Teams

Some of our midweek/daytime ministries are looking for new team members. These include: The Barns Café (Mon-Fri), Link (Weds AM), Apprentice (Mon/Weds), several Older People's Ministries. If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, please contact the [church office](#) for more information.

## This Week

<b>Tuesday 19th</b>	Coffee Break	10:30am	Contact Shirley Cole for more info.
<b>Thursday 21st</b>	Singing Circle	10:30am	LF Community Centre

## News/Updates

### Christmas Diary Dates (more to come later!)

**Sunday 19 Dec**—LF Together Christmas Special, 10:30am in School & on Zoom.

**Sunday 19 Dec**—Carols in the Car Park, early evening. (we're looking for proficient Brass Band players and a choir/ carol singers to lead the carols – please contact Jan Haywood on [jan.haywood@cca.uk.net](mailto:jan.haywood@cca.uk.net)

**Monday 20 Dec**—BABS of Bethlehem –fab theatrical family fun, songs and jokes aplenty plus a little food for thought...*Babs of Bethlehem* is suitable for ages 7-700! Brought to us by LAMPS.

**Christmas Eve**—Christingle Services (time tbc)

### James Bremner

Welcome to James, an ordinand (trainee vicar!) from Wycliffe Hall Oxford, who is with us on a two term placement (Sundays and one evening).

### Sun 31-Oct Bike ride and Pub Lunch

Weather permitting Sue Robbins and I have arranged a bike ride with Natty to Bowyer's Arms, Radley for a pub lunch. If you would like to join us for the ride & lunch or just the pub lunch, please let us know so we can book an appropriate size table. All young persons (under 16s) need to be supported by a responsible adult.

James Dollar

### Sundays in Sept/Oct - review & reflect

The LF leadership team are going to be talking & praying particularly about Sundays in Sept & Oct at their next meeting on 8th Nov. Please do talk to or email anyone on the team with your reflections on Sundays and anything else you sense God might be saying to us as a community at LF at this time, many thanks, Diana Bingham, David Lever, Nic Cook, Derek Walker, Jane Robinson, Anne Taylor, Phil & Kath.

### Curate News

We've loved having Nessa Watts as our curate. She is now in her final year of curacy at Christ Church, and will finish by late spring/ early summer 2022, and will be hugely missed.



Ros Steel will complete her ordination training over the coming year and become a Self-Supporting Curate at Christ Church from July 2022



Andrew Gilmour will be joining us as a stipendiary full-time curate from July 2022. Andrew is married to Elizabeth, they have two young children. Andrew is training at Wycliffe Hall, and was previously the youth pastor at St Aldates.

### Assisted Dying Bill

The 2nd reading is being debated in The Lords on Oct 22nd. Many Christians ministries, including CARE, are encouraging us to pray and write with any concerns to Members of The Lords and Commons. Doreen Cooper

## Prayer & Support

### Please Pray For Those Who Are Unwell

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

*Please contact the office if you would like your name or a friend or relative's to be included on this list. 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.*

*In case you missed it... see [last week's news sheet](#) for Vacancies & Pastoral Care*