



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 3 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 3 October

10:30am— Gathering for worship in LF School hall & on Zoom. Colin Wood is speaking from Philippians 2:12-18, 'Working out our Salvation' and we will be sharing communion together.

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

10th October—Kath Cooke & Simon Furlong will be preaching on "Timothy & Epaphroditus", Philippians 2:19-30

17th October—Phil Cooke will be preaching on "Loss & Profit", Philippians 3:1-14

24th October—Climate Sunday, LF Together

Harvest Sunday Offering

Thank you to all those who donated to Foodbank and Tearfund during our Harvest service last week.

Wellspring

Next Sunday 10th Oct - Wellspring will be gathering in the staff room 10.30am, for a time of contemplative worship. The numbers will be limited to 12, so if you'd like to be part of this please email Derek Walker - del@walkercrew.plus.com

Equipping

Small Group Leading

We are about to run a three-session course covering the basics of leading a small group. – with the first session on Saturday 2 October (9:45 – 12:30) in Barn at NCR. Please book via the [ChurchSuite](#). The Following sessions are on 5th February and 7th May 2022.

My Pandemic Experience Listening Team

The team are offering to meet up with you 1:1 for about an hour, to listen and help you reflect on the last 18 months. For more information or to contact the listening team, please visit our [website](#).

Youth Groups

Calling all young people age 11-18 - have you joined a youth group yet? We have groups meeting midweek and on Sundays for all ages. Find out more and download a term card [here](#).

Footprints

Next meeting on Tuesday October 12th from 10.30 to 12.00 in the Barn. The team were delighted to see 40 guests at our first meeting after restarting in September. We welcome anyone who has been bereaved or is living with other losses, for conversation, friendship and refreshments. Further information from Pauline Croucher 521071, or Hilary Hart 520850.

In case you missed it... see [last week's news sheet](#) for vacancies, Eco-church tip and Sue Robbin's Bike Ride fundraiser and Opportunities to Serve

This Week

Tuesday 5th Coffee Break 10:30am Contact Shirley Cole for more info.

Thursday 7th Singing Circle 10:30am LF Community Centre

Ministries & Events

Prime Time: Outing to Christmas at Waddesdon

You are warmly invited to join a seniors (60+) visit to Waddesdon to enjoy the various Light Trails and Market on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 17 November. Prices range from £20 to £32 depending on whether you are a member of the National Trust and your interest in a shuttle bus from the drop off point to avoid a 20/25 minute walk! Contact John Earwicker on primetime@cca.uk.net or 07766 255221 to discuss your interest no later than 5th October.

Meeting God in the Silence

Monday 4th October in the Barn. The morning meeting will now be held an hour later than usual. Please arrive from 10:30 am, starting at 11 am for half an hour's silence in prayer. The evening meeting from 7:30 starting at 8.0 pm; for half an hour's silent prayer. 'I have you, Lord. That is enough.'

October's Mission of the Month

Now available [here](#), and features Chris Parkman and Sarah Walker serving with A Rocha, together with updates from Sheila Furlong and Archway, Andy and Andrea Warner, Jason and Sarah Thomas, Pat Herbert and Viva. Please do remember our Mission Partners in your prayers this month.

Light Party

On 31st Oct we are running a Light Party for the whole family, 3-4:30pm at Northcourt Road. All welcome! Please book via [ChurchSuite](#). We're also looking for a team to help plan and run the event. If you would like to be involved please email Heather or Kath.

MWM

Wednesday October 13. All older men are invited to participate in a visit to the Oxford Bus Museum and the Morris Motors Museum at Long Hanborough, followed by lunch at Yarnton Home and Garden Centre. We shall share cars, leaving the NCR car park at 10.30 and getting back by around 2.30 to 3pm latest. No need to book in advance. Admission £6 for concessions (£7 adults). To be led by Richard Howard (any queries phone 07747 664630).



Foodbank

Food bank stocks are really low, and we are trusting that Harvest donations will fill the shelves once more. We are so grateful for all the donations we receive, whether large or small. We are already beginning to plan ahead towards collecting food suitable for our Christmas parcels!

News/Updates

TearFund

As we are approaching COP26, Tearfund are asking communities to take a stand together and sign an open letter to our world leaders asking them to limit a rise in global temperatures to 1.5°C. [Click here](#) to sign the letter and pass the link on to friends.

Abingdon Street Pastors

Street Pastors is a UK wide network of Christian volunteers from local churches who have a concern for the community. We are now glad to be back out on the streets on Saturday nights. We would love to have more volunteers working with us out in the community. If you feel it is something close to your heart and would like to give it a try, please contact us at abingdon@streetpastors.org.uk

Ray & Susan's Wedding

Ray Stanyon & Susan Harbour's wedding is on Sat 2nd Oct 12noon at Peachcroft Christian Centre. They warmly invite us all to join the service via [YouTube link](#).

Prayer & Support

Please Pray For Those Who Are Unwell

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