



# CHRIST CHURCH

## LONG FURLONG



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2021

'Welcome back to the LF Newsheet!' We're looking forward to sharing news, events, updates & prayer needs - so you'll be rescued from so many late night LF emails?! We hope and pray that the new term has begun well, especially for those children, young people & adults beginning new classes, schools, or jobs. See below for Sept plans so far and look out for the LF Term Card coming soon.

*"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 5 September—Long Furlong Together

**10:30am**—We will be meeting at 10:30am both in the school and on Zoom. We will be having holy communion and starting our new series in Philippians.

**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

**12th September**—Pamela Shirras will be preaching on “To live is Christ”, Philippians 1:12-26

**19th September**—Philip Bingham will be preaching on “Standing Firm Together”, Philippians 1:27-2:2

**26th September**—Andrew Turner will be preaching on “imitating Christ”, Philippians 2:1-11

## Equipping

### Life Groups – Training for New Leaders

Our midweek Life Groups are core part of the way people connect and belong at Christ Church, and a place to grow as disciples of Jesus. We'll be hosting some training for potential and new life group leaders over three Saturday morning's during the coming year, covering the basics of leading a small group. The first session will be on the **2nd October**. If you are interested, get in touch with [keith.dunnnett@cca.uk.net](mailto:keith.dunnnett@cca.uk.net), or [click here to sign up](#).

### My Pandemic Experience Listening Team

A Listening Team has been created from the Pastoral Teams at NCR and LF. They are offering to meet up with you 1:1 for about an hour, perhaps at the Barns Café or in your garden, to hear your story and experiences from the last year. You may wish to share your reflections that have emerged from the 'My Pandemic Experience' material and receive prayer, if you would like that (The resource and more information can be found [here](#)). For more information or to contact the listening team, please visit our [website](#).

### Join a Small Group

Joining a small group at Christ Church is a great way to feel connected and known in the church. Whether it's a life group, a missional community or a prayer triplet, these are great places to be encouraged to grow as a disciple of Jesus. Our small groups will be starting up again in September, and you can see a full list on our [website](#), or speak to Andrew Turner [andrew.d.turner@outlook.com](mailto:andrew.d.turner@outlook.com)

## This Week

<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	Coffee Break	10:30am	Contact Shirley Cole for more info.
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	Friendly Cuppa	2:30-4pm	Contact Jane Robinson for more info.
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	LF Leadership Team Meeting	7:30pm	Do get in touch with the team with reflections & ideas for the next few months and please be praying for wisdom.
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	Singing Circle	10:30am	LF Community Centre

*LF Leadership Team: Diana Bingham, Nic Cook, David Lever, Jane Robinson, Anne Taylor, Derek Walker, Phil & Kath*

## Ministries & Events

### Prime Time JOY! Extras

You are warmly invited to our JOY! Prime Time 2021 Extras!

**Journey with JOY!** A 5 week course exploring life and faith, starting 23 September. To register call 01235 527673 or email [maggie.snowball@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.snowball@gmail.com).

**Coach Trip to Portsmouth & Southsea, 29 September:** option 1 is coach only with seafront tour, Heritage Walk and Gunwharf Quays shopping; £17. Option 2 visit the Historic Dockyard and tour HMS Victory, Mary Rose, HMS Warrior and several other attractions; coach £17 and Explorer Ticket £32. Urgent booking required, not later than September 15, call 07766 255221 or email [primetime@cca.uk.net](mailto:primetime@cca.uk.net).

**JOY! Glass Fusion Workshop, 2 October, 14.00-16.30.** Make a coaster, jewellery & a dish; for those who missed out on this session last August; £12 per person. Register by calling 07766 255221 or email [primetime@cca.uk.net](mailto:primetime@cca.uk.net) not later than 17 September.

### Meeting God in the Silence

Monday 6th September. From 9:30 starting at 10am and from 7:30 starting at 8pm in the Barn. When we turn to the Lord, the veil is removed. 2 Corinthians Ch 3 v 15.

### Footprints

Footprints will be meeting again in the Barn on Tuesday 14th September from 10.30 to 12noon. We welcome anyone who has been bereaved or is living with other losses. Do invite neighbours and friends and come with them if you would like to. This month we will be chatting and catching up with each other after such a long gap, with tea and coffee and refreshments. Further information from Hilary Hart 520830, or Pauline Croucher 521071

### Enneagram Workshop

An Enneagram Type Workshop will be led by Helen Watts and Jeanie Honey in the Barn on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October; 10:00 – 16:30 (£15ea). The Enneagram is an ancient tool for transformation from the fourth century - discerning what blocks our relationship with ourselves, others and God - highlighting vulnerabilities and coping mechanisms that can become barriers to transformation into our "true" selves in God. [Click here](#) to sign up or contact [andrew.d.turner@outlook.com](mailto:andrew.d.turner@outlook.com) for more information (places are limited).

## Opportunities to Serve

As we regather in-person most LF teams currently have 'vacancies', below are some of these. Please do think & pray about whether there is one ministry you could commit to being part of for the next 6 months and have a chat with those listed below, or us if you'd like to know more:

- Set-up Team and Co-ordinator of Set-up Team - Phil & Kath Cooke
- Children's Team - Anne Taylor
- Youth Team - Bea Ellaby
- Welcome Team - Marian Dreier
- Tech Team - Laptop & Sound - Anne Taylor
- Refreshments Team - Marian Dreier

## News/Updates



### The Barns Café Update!

It's been wonderful to see the return of our community groups and this coming week Origami is back for the first time on Wednesday 8th September at 9.30am. At the moment we are continuing with opening Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4:30pm. September is your last chance to enjoy our summer menu including iced drinks, cream teas and salads. We look forward to seeing you soon. If you would like to book a table to meet up with friends or for a group ring: 01235 534465.

If you would like to join us in serving God and the local community through the café ministry, please contact Phil: [manager@thebarnscafe.co.uk](mailto:manager@thebarnscafe.co.uk)



### Foodbank

Stocks at the Foodbank are currently low in the following: tinned potatoes, instant potatoes, peas, carrots, sweet corn, squash, fruit juice and rice. Thank you, your contributions make a huge difference.

### New Wine 2022 !!

As there is a flash sale on and we wanted to let you know that as a church we're going to New Wine United Week A, 23 July - 31 July 2022. The flash sale is on until 15 Sept when you can get good savings on tickets (adults are £155). Adult tickets after then are £195. Full details [here](#).

### Church Walk

There will be a circular walk on Monday 13 September, beginning by going along a lovely stretch of the River Thames from Newbridge. 4 miles, easy walking. Lunch at the Rose Revived. Meet at the church car park 10.00 to sort out car parties. Bring stout shoes, especially if there's been wet weather. All welcome. Enquiries to Neil & Maureen Weston 07762 015211 (N) / 07762 015207 (M).

### Archway Foundation

**Do you have experience in digital marketing?** If so, we would love to have a conversation with you to see if you might be interested in sharing your knowledge and skills as a Digital Trustee for The Archway Foundation, a locally founded charity "Serving Those Hurt By Loneliness" in Abingdon and Oxford. Do call CEO Sheila Furlong on 07703186041 or Chair of Trustees Chris Taft on 07860922035 for a no obligation discussion.

## 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.

## Vacancies

### Associate Children's Minister

We're looking to appoint a part-time Associate Children's Minister working mostly term-time plus holiday club, alongside Heather to expand the reach of the children's ministry at Christ Church. Please [click here](#) for more information and details on how to apply.

### Site Assistant Vacancy

We are recruiting a paid part-time Site Assistant. The successful candidate will play a pivotal role in providing additional support to the Older Persons ministries, as well as the day-to-day upkeep of Christ Church buildings, including event set-up, maintenance and security. Please [click here](#) for further information.

### Viva Job Vacancy

Our mission partner, Viva, are looking for a Finance Administrator based in Oxford. More details can be found [here](#).