

# The *Heart* of Christmas



  
**CHRIST CHURCH**  
LONG FURLONG

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021

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

## Sunday

### Sunday 28 November

**10.30am** Morning Worship. Derek Walker, will be speaking on Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Luke 21:25-36. The service will be in the school hall & on Zoom.

## 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)



### 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).

### The Barns Cafe: Tea and Coffee Tasting Evening

Join us for a wonderful evening of tea and coffee tasting on December 1st at 7:30pm with the opportunity to taste and enjoy coffees from New Ground Coffee and Secret Garden Roasters as well as our range of teas from Chantler Teas.

### Advent Night Prayer

This week will be Advent Night Prayer on Zoom at 9pm on Wednesday.

### 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.

### 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](#). Thank you.

### EcoChurch Tips

Are you wondering how Christmas and caring for creation go together? See these simple tips on [this page](#) from the CCA EcoChurch group.

### Children & Young People

It is wonderful that Long Furlong is a church community of all age and we're very thankful for those who work with the children & young people. We need others to be part of this significant ministry and would like to regather a team for 'Bubbles', our Sunday ministry with pre-school aged children. There are also opportunities to join the children's and youth teams. If you think that you'd like to get involved, or find out more please contact Anne Taylor (Children) [annejbtaylor61@gmail.com](mailto:annejbtaylor61@gmail.com) or Bea Ellaby (youth) [bea.ellaby@cca.uk.net](mailto:bea.ellaby@cca.uk.net).

### Coffee, Cake, and Climate

Join the Eco Church group exploring questions about climate & environmental matters. For 3 Sundays (the 28th, 5th and 12th) in the NCR Lounge from 4pm. Large matters or small, we would be happy to hear and help if we can.

## Abingdon Court

A few of us go to the Abingdon Court care home each month and share a short time of worship with some of the residents and staff. It is greatly appreciated. It would be lovely to have a few more on the team. If you would like to join us please contact Penny Smith ([pennysmith@yahoo.com](mailto:pennysmith@yahoo.com), 07840 242937) or Maggie Baker-Rawle ([maggie\\_bakerrawle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maggie_bakerrawle@yahoo.co.uk), 07837 820087).

## Mentoring@CCA!

Mentoring gives the opportunity to talk through issues that you might be facing in your life and faith - to think them through in a confidential setting with a trained mature Christian mentor. This is now available for church members at CCA. More information is available [here](#) and from the Welcome desk. To team up with a mentor, please contact Andrew Turner through the form available on the [website](#) or on [mentoring@cca.uk.net](mailto:mentoring@cca.uk.net).

## Tearfund Quiz - Thank you! £230 raised!

Thank you to all the quizzers who joined in the Tearfund Big Quiz. Together we raised £230 and had a lots of fun in the process. Congratulations to our winners the Tease Bankers! Thanks also to Emma, Beth, Eli, Bronte, Ella and Julie - the team behind the fabulous food on the night. There's still time to donate to the wonderful work of Tearfund [here](#). Thank you!

## Associate Children's Minister Appointment

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Shannon McCairns as Associate Children's Minister. Shannon comes with lots of experience and is looking forward to meeting all the children and parents. Please pray for her and her family as she joins the staff team this week. Thank you for your prayers.



**Christmas 2021**



## Christmas Services and Events!

**Saturday 11 December: 2:30pm Prime Time Christmas Party** (Book via [primetime@cca.uk.net](mailto:primetime@cca.uk.net) or 07766 255 221)

**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

## JOY! Christmas Party

Saturday 11 December at 2.30pm in the Barn. This party is free to anyone who is retired or in their sixties and above. However, you must reserve your place. You can do this by emailing [primetime@cca.uk.net](mailto:primetime@cca.uk.net) or phoning 07766 255221 no later than Sunday 28 November.

## CiA Carol Singing

Join Church in Abingdon singing carols & handing out flyers advertising Christmas services in the market place from 12:30-1:30pm on 16 December. Please contact Sandra Pike (details in ChurchSuite) by end of Nov if interested.

## Prayer & Support

### Please Pray For Those Who Are Unwell

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

*In case you missed it... see [last week's news sheet](#) for more information*