

CHRIST CHURCH ABINGDON

3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT - SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday

09:30am Holy Communion at Northcourt Road – A Clash of Kingdoms, Luke 20:1-19, Andrew Coleby
Click here for a YouTube link for the 9:30am service

10:00am Morning Worship at Long Furlong – Betrayal, Luke 22:14-28, Derek Walker

11:20am Holy Communion at Northcourt Road – – A Clash of Kingdoms, Luke 20:1-19, Andrew Coleby

There will be an Act of Remembrance at all three morning services.

Roots (for ages 18-39) Gathering at the usual monthly time of 2pm in the Barn, for an interview and discussion with Andrew & Nicki Blyth about Christian identity, and how it relates to challenges we may face.

Secondary Teachers' Networking 4 – 5pm in the Lounge all secondary school teachers are invited to a networking afternoon. Come and meet others who work in this field and pray as a group

6.30pm Evening Worship – The End of an Era, Luke 21:5-38, Keith Dunnett

This Week

Intercessors Group

For those who might be interested in joining us, our next meeting will be on Friday 13th November from 10:30am to 12 midday in the Prayer room. Please let Rosemary Green or Sarah Turner know if you would like to attend.

Events

Craft and Cake Sale for Youth Weekend Away

To raise funds for the YWA, we will be having a craft and cake sale between the 9.30am and 11.20am services on 15th November. Amazing homemade cakes and home-crafted things to buy! Please come along and support.

Home for Good Tea Party

A chance for adopters, foster carers and their families and supporters to meet up, and also for anyone who may be thinking about it, to come along and find out more... There will be refreshments and some activities for the children. Sunday 15th November, 3 - 4 pm in the Barn.

Welcome Tea for Newcomers

If you are new or newish to Christ Church you are invited to a Welcome Tea on Sunday 15th November at 4.30pm in the Church Hall. Come and find out more about the church and connect with the church family. All ages welcome. Please sign up here if you can to help with catering numbers. Contact: lynne.dunnett@gmail.com

People's Emergency Briefing Community Screening

Another opportunity to see this important 50-minute film about the climate emergency, Thursday 19th November in the church at Northcourt Road. Refreshments from 7.20pm and the film will start promptly at 7.35pm. Open to the wider community - sign up here or share the link!

Justice and Inclusion Meeting

If it is important to you that church is welcoming and inclusive, and you have a heart for a fairer world, you are welcome to join with the J&I group on Saturday 21st November at 10.15 at The Barns cafe. It would be helpful to know if you're coming, so please contact Derek Walker (via ChurchSuite).

SHAPE – Discover your Ministry

God has shaped you to serve him. But how do you discover what part God wants you to play? SHAPE describes aspects of life that make you the person you are – Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Ability, Personality, Experiences. Come to a SHAPE evening on Monday 7th December, 7:30pm, in the Church Lounge (note this is a change of date to that in the term card). See Keith Dunnett or Robin Emmanuel for details. Book here.

Christmas Services and Events

Christmas Choir Sign Up

'Sing choirs of angels...!' We're putting together a choir for our Carol Services (20th Dec). All are welcome so if you like to sing, we would love you to join! Click here for rehearsal details & sign up! Contact kat.buckley@cca.uk.net if you have any questions.

Women@CCA Wreath Making

The Women@CCA invite you to join them on the 21st November for some Wreath Making in the church at NCR. We will start at 2pm and you will have an opportunity to make either (or both) a green wreath o r a rag wreath. Mulled wine and Christmas nibbles will be served. Cost is £10, please sign up here.

60+ Christmas Event

Come along for some Christmas activities, fun, fellowship and good food. An informal time to bring neighbours and friends to. Sign up via ChurchSuite or sign-up sheets in church foyers. Saturday 28th November 10.30am-2.30pm.

Save the Date!

Community Carols – 13th Dec, @ LF (4pm)
Carol Service *for families* – 20th Dec @ NCR (3pm)
Carol Services – 20th Dec @ NCR (5pm, 7pm)
Christingles – 24th Dec @ LF (3pm) and @ NCR (3pm, 4:30pm)
Midnight Communion – 24th Dec @ NCR (11pm)
BCP Communion – 25th Dec @ NCR (8am)
Christmas Family Services – 25th Dec @ LF (10am) and @ NCR (10:30am)

Ministries & News

The Barns Café – Volunteers Needed

We would love you to consider joining the café team and be a part of something very special. Particular need at the moment is midweek and on Saturdays. Please contact manager@thebarnscafe.co.uk for more information or drop into the café and speak to Jo Walker.

Family Outreach Worker Update

We are recruiting a Family Outreach Worker to pioneer mission-focused ways of connecting families with the gospel, building bridges between Christ Church and the community, and supporting families, especially those on the margins, to flourish. A relational, missional role helping all ages grow as disciples. Could this be you? Head here for more details.

NCR Prayer Ministry Team

I'm delighted to share that Andrew and Nicky Blyth are taking on the leadership of our Prayer Ministry Team. We're hugely grateful to Alex Horlock and John Owen for their faithful leadership over recent years, and pleased that they will continue to be part of the team.

Caring for Creation – Eco Tip

Over 130,000 people have signed the petition calling for a live emergency briefing to the nation on the climate and nature crisis, introduced by the Prime Minister and delivered by independent experts. Now Parliament is going to debate it, on 16th November. Ask your MP to speak at the debate here.

Foodbank

Thank you for supporting the Foodbank. Our current needs are: tinned ham, UHT whole milk, fruit squash, sunflower oil, deodorant, washing up liquid. And do sign up to easyfundraising: Then, whenever you buy from Tesco, Waitrose, Amazon and lots of others, they give us a small donation.

Barry Greenaway

Sadly, Barry Greenaway passed away in hospital at the beginning of the week. Barry, along with his wife Pat, had been part of Long Furlong for many years and Barry was a dedicated volunteer at Abingdon Foodbank as well as other local organisations. Do keep Pat, Dave and the rest of the family in your prayers as they mourn his loss.

Please Pray for Those Who are Unwell

Joan Aspley, Pamela Carter, Eileen Jeffries, Gill Privett, Denise (Vicky Russell's neighbour)