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WELCOME TO CHRISTCHURCH REDBOURN

This booklet will hopefully give you a flavour of who we are and what we get up to as a church family. For more information or to ask any questions, please feel free to contact any of the people on the back of this booklet.

If you're visiting us for the first time on a Sunday morning, we hope that the information below will be helpful to you and that you enjoy the service - thanks for joining us today!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT CHRISTCHURCH

What to expect

Our morning service starts at approx. 10.30am and ends at about 11.45am. The children stay in the service for the first 20 minutes and then head off to their groups. Follow the crowd as it leaves the service and one of our children's workers will look after you and settle your children into the relevant group. Alternatively ask a steward to introduce you to one of the leaders.

During the service, we run a group for primary school aged children and a creche. For 11-16 year olds we provide a mixture of groups and support to help them integrate into the main service and church life.

We aim to be relaxed as a church; babies and children are very welcome, as is the noise they inevitably bring, so please don't worry!

We are so glad that you have picked up this booklet!

Chris (our Minister) or one of our other leaders would love to meet you; to say hello, answer any questions you may have about Christchurch, Christianity, or life in general. Do call Chris (07717 533609) if you would like to chat.

A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS SMITH

Welcome to the summer term here at ChristChurch Redbourn!

If you are a recent arrival at ChristChurch or you belong to one of the groups connected to the church or you are reading this and thinking about getting in touch, can I extend a really warm welcome to you? We would love to meet you if you have never been along on a Sunday. If you let us know you are coming, we can meet you at the door and introduce you to a few friendly faces!

Our Sunday services are now back in the church building on Fish Street and we are trying to make the best use of the space and modernise where possible. We are so pleased to welcome people of all ages on a Sunday and we have a great set of leaders who help run a crèche and groups for infants, juniors and 11+'s.

There are some great highlights to look forward to this term. Here's a taster!

On 20th May Peter Maiden is visiting us to address the important topic of 'Identity'. Peter has recently written a book on this important subject and we look forward to Peter's seminar on that Sunday evening.

On 10th June, we are holding our annual Big Summer Bash, where visitors get the opportunity to come and sample a Sunday morning at ChristChurch and all groups connected to the church are invited to a summer party together. Our special guest this year is a woman called Helen Thorne, who will be interviewed during the morning. Helen's life story is quite incredible, overcoming a traumatic childhood, mental health issues and addiction. Not to be missed!

On 24th June we have an afternoon event, where visitor Tim Sheppard will be giving a Bible Overview. If you would like an introduction to the big picture of the Bible's story, don't miss this helpful afternoon!

We also hope to screen some of England's World Cup triumphs(?) and we also plan to have a look at the book of Revelation on Sunday mornings! All details can be found at www.christchurchredbourn.org.uk.

from Chris Smith, Minister at CCR.

WORLD CUP SCREENING

England are playing on Monday 18th June and Thursday 28th June (7pm KO for both). All ages are welcome to come and join us as we watch!



BIBLE OVERVIEW with Tim Sheppard

I (Mike) used to feel incredibly lost in the Bible - I knew some things - the beginning of Genesis is right at the start of history, the end of Revelation is in the future, no prizes there. I knew where the bits about Jesus were. But if you asked me how some other books fitted into the whole picture, I wouldn't have had a clue - that is, until I did a Bible overview!

Bible overviews are brilliant to help you understand how the passage you're in - be it in your personal quiet times, on a Sunday morning, or even a passage you're teaching on - fits in with the whole picture. I would thoroughly recommend that *everybody* does one! And I'd also say that there are many different angles you can do them from - so even if you've done one before, I'd recommend you do *another* one.

Tim Sheppard is joining us on the 24th June to do a Bible overview with anyone who would like to come. Tim is the Student Minister at St Helen's Bishopsgate in London, and is a brilliant speaker. I'm very excited that we have him with us to take us through a Bible overview. I think it would be a great thing for anyone to attend.

SECURE TO SERVE with Peter Maiden

Sunday 20th May, starting at 7.45pm at Fish Street.

Following the very helpful evening with Helen Thorne, the next Pastoral Care Team training evening is once again being opened up for all to attend.

Certainty about our identity as sons and daughters of God is the essential foundation for a life of selfless service. So many find their identity in their appearance, their job, their relationship - even their church roles and positions. We will discover that, like Jesus, we are free to serve when our identity is where it should be.



BIG SUMMER BASH

Sunday 10th June, starting at 10.30am at Fish Street.

It's back, with a Bash!

Our Big Summer Bash will look a bit different this year, as we won't be at the school. But we'll still have food, we'll (hopefully) still have the sun (although, who knows, maybe it'll be snowing), and we'll still **definitely** have fun!

As part of the morning, we will hear the remarkable life story of our guest for the day, Helen Thorne.

The Big Summer Bash is our annual celebration for everyone who's involved in any of our groups - so if you're part of Starfish, Illuminate, Fish Tank, Munch & Natter, or any of our groups - we'd love to have you join us to celebrate!

Escaping escapism

THIS TERM'S BOOK...by Dave Griffith Jones

The ChristChurch book of the Summer Term is 'Escaping Escapism' by Dave Griffith-Jones. This book is gold! It will show us why we live the way we do and how seeing the real Jesus can help us change. Grap a copy, read along, discuss it in Growth Groups and let's all benefit together. Copies can be found at www.thegoodbook.co.uk.



At CCR there are a few people in their 20s and 30s who like to meet up every now and then together. If you'd like to join them, please speak to Mike Pasquale (07861 738 660) or Chris Smith (07717 533 609) and they'll make sure to introduce you to someone from the group.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

DATE	PASSAGE	SPEAKER
22nd April	Revelation 1v1-8	Jon Bailey
29th	Revelation 1v9-20	Chris Smith
6th May c	Revelation 4	Chris Smith
13th	Revelation 5	Chris Smith
20th	Guest Speaker	Peter Maiden
27th	All Age Service	Mike Pasquale
3rd June c	Revelation 6	Chris Smith
10th	Big Summer Bash with Helen Thorne	
17th	Revelation 7v1-8v5	Chris Smith
24th	TBC	Tim Sheppard
1st July c	Revelation 8v6-9v21	Chris Smith
8th	Revelation 10	Chris Smith
15th	Revelation 11	Chris Smith
22nd	Revelation 12	Chris Smith

Please see the website for details of services from 29th July to 2nd September.

A small c after the date signify that those services will have communion.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Our prayer meetings are a central part of church life and take place once a month. Please do join us to pray and praise God together.

Prayer Meetings take place on Sundays, from 5-6pm at our building on Fish Street. This term's prayer meetings will take place on the 6th May, 3rd June & 1st July.



CUTTING EDGE

All men are invited to join the Cutting Edge groups. They are an occasion when men can share and support each other as they live out their faith at work, home and within the family.

This term we'll meet on the 21st April, 19th May, 16th June and 21st July, from 8-9.30am.

For more information, contact Mark: markfaulkner9@tiscali.co.uk.



MUNCH & NATTER

A friendly lunch club for the over 55s held monthly on a Friday at Fish Street, from 12.30-2pm. Come and join us for lunch and find friendship, fun and a few surprises thrown in along the way!

Munch & Natter will run on the 27th April, 18th May & 29th June. For more information, please contact Keely on 07792 970 177 or at keelyhoward@hotmail.co.uk.

MUNCH & NATTER^{MINI}

Munch & Natter Mini is for the over 55s who want more Munch & Natter! There'll be a mini quiz, a mini Bible talk - but the tea, coffee, cakes & biscuits will all be regular sized!

Munch & Natter Mini will run from 10.30-11.30am on the 8th June and the 13th July.

For more information, please contact Chris on 07717 533 609.

LADIES DEVOTIONAL BREAKFAST

Join us as we meet for breakfast and prayer and share thoughts around a chosen bible passage.

We usually meet on Saturday mornings from 8.30-10am.

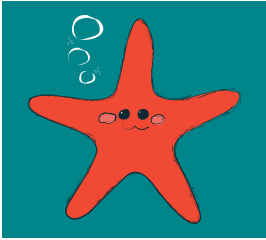
Our next breakfasts will take place on the 14th April, 9th June and the 7th July. For more information, please contact Jenny on 07712 226640 or capaldifamily@hotmail.co.uk.



The Independents is a group for those who are single (for whatever reason). Come along and join us for fun, food, friendship & games.

We usually meet around once a month. The next dates are the 7th April and the 19th May.

If you'd like to come along, contact Angela Bailey on 07734 793 725 or angelabaileyuk@gmail.com.



STARFISH: BABY & TODDLER GROUPS

Term Time, Thursday mornings Fish Street.

Session 1 runs from 9am-10.15am, and session 2 from 10.30am-11.45am.

Starfish is a group for children up to 3 and a half years and their carers. Each session begins with free play and then there is a craft activity, refreshments and singing time.

Starfish restarts on the 19th April and finishes on the 12th July.

Please contact Gwyn Record for more information - she can be reached at gwynrecord@gmail.com or on 01582 766268.



ILLUMINATE: FOR SCHOOL YEARS R-6

Term time Fridays from 6-7.30pm at Fish Street.

Every week is different at Illuminate! We have crazy games, a short talk and fun songs every week!

Sometimes we have crafts, snacks, and sweets too. Whatever's going on, if you're in school years Reception to 6, come along and we can guarantee it'll be all kinds of fun!

Illuminate will restart on the 20th April and we hope to see all of you there!



FISH TANK: FOR SCHOOL YEARS 7-13

Term time Sundays, from 7 until 8.30pm at Fish Street.

For more information, please contact Mike on 07861 738 660 or at pasqualester@hotmail.com.

Fish Tank will restart on the 15th April.



FLYING FISH

On the 20th May, instead of our ordinary Fish Tank group, we'll be meeting at Gravity Force in St. Albans at 6.30pm. If any teens would like to join us, they will need to book a place at the 7pm 'Gravity Jump' session on their website: www.gravityforce.secure.force.com/bookings.

If you don't have Gravity Force socks, make sure you include some in your booking. And please make sure you have signed their waiver before you turn up. Spaces at Gravity Force are limited and we can't guarantee places - *so get booking as soon as possible!*

Once you've booked, let Mike (see above for details) know that you're coming along so he knows to meet you there and so he can communicate any important details to you!

GROWTH GROUPS

Groups that help us grow



WEEK BEGINNING

PASSAGE

April	16th	Leaders' Training Evening: Introduction to Revelation, 7.30pm @ Tim & Gwyn's.
	22nd	Revelation 1v1-8
	29th	Revelation 1v9-20
May	6th	Revelation 4
	13th	Revelation 5
	20th	Revelation 6
	27th	Half Term - No Groups
June	3rd	Revelation 7
	10th	Revelation 8-9
	17th	Revelation 10
	24th	Prayer in Groups
July	1st	Revelation 11
	8th	Revelation 12
	15th	Socials

HOW DO WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER?

Where do we go to if we need help or support?

Your Growth Group

Our aim in Growth Groups is to Grow! We want to grow in our knowledge of God and our walk with Him. In order to do that well, we try to meet together regularly in local homes to encourage and support each other! If you would like to join a group, then please contact Simon at 01582 840 790 or swjgarthwaite@btinternet.com.

We believe that God has called us to be a family, and growth groups provide us with a better opportunity to know and care for each other. You could make your need known to your group or the group leader. Each growth group has a pastoral co-ordinator in it and they're there to make sure you receive the care and support that you need.

At ChristChurch we also have a Pastoral Care Team and a Pastoral Support Worker - Gwyn Record. She would be more than happy to chat to you if you need support. You can call her on 01582 766268 or email her at gwynrecord@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP AT CHRISTCHURCH

Our Sunday services are open to those of all faiths or none. But for those who are committed Christians and who decide to make ChristChurch their home, we would encourage you to think about becoming members of the church (please speak to a church leader for more information - see back cover for contact details).

WEEKLY EMAILS

If you're a regular attendee, please visit our website to sign up for our weekly news emails. If you have any questions, please speak to Lou on 07931 758 743 or at loubailey@btinternet.com

Who is Jesus? Why is there a group of people, in Redbourn, in 2018, who believe in him and call him things like 'Lord' and 'Saviour'? Why do they talk and sing about his death? Does it make any actual difference to their lives?

At CCR we offer 3 courses that might help you to answer any of those, and any other questions, you might have about Christianity:



CHRISTIANITY | EXPLORED

What's the best news you've ever heard? Was it surprising? Did it change the way you think? Or was it something you wanted to be true but didn't dare hope?

Christianity Explored is a way of finding out the best news ever heard, and gives you space and time to think about the big questions of life. Over 7 sessions in Mark's Gospel, find out more about the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ.



LIFE | EXPLORED

Life Explored is a seven session series featuring a combination of short films - shot around the world - and Bible interaction with plenty of discussion and opportunities to ask questions if you would like to.

It's an investigation into life and those things that promise us so much happiness, yet deliver so little. As it explores the Bible story, Life Explored shows how our deepest desires for happiness can find true satisfaction.

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?



DISCIPLESHIP | EXPLORED

What's the best love you've ever known? Did it run smoothly or were there times of struggle? Was it a personal thing or something you shared with others? Did it fade over time or did it grow deeper and more substantial as the years rolled on?

We believe the best love we've ever known is the love of God shown to us in Jesus Christ. It's what brings us joy, sets us in community and strengthens us in difficulty.

Join us to discover more about this love through Discipleship Explored, a study series in Philippians. As we read the Apostle Paul's encouragement to the church in Philippi, we can encourage each other with the joy we have in Christ and stand firm together in him.

Discipleship Explored is an 8 session series for anyone who wants to make the most of their Christian lives. If you have been through Christianity Explored or have recently decided to follow Christ, then this is the perfect course for you.

If you are interested in any of these courses, please feel free to contact Chris (07717 533609 or chrisjsmithccr@gmail.com) and he will be able to find some way for you to take part.

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