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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

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term here at ChristChurch Redbourn! If 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, in fact 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 service takes place at 10.30am in the church building on Fish Street. 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. We enjoy being a church family where everyone is welcome and looked after.

This term we look forward to opening our building up to the village community on a Tuesday afternoon where all are welcome to stop by and enjoy free coffee, homemade cakes and have a space to chat and connect. Coffee, Cake and Chat launched last term and we look forward to building on this great start.

We also look forward to the resumption of our after school drop-in Youth Café (The Pod), where youngsters can hop off the bus and stop by for refreshments, games and even get some homework done!

A new venture this term will be a couple of 'trial' late afternoon / early evening Sunday services. If Sunday mornings aren't possible for you, do see if you can join us for these (dates inside this booklet).

During our summer term we are considering organising a "Redbourn's Big Questions" event, whereby the village registers the questions it is asking about life, God, the universe etc. and we will try to provide an answer to the most popular questions. Watch this space and have a think about what question you would most like answering!

You can find all of the details regarding who we are and what's going on at the church by going to [www.christchurchredbourn.org.uk](http://www.christchurchredbourn.org.uk). There is something for everyone - from the Starfish baby and toddler group, to Munch and Natter for the retired - and much in between. If a phone call or face to face chat is more to your liking, do call me, the Minister, on 07717 533609.

Chris.

## Sunday Mornings

Date	Passage	Speaker
6th Jan	2 Corinthians 5v14-6v2	Chris Smith
13th	No service due to ceiling work - meet in small groups.	
20th	1 Samuel 16	Chris Smith
27th	CAP Sunday (see opposite)	John Graver
3rd Feb c	1 Samuel 17	Chris Smith
10th	1 Samuel 18-19	Mike Pasquale
17th	1 Samuel 20	Chris Smith
24th	1 Samuel 21-22 - All Age Service	Mike Pasquale
3rd Mar c	Psalms 34	Chris Smith
10th	1 Samuel 23	Chris Smith
17th	Psalms 63	Chris Smith
24th	Fall of Saul	Mike Pasquale
31st	Mother's Day	Chris Smith
7th Apr c	Rise of David	Chris Smith
14th	Palm Sunday - All Age Service	Chris Smith
19th	Good Friday - All Age Service	Chris Smith
21st	Easter Sunday - All Age Service	Chris Smith

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

### NEW: Evening Services

On the 27th January and the 17th March we're running an evening service for everyone to come to, particularly if you find it difficult to join us on Sunday mornings! It will be great to see you all there! **Services start at 5pm.**

### CAP Money Meetings

The 27th January is called CAP Sunday. This service will be a good opportunity to hear about the work of Christians Against Poverty. CAP are sending a representative / speaker to speak to us. We have trained Laura Grenier and hope to train others to run the CAP money management course later in 2019. Watch our website for further details!

### Coffee, Cake & Chat

Cups of freshly brewed tea, real coffee, home made cakes and a very warm welcome. How can you resist? Come and join old friends and make new ones. Everybody is invited and there is a play area to entertain the children. We look forward to seeing you!

**Coffee, Cake & Chat runs every Tuesday from 2-4pm at Fish street. It restarts on the 22nd January and will run until the 2nd April.**

You can just drop in, for however long or little as you'd like - but if you'd like to speak to someone or ask any questions, then you can contact Chris on 07717 533609.

### Pre-Church Breakfast

A chance to get together before the service to catch up and grow friendships. Tea, coffee, juice and pastries will be served. There's no need to RSVP - just drop in!  
**Join us anytime from 9.30am on designated Sundays.**  
The next date is the 10th March.





## 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 19th January, 16th February, 16th March and 20th April, from 8-9.30am.

For more information, contact Mark: [markfaulkner9@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:markfaulkner9@tiscali.co.uk).

## 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 26th January and the 23rd March. For more information, please contact Jenny on 07712 226640 or [capaldifamily@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:capaldifamily@hotmail.co.uk).



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 25th January, 1st March, 29th March and 26th April. For more information, please contact Keely on 07792 970 177 or at [keelyhoward@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:keelyhoward@hotmail.co.uk).

### 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 3rd February, 3rd March and 7th April.



A group for everyone wanting nourishment for their Christian lives. Digging deeper into God's Word, training courses, Christian books and prayer will form the content of our sessions - along with tea, coffee and cake! Everyone is very welcome! Let Chris know (07717 533609) if you plan to come along.

Oasis meets on Fridays from 11am until 12.30pm, at 7 Brache Close. Oasis restarts on January 11th. We will meet every week except for weeks when Munch & Natter is meeting - please see opposite!

### The Independents

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. Keep an eye on our website for when the dates are announced, or use the contact details below.

If you'd like to come along, contact Angela Bailey on 07734 793 725 or [angelabaileyuk@gmail.com](mailto:angelabaileyuk@gmail.com).



## CHRISTIANITY | EXPLORED

**Starts Thursday 10th January at 7.45pm.**

Christianity Explored is a course which gives you the chance to find out more about what the bible says about Jesus, and to ask questions about what Christians believe. Each evening includes a meal, DVD input and discussion. To book, please call Chris on 07717 533 609.



## CAN GOD FORGIVE A TERRORIST?

An interview with ex-UVF terrorist Billy McCurrie.

Free entry, including canapés and drinks.

**Tuesday 30th April, 8-9.15pm**

**at the United Reformed Church in Harpenden (AL5 4HA).**

Billy McCurrie was just 16 when he joined Ulster Volunteer Force, an Irish terror group that emerged in the 1960's. At the age of 17 he was sentenced to life in prison after killing a man to avenge his father's murder. Now he is a baptist minister preaching peace in Ormskirk, near Liverpool.



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**Good Friday Service** is at 9.45 - 10.30am at Fish Street.

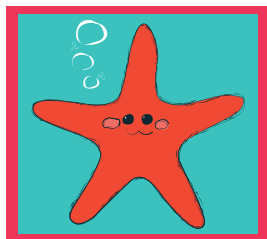
**Easter Sunday** is a normal Sunday morning Service - 10.30am at Fish Street.

**IF  
YOU  
COULD ASK  
ONE QUESTION...**



**Coming Soon: Redbourn's Big Questions**

Between now and Easter we will be finding out what the people of Redbourn would ask God if they had the chance to pose a question. What would you like to know? Once we have collected the questions we will then give you a chance to come and hear some answers to the most popular questions! Watch our website for more information!



## **Starfish: Baby and 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 10th January, but the first two weeks will take place at the Village Hall. We will be back to normal on the 24th January. Starfish will have a break at half term, and then finish on the 4th April.**

Please contact Gwyn Record for more information - she can be reached at [gwynrecord@gmail.com](mailto:gwynrecord@gmail.com) or on 01582 766268.

## **Starfish presents: Daddy & Me**

*Saturday 30th March, from 10.30am-11.45am, at Fish Street.*



## **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!

Due to work we are having on the ceiling at our building, Illuminate will restart on the 25th January and we hope to see all of you there!



## **Our youth cafe for school years 7-13**

Thursdays, straight after school, at Fish Street.

Restarts 24th January.

The building is yours to use after school - chill out with friends, play games, find a quiet corner to study or even get some homework help from some of the leaders! We've got all kinds of things you can use - sports stuff, table tennis, games consoles, board games, craft stuff, sofas, tables. So pop in, bring your friends, grab a drink and make yourself at home!

## **Fish Food: for those who want more**

For years 7-13, on Fridays, every other week.

This is a great opportunity if you'd like to investigate more about what Christians believe. We'll open the bible open together and have a discussion about what we read. There'll also be plenty of time for you to chill out, play games, relax with others your age, and (of course) there'll be snacks!

If you would like to come along, please get your parents to email Mike at [pasqualester@hotmail.com](mailto:pasqualester@hotmail.com) and he'll get them added to the Whatsapp group with all the details on.

# Growth Groups

Groups that help us grow



<b>Week Beginning</b>		<b>Passage</b>
January	13th	Welcome Back/ Prayer in Groups
	20th	1 Samuel 16
	27th	1 Samuel 17 - Part I
February	3rd	1 Samuel 17 - Part II
	10th	1 Samuel 18-19
	17th	Half Term - No Groups
	24th	1 Samuel 20-22
March	3rd	Psalms 34
	10th	1 Samuel 23
	17th	Psalms 63
	24th	Fall of Saul
	31st	Prayer in Groups
April	7th	No Groups
	14th	No Groups

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:loubailey@btinternet.com)

Who is Jesus? Why is there a group of people, in Redbourn, in 2019, 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.



### 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](mailto:chrisjsmithccr@gmail.com)) and he will be able to find some way for you to take part.**

## Useful Numbers

### Minister

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