

# CCR

## SUMMER 2019

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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 could ask God one question and you knew he would answer you, what would your question be? I wonder what kind of question you would find yourself drawn to. A philosophical one, perhaps? The purpose of life or the evidence for God? Perhaps it would be a question touching the realms of science or suffering in our world. Maybe your question would be much more personal – why did this happen to me, or can my life change?

During this term we are aiming to collect as many questions as we can from the fine residents of Redbourn village. Questions can be shared with congregation members at CCR, dropped in the Big Questions box at the church or posted through the church letterbox. Questions can be sent via email and text - keep an eye on the church website for more details of how to do this.

During the Autumn term, our aim is to attempt to give some answers and explore the issues surrounding the most popular questions at special events held in the village.

If you have questions, or have never really taken a close and thoughtful look at Christianity, our Sunday morning services this term will be focusing on the person of Jesus. Who was he? What was the purpose of his life? Why did he die? Did he really rise again? How does all of this impact us? We hope this series might be of help to you, and if you have children 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.

If Sunday mornings aren't possible for you, our monthly evening services will be running during the Summer Term. Do call in at our building on Fish Street at 5pm on 19th May, 23rd June and 14th July for a one-hour service. It's a relaxed affair, with the young people more involved and lots of tasty treats.

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). If a phone call or face to face chat is more to your liking, do call me on 07717 533609.

Chris Smith,  
Minister at ChristChurch Redbourn

## Sunday Mornings

| Date                   | Passage   | Speaker          |
|------------------------|---|------------------|
| 28th April             | Redbourn's Big Questions Launch   | Barnaby Monteiro |
| 5th May c              | CE1: What is Christianity all about?  | Chris Smith      |
| 12th                   | CE2: Who is Jesus?  | Clive Rochester  |
| 19th                   | Pastoral Care Sunday  | Chris Smith      |
| 26th                   | Can Generosity & Budgeting Co-exist?  | Chris Smith      |
| 2nd June c             | CE3: What did Jesus come to do?   | TBC              |
| 9th                    | Redbourn's Big Questions  | Chris Smith      |
| 16th                   | CE4: Why did Jesus die?   | Chris Smith      |
| 23rd                   | Mission Sunday  | Anthony Adams    |
| 30th                   | CE5: Resurrection - what does it mean?  | Chris Smith      |
| 7th July               | Big Summer Bash   | Guest Speaker    |
| 14th c                 | CE6: How are we reconciled to God?  | Chris Smith      |
| 21st                   | CE7: What will following Jesus look like?   | Chris Smith      |
| 28th July<br>- 1st Sep | High Summer Series - we will continue to meet as usual over the summer. Details of our summer series will be announced nearer the time - please see our website for more. |                  |

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

### 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. **Drop in anytime from 9.30am on designated Sundays. The next date is the 23rd June.**



On the **19th May, 23rd June and the 14th July**, we're running an evening service for everyone to come to, particularly if you find it difficult to join us on Sunday mornings. Evening services have a more relaxed and sociable feel, as well as lots of lovely refreshments. It will be great to see you all there! **Services start at 5pm.**

### 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 11th May and the 29th June.**

**For more information, please contact Jenny on 07712 226640 or capaldifamily@hotmail.co.uk.**

### 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 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July and the 17th August, from 8-9.30am.**

**For more information, contact Mark: markfaulkner9@tiscali.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 12th May & 9th June.



## Friendship Supper Group

The Friendship Supper Group 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).

**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.**  
For more information, please contact Clive on 07949 288 449.



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 26th April, 24th May & 28th June. For more information, please contact Keely on 07792 970 177 or at [keelyhoward@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:keelyhoward@hotmail.co.uk).



Life's weekly "pause", providing topical faith conversations, Bible study, prayer and encouragements for Christians to continue their walk with Christ in this world.

**Oasis meets on most Fridays from 11.30am until 1pm, at Fish Street.** There will be beverages and nibbles! For information, please feel free to contact Clive Rochester on 07949 288449.

## Womens' Day

**Saturday 8th June 2019, 10am to 4pm at Fish Street.**

All ladies in CCR are invited to come and hear guest speaker, Vic Ritchie. Vic will be speaking on theme of "How great is your God?". The sessions will look to focus our eyes beyond ourselves and our troubles & successes, and onto the God who is reigning.

The day will be split into a morning and afternoon session, and will include worship, teaching and interactive discussion groups. It will also be a great chance to get to know each other better, with a bring and share lunch between the two sessions. We hope that most will be able to attend for the whole day but understand there will be some who can only commit to one of the sessions.

Please put this date in your diary now, and **let us know if you are planning to attend** (and if so for how many sessions).

If you need any further information please do get in touch with Jenny Capaldi at [capaldifamily@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:capaldifamily@hotmail.co.uk).



**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.





### Helen Thorne

**Monday 8th July at 7.45pm.**

Helen will be returning to CCR to run another training session for the Pastoral Care Team, that will be open for anyone at CCR to attend.

We live in a sex-saturated culture and many Christians will be aware of sexual temptation in one form or another.

Helen is coming to help us to think through this important issue and particularly how we can support one another in the church.



### Big Summer Bash

**7th July, starting at 10.30am at Fish Street**

Join us for a celebration of all we do at ChristChurch! From Starfish, through Illuminate, Fish Food & the Pod, Coffee, Cake & Chat, Men's Groups, Women's Groups, Growth Groups, Supper Club - everything, all the way to Munch & Natter - if you or your children are a member of any of those we'd love to invite you to come and join us for a Sunday Service followed by lunch (and teddy bear's picnic for little ones) altogether and, weather-permitting, in our garden!

If you had an audience with God what would you ask?

**This Summer Term, we're hoping to find out what your big questions are, and to see what are the biggest questions in Redbourn village!**

There might be questions about life – where did life come from? Was it created or not? Is there a purpose or not? Can Science and Christianity co-exist? Why is suffering a part of life? If there is a God why is the world the way it is? Is death the end? How do I know if there is a God or gods or nothing at all?

Or maybe there are questions we would ask that are a bit more personal. Why am I suffering in this way? Can I be forgiven? Why did that happen to me? Can God do anything in my life of loneliness, addiction or struggle? Is this relationship right for me? What makes a good parent? If there is a God, does he know me, or care about me?

**Over the summer you'll see lots of ways you can join in and ask your questions!**

If you're part of our regular groups, we'll be inviting you to join in there. If not, then you'll see plenty of posters popping up all across the village. You'll find fliers in your letterbox. You might even bump into one of us on the street with a clipboard, or on your doorstep. For the web-savvy we'll have an email address ([question@redbournsbigquestions.co.uk](mailto:question@redbournsbigquestions.co.uk)) you can email questions to. And we'll also have a post-box set up outside our building on Fish Street for you to drop questions into.

**But we won't just leave it there...** we would love to try and help you answer them too. And so look out for our October events - they'll be an opportunity to see what the Christian response to those questions is. They'll also be a great place to bring other questions too as there'll be plenty of time for Q&A.

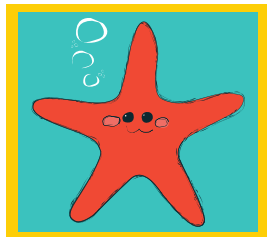
If you have a burning question that you'd like to talk about now - you can talk to Chris, our Minister, on 07717 533609. There are also other people you can speak to on the back of this booklet!

**We would love to hear your questions! Whatever they are and however many you have! Please do send them to us. We will do our best to provide opportunities to hear some answers and start some beneficial discussions.**

# REDBOURN'S **BIG** QUESTIONS



Send your questions to:  
[question@redbournsbigquestions.co.uk](mailto:question@redbournsbigquestions.co.uk)  
or visit:  
[www.redbournsbigquestions.co.uk](http://www.redbournsbigquestions.co.uk)



## **Starfish: Baby and Toddler Groups**

Term Time, Thursday mornings Fish Street.

Session 1 runs from 9am-10.15a.

Session 2 runs 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 will return on the 25th April and then finish on the 11th July, with a break for half term on the 30th May.**

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



## **Illuminate: for school years R-6**

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

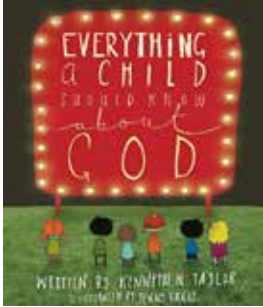
Every week is different at Illuminate! We have crazy games, a short talk and fun songs every week!

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 26th April and we hope to see all of you there! There will be no Illuminate on the 31st May during half-term, but then we will be back on the 7th June until the 19th July.**

## Resources

Below are some resources to help families grow together. Speak to Mike if you'd like to get hold of any of them!



### Everything A Child Should Know About God

by Kenneth Taylor, for ages 3-6.

Help your child discover the wonder of God!

This is a great book to read together with your young children. Written in child-friendly language, you could read it a page at a time, with a chance to talk and pray together about what you've learnt.



Awesome Cutlery is an album full of big Bible truths to help families and churches know Jesus better, love him more and worship him with every part of their lives. If you've joined us on Sunday mornings, you might recognise some of the songs!

### Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God by Bruce A. Ware, for ages 10+

This is a great book for older children and teenagers to read and it will help them discover what the Bible teaches about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the church, and many other things. Older teenagers could read this by themselves. Parents of younger children will probably find it's better to read alongside their child and then talk about it afterwards.





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

Thursdays, straight after school, at Fish Street.

Restarts 25th April with a half term break on the 30th May.

Unfortunately, we won't be open on the 6th June either.

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.

Summer camps are a great place for teenagers to go, for lots of reasons. They're designed to be a wonderful holiday, with loads of fun activities, and it's impossible not to make new friends. But they're also a great place to go to learn about Jesus for the first time, or to know Him better and to learn how to tell others about him. Below are a couple of camps that come recommended by Mike, our youth worker. If you would be interested in coming to any of these, please speak to Mike on 07861 738 660, or [pasqualester@hotmail.com](mailto:pasqualester@hotmail.com).

We would never want the price to get in the way of anyone attending camps, and as a church we have money set aside to help people get along to things like this. If you think you might need help, please speak to Mike or to one of the church leaders - their details can be found on the back cover.

## **Woolie 4: for ages 10-13**

<https://www.ventures.org.uk/venture-holidays/details/3143>

Swimming, indoor games in an amazing sports hall, outdoor games in stunning grounds - plus great crafts, and exciting off-site activities.

**20th - 26th August (6 nights).**

**Elstree School, Woolhampton Hill, Upper Woolhampton, Reading.**

## **Oswestry 2: for ages 14-18**

<https://www.ventures.org.uk/venture-holidays/details/3113>

Gorge walking, climbing and archery are a few of the activities we offer. We also have (sometimes messy) team games and times to chill over a card game, at the piano or in the pool. Each day we spend time learning what the Bible says about Christianity. If you or your mates are new to Ventures or the Christian faith, do come - you'll have the chance to find out more and ask any questions you have.

**16th - 23rd August (7 nights).**

**Oswestry School, Upper Brook Street, Oswestry, Shropshire.**

# Growth Groups

Groups that help us grow



| Week Beginning |      | Passage                                       |
|----------------|------|---|
| April          | 21st | Leaders' Training                             |
|                | 28th | RBQ's w Barnaby                               |
| May            | 5th  | Christianity Explored 1                       |
|                | 12th | Christianity Explored 2                       |
|                | 19th | Members' Meeting, Prayer in Groups            |
|                | 26th | No Growth Groups                              |
| June           | 2nd  | Christianity Explored 3                       |
|                | 9th  | RBQ Publicity distribution in groups & Prayer |
|                | 16th | Christianity Explored 4                       |
|                | 23rd | Christianity Explored 5                       |
|                | 30th | Christianity Explored 6                       |
| July           | 7th  | Prayer in Groups                              |
|                | 14th | Socials                                       |
|                | 21st | No Growth 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

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