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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, we hope that the information in this booklet will be helpful to you and that you enjoy your time here - 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 Autumn Term here at ChristChurch Redbourn!

This term sees the arrival of REDBOURN'S BIG QUESTIONS! We have spent a few months gathering people's questions in and during October we look forward to welcoming people to hear and discuss some answers. We have a good crop of speakers who look forward to sharing their thoughts on topics that are important to us.

Dates and times of all of the events can be found inside this brochure. Everyone is welcome to attend! Feel free to invite friends and neighbours, family members and colleagues. We hope each session will be thought provoking and helpful, and there'll be things on for teenagers there too...like pizza! Keep your eye out for Illuminate's BIG Questions holiday club for children as well.

If you have questions that didn't make the top spots or have never really taken a close and thoughtful look at Christianity, our Sunday morning services are a good place to start and Chris and Mike (staff members) are always willing to meet and chat. Speaking of which, if you are around during the day time on Tuesdays, feel free to drop in at Coffee, Cake and Chat for a cuppa, some cake and a place to discuss your thoughts and questions.

Towards the end of October we will be running a very helpful course for those wanting to investigate Christianity further. It's called Christianity Explored and runs for 7 sessions. It's a DVD based course with plenty of opportunity to ask questions, discuss or sit and listen if you prefer!

Sunday mornings at ChristChurch are very family focused, 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.

There is much that happens during the week with groups for toddlers and carers (Starfish), young people (Illuminate and Fish Food) and older folk (Munch and Natter). We also run small groups in people's homes throughout the week for Bible study, prayer and to build friendships and care for one another.

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

Sunday Mornings

Date	Passage	Speaker
8th Sep	Hebrews	Chris Smith
15th	Church Day at Home - see page 8	Barnaby Monteiro
22nd c	Hebrews	Chris Smith
29th	Hebrews	Chris Smith
6th Oct	Redbourn's Big Questions - see page 10	Barnaby Monteiro
13th	Redbourn's Big Questions - see page 10	Tim Ward
20th c	Hebrews	Chris Smith
27th	Hebrews	Chris Smith
3rd Nov	Holiday Club Service - see page 9	Mike Pasquale
10th	Hebrews (Remembrance Day, 9.30am start)	Chris Smith
17th c	Hebrews	Chris Smith
24th	Mission Sunday	Anthony Adams
1st Dec	Hebrews	Chris Smith
8th	Hebrews	Chris Smith
15th	Family Carols	Chris Smith
22nd	Informal Christmas Family Fun	TBC
25th	Christmas Day	Chris Smith
29th	TBC	Clive Rochester

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 24th November.**

Evening Service

Our evening services will be a little different this term, as they'll be combined with other events. The **15th September** will be part of our Church Day at home (see page 8) and the **13th October** will be part of Redbourn's Big Questions (see page 10). But on the **17th November** they'll return to normal!

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 September and the 9th November. 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, which meet once a month on a Saturday to have breakfast, share and support each other as they live out their faith at work, home and within the family. **We meet once a month, generally on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 8-9.30am. This term, it will meet on 21st September, 19th October, 16th November (the November meeting will be at Vaughan Road in Harpenden) & 21st December.**

For more information, contact Mark: markfaulkner9@gmail.com.

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 29th September, 10th November & 8th December.



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. The next dates are the 21st September, 19th October & 16th November.

If you'd like to come along, contact Angela Bailey on 07734 793 725 or 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 at Fish street but with a NEW time, 2-3.30pm.

For more information, please call or text 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 6th September, 4th October, 8th November & 6th December. For more information, please contact Keely on 07792 970 177 or at 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 restarts on the 13th September, and meets on most Fridays from 11.30am until 1pm, at Fish Street. There will be beverages and nibbles! For information, please feel free to call or text Clive on 07949 288449.

CHURCH DAY AT HOME



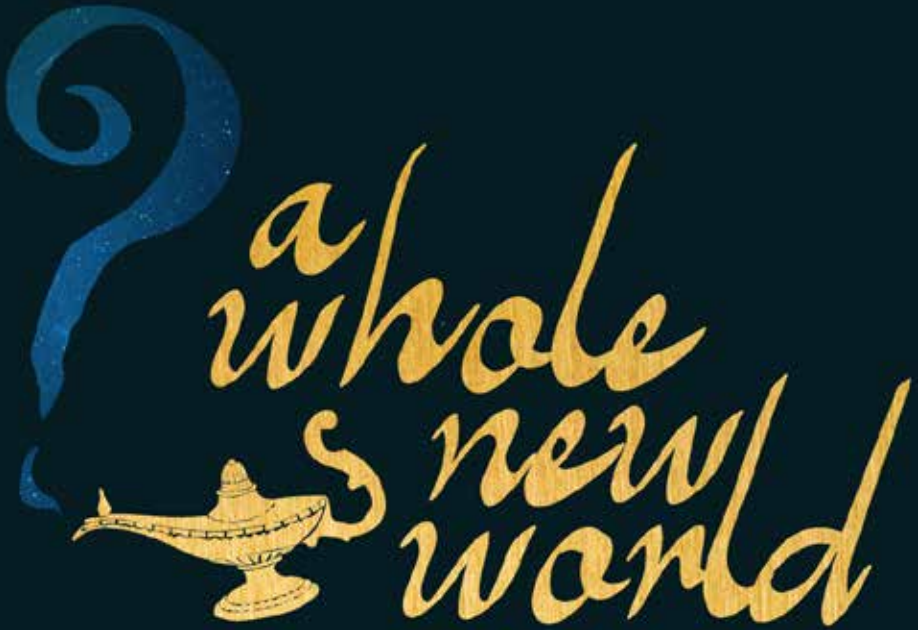
Sunday 15th September, 10am to 4pm at Fish Street.

Join us at our 'Church Day at Home' for a brilliant opportunity to build friendships, enjoy fellowship, have fun and get to understand more about why Redbourn's Big Questions is so important.

All are very welcome, whether you're coming for all of the day or only part of it. We'll be circulating a running order for the day by email very soon.

There will be breakfast and lunch included - and a very special treasure hunt!

Please contact Lou (07931 758 743 / loubailey@btinternet.com) or Chris (07717 533609 / chrisjsmithccr@gmail.com) if you have any questions!



Half Term Holiday Club

Lots of you children joined in our Redbourn's Big Questions last term and asked many of their Big Questions too! At Holiday Club this half-term, come with us to Agrabah and join Aladdin in the Cave of Wonders, as he asks the Genie some of those questions!

Holiday club will run from 10am-12pm on the 30th October, 31st October & 1st November (the Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of half-term) & again at 10.30am on the 3rd November for our special Sunday service, where parents will be welcome to join us too!

Children will need to complete a booking form to attend - look out for these in the weeks to come! They will be available on our website, as well as in our building and at all of our groups. For more information, please contact Mike on 07861 738 660 or pasqualester@hotmail.com.

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

Over the summer, we asked you what your big questions are.

This term, we're putting on some events to try and help you see what the Bible offers as answers. 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 burning question you'd like to ask, you can still send your questions to question@redbournsbigquestions.co.uk and ask for someone to contact you. Or 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!

More information is available online at www.redbournsbigquestions.co.uk

All the events will take place at the Christchurch building on Fish street, Redbourn.



Why does God let good people suffer?

at Munch & Natter, our over 55s lunch club.

Friday 4th October, 12.30-2pm with Fiona Castle.

Please book with Keely (keelyhoward@hotmail.co.uk/ 07792 970 177) by the 27th September.



What happens after we die?

Sunday 6th October, 10.30am, with Barnaby Monteiro.

Creche and children's groups available.



Why does God let good people suffer?

Tuesday 8th October, 7.45pm refreshments, 8pm start with Helen Thorne, author of *Walking with Domestic Abuse Sufferers*.

Can the Bible be trusted?

13th October, 10.30am, with Rev. Dr. Tim Ward.
Creche and children's groups available.



What's the proof for God/Jesus/Christianity?

13th October, 5pm, with Rev. Dr. Tim Ward.



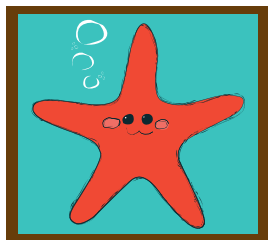
Does God create/permit evil, & why?

Thursday 17th October, 7.45pm refreshments, 8pm start
with Greg Strain.

Children - come along to
our Holiday Club and hear
Genie answer your
questions! See page 9
for more information.



REDBOURN'S BIG QUESTIONS



Starfish: Baby and Toddler Groups

Term Time, Thursday mornings, at Fish Street.

Session 1 runs from 9am-10.15am.

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 12th September and then finish on the 12th December, with a break for half term on the 31st October.

Please contact Katie Faulkner for more information - she can be reached at 07989 803 652 or on faulknerbird@hotmail.co.uk.



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 6th September and we hope to see all of you there! There will be no Illuminate on the 1st November during half-term, but then we will be back on the 8th November. At the moment our last day is scheduled for the 20th December.



The Pod is our after school drop in cafe for teenagers, and will be carrying on this term after school, but with some changes. It will now be on **alternating Tuesdays, open from 3.30 until 5.30pm**. You'll still be able to just turn up and leave at whatever time within that time slot!

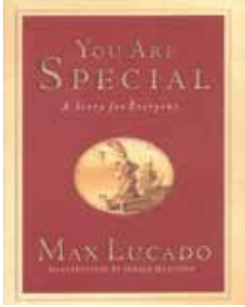
There will be games and snacks and drinks, and you'll be able to bring your own games and activities too. If you want to come do homework in a quiet corner, that's up to you! If you want to invite your friends to eat cake and play games by yourselves on the sofas, then go for it! If you want to come and use the hall or garden (when it's sunny) for more active games, then it's all yours!

The Pod returns on the 10th September & is now open to year 6 and upwards. If you're in year 6, you're now welcome to come to the Pod as well as Illuminate on Friday.

Friday Evenings

Friday evenings will also continue for y7+. There'll be plenty more fun to be had, as well as a chance to look at the book of Romans together. The best way to find out more is to get your parent/s or carer/s to join the WhatsApp group which will send out an update each week with a time & place. To join, please get your parents/carers to contact Mike at **pasqualester@hotmail.com** with your mobile number and he can add you into the group.

Below are some resources to help families grow together. Most are available from the 10 of Those website. Speak to Mike if you'd like him to help you get hold of any of them!



You Are Special

by Max Lucado - up to age 8

This is a wonderful children's story that will warm your heart while teaching you that you are special - not based on how others see you, but how you're seen by the one who makes you. It's a great book to have for very young children, and it's aimed maybe up to age 8, but a marvellous read for anyone of any age!

Devotional Dippers - ages 4 and up

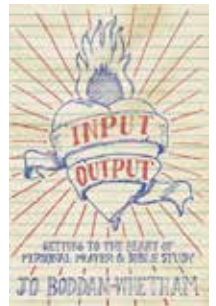
Devotional dippers are a great way to get your whole family to open up the Bible together. Each stick includes a theme, a Bible reference for you to read, a question to discuss together and a prayer point. It's easily adapted to suit children of any ages, and includes instructions.



Input Output by Jo Boddam-Whetham, ages 11+

What you put in your heart comes out in your life.

This great little book will challenge and equip you to develop a regular, individual time of reading God's Word and praying.



Mike's Book Club

This term, I (Mike) am going to start reading CS Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia, starting with the Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe. If you'd like to join - however old or young - get yourself a copy- if you're too young to read, ask your parents to read it with you, or to find an audiobook. And let me know! I'd love to chat to you about it as we read!

Christmas 2019

There's lots happening in the Christmas period at CCR. Take a look below, and watch our website for more details!

Family Carols

15th December, 10.30am, at Fish Street - Join us for our all-age service, for lots of fun and for the Starfish Nativity!

Gingerbread

Look out for more details of our gingerbread house-making events!

Informal Christmas Family Fun

22nd December, 10.30am, at Fish Street.

Join us for carols, games and breakfast - this is a relaxed morning where all are very welcome to come and join the festive fun!

Carols By Candlelight

22nd December, 5pm, at Fish Street - Join us for our annual carol service.

Christmas Day

25th December, 10-10.45am, at Fish Street.

All are very welcome to join us for a family-friendly celebration of the birth of Jesus. What better way is there to start your festive celebrations?



Growth Groups

Groups that help us grow



Week Beginning		Passage
September	8th	RBQs Leaflet Drop
	15th	Welcome Back Socials
	22nd	Study based on Church Day at Home
	29th	Prayer for RBQs in groups
October	6th	Redbourn's Big Questions - no groups
	13th	Redbourn's Big Questions - no groups
	20th	Book study 1
	27th	Half Term - no groups
November	3rd	Book study 2
	10th	Book study 3
	17th	Book study 4
	24th	Book study 5
December	1st	Book study 6
	8th	Christmas 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 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.

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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