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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

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, I would like to extend a really warm welcome. 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 also have a monthly service at 5pm, which is a bit less busy and even more relaxed! 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.

There are a range of people at CCR, a range of ages and stages, some committed Christians and some simply thinking things over. We strive to be a place where you can come and listen and examine the important questions of life in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

In fact this term we are introducing a monthly lunch after our morning service which will give everyone a chance to get to know each other better. We hope this will especially help those who are fairly new to the church to settle in and build relationships.

There are social occasions planned for men and women during the term and there are smaller groups for Bible study and prayer. We have an excellent course too, for those investigating Christianity or wanting to firm up on the basics of the Christian message; it's called Christianity Explored and the course begins in January.

Also, beginning on the 22nd January, we will be hosting a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) money management course – do read about this on p15.

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. 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 on 07717 533609.

Sunday Services

Morning	Passage	Speaker
5th Jan c	Hebrews 5v1-10	Chris Smith
12th	Hebrews 5v11-6v3	Chris Smith
19th	Hebrews 6v4-12	Chris Smith
26th	Hebrews 6v13-20	Jon Bailey
2nd Feb c	Hebrews 7v1-10	Chris Smith
9th	Hebrews 7v11-28	Chris Smith
16th	All Age Service	Mike Pasquale
23rd	Hebrews 8v1-6	Chris Smith
1st Mar c	Hebrews 8v7-13	Chris Smith
8th	Hebrews 9v1-10	Chris Smith
15th	Hebrews 9v11-15	Chris Smith
22nd	Mothers' Day	Mike Pasquale
29th	Hebrews 9v16-28	Chris Smith
April 5th c	Palm Sunday	Chris Smith
10th	Good Friday	Chris Smith
12th	Easter Sunday	Mike Pasquale
19th	TBC	Clive Rochester
26th	New Series	Chris Smith

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

The logo for 'Evening Service' is written in a white, elegant cursive font. The words are arranged in two lines, 'Evening' on top and 'Service' below, and are enclosed within a thin white circular border. The background of the entire page is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a dark landscape with trees and hills.

Our evening services will be looking at the book of Esther this term. They will take place on the 12th January, 9th February, & the 15th March.

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 5th January, 2nd February, 1st March & 5th April.

Post-Church Lunches

Jesus demonstrated this all through his life: eating together gives us time to get to know each other in a deeper way. It grows friendships and helps to build and strengthen the church. It brings joy to lonely people, and helps us understand how we can help people, through even the smallest gestures. It's always great to encourage each other, and eating together is another way we can do this, and something we would benefit from.

To help us do this, we're planning monthly lunches, after church on selected Sundays. This term, the lunches will be on the 26th January (Bring & Share), 23rd February, 29th March, & 26th April (Bring & Share).

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 25th January and the 14th March.** 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, we will meet on 18th January, 15th February, 21st March and 18th April. For more information, contact Mark: markfaulkner9@gmail.com.



single
pringles!

Single Pringles 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
31st January, 15th February, 14th March, & 18th April.**

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 from 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 24th January, 28th February, 27th March & 24th April. For more information, please contact Keely on 07792 970 177 or at keelyhoward@hotmail.co.uk.

Redbourn's Big Questions

Thank you to everyone who shared their big questions last year, and to those who came along to our events. We hope they were helpful, and if there are remaining questions or questions you feel weren't answered in the way you were hoping, then there's still plenty of opportunities to ask those. You can speak to people at any of our groups or services, and there are also contact details on the back of this booklet, and any of those will be happy to help.

If you missed any of the talks, or would like to hear them again, please visit www.redbournsbigquestions.co.uk. All the talks were recorded and are available there!

Ladies: Cheese & Wine Evening

All ladies are invited to join us for a Cheese & Wine evening. It will be a bring and share format, and we will send out a food list nearer to the event so that you can sign up to bring different things. We will also have a little slot for book reviews/recommendations, so if anyone is happy to give a quick overview of a helpful Christian book that you have read, and that you can recommend to others, please let Jenny know.

Our Cheese & Wine evening will take place on Saturday 11th January, starting at 7.30pm, at our building on Fish Street. For more information, please contact Jenny on 07712 226640 or capaldifamily@hotmail.co.uk.





Men's Curry Night

Saturday 29th February, time & place will be announced on our website soon! If you'd like to join us, or to hear more information, please contact Dave Burton on 07920 267 237 or burton.d@gmail.com.

Mothers' Day

22nd March, 10.30am
at our building on Fish Street





"You are
looking for Jesus
the Nazarene, who was
CRUCIFIED.

HE HAS RISEN!

He is not here."

Matthew 28:5b-6

GOOD FRIDAY

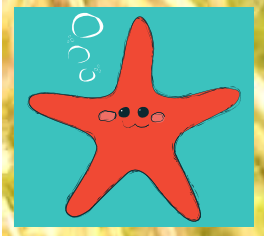
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EASTER SUNDAY

12TH APRIL

10.30_{AM} AT FISH ST



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 9th January.

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 10th January and we hope to see all of you there! There will be no Illuminate on the 21st February during half-term, but then we will be back on the 28th February. At the moment our last day will be the 3rd April.



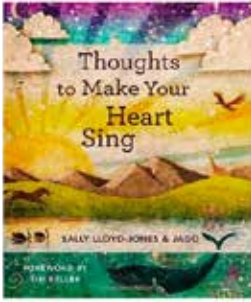
Fish Food on Fridays

There'll be plenty more fun to be had on Friday evenings this term, and we'll be reading a book together, which will take us through the story of Daniel.

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 on **07861 738 660** or **pasqualester@hotmail.com** with your mobile number and he can add you into the group so you can stay up to date with when and where we'll be meeting. We will start back on the 10th January.

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!

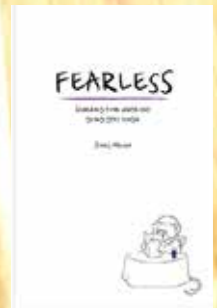


Thoughts to Make your Heart Sing

by Sally Lloyd-Jones and illustrated by Jago
Beautifully illustrated, and perfect for family devotions, bedtime, story time, or even as a companion to The Jesus Storybook Bible, this accessible yet theologically rich book reveals biblical truth in word and image - all working together and designed to do one thing: to make the reader's heart sing.

Fearless by Jonty Allcock, ages 11+

The Friday night youth group will be going through this book together this term, but anyone who's not able to join us might still get lots from this book! Jonty takes us through the book of Daniel. It's very well written, very easy to read, and really helpfully applied to help us see how what we learn about God in Daniel helps us to live in our modern lives.



Mike's Book Club

Last year, I (Mike) began reading *The Lord of the Rings* books by JRR Tolkien. This term I'll be reading *The Two Towers*. But it's not too late to catch up! Children might like to start with *The Hobbit*, teenagers and grown ups could too, or they could jump straight into *The Fellowship of the Ring*. If you're a fast reader, you might even catch up or overtake me reading *The Two Towers* - whatever you choose, however old or young - get yourself a copy- and 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!



With a small donation and big faith, John Kirkby started Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in 1996. He believed God was calling him to sacrifice his career in finance and use his knowledge of the industry to help the poor.

In his hometown of Bradford, John set off on the incredible journey of CAP. His faith adventure led him to people crippled by debt; parents who couldn't feed their children, families facing eviction and desperate people living in fear and without hope. He used his expertise to negotiate with creditors, set up budgeting systems and offer a lifeline to those trapped in debt.

John knew that people all over the country were struggling in the same way and he began looking to replicate the work across the UK. With the vital ingredients of a church to partner with, a passionate person to be trained as a debt counsellor and the faith that God would provide, four new CAP centres were opened at the end of 1998. Since then, CAP has rapidly grown its debt centre network and expanded its services to tackle the causes of debt and poverty too. The **CAP Money Course** is a *free* course that teaches budgeting skills using a simple, cash-based system.

A CAP Money Course will be held at ChristChurch, Fish Street, Redbourn commencing on 22nd January 2020, 7.30pm – 9.30pm for three consecutive Wednesday evenings. Spaces are limited to ten (10) delegates who should commit to attend every workshop.

Confidentiality is assured, in a non-judgemental and friendly atmosphere.

Further courses may be run if numbers exceed places.

All bookings should be via CAP: www.capuk.org (see page "Courses in Your Area")



Growth Groups

Groups that help us grow



Week Beginning		Passage
January	5th	Leaders' Meeting
	12th	Study 2: Don't Ignore God's Final Word
	19th	Study 3: The Man Who Rules The Future
	26th	Study 4: Don't Miss Out
February	2nd	Study 5a: Can A Christian Fall Away?
	9th	Prayer Supper in Groups
	16th	Half Term - No Growth Groups
	23rd	Study 5b: Can A Christian Fall Away?
March	1st	Study 6a: 'Mel' Who?
	8th	Study 6b: 'Mel' Who?
	15th	Study 7a: The Obsoleter
	22nd	Study 7b: The Obsoleter
	29th	Prayer Supper in Groups
April	5th	Easter Holidays - 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 Chris at 07717 533609 or chrisjsmithccr@gmail.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 who are embedded among our Growth Groups, but are also available for you to contact at any time (see back page for contact details). One of our church leaders (Dave Faulkner) is dedicated to overseeing our pastoral care at CCR and you can call Dave on 07971 484 696. Our Minister Chris is also very happy for you to get in touch if you are in need.

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 2020, 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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