

This coming week...

Day	Time	Activity	Venue
Mon	9.00am 8.00pm	Staff meeting and Prayer Discipleship Explored	Forefront 21 Crimchard
Tues	10.00am 11.00am	Worklife Service	Forefront Sunnymeade Care Home
Wed	9.30am 10.30am	Prayer meeting Coffee & Co.	Forefront Forefront
Fri	10.30am 1.30pm	Bible Study Growing Together	Forefront Forefront
Sat	10.30am	English conversation class	Forefront
Sun	10.00am 10.30am	Prayer before the service Morning Service	Guildhall Guildhall

Dates coming up...

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08.09.19	6.00pm	A Sankey Songs of Praise evening	The Beacon, Kilmington Baptist Church
12.09.19	7.30pm	Prayer meeting	Forefront
15.09.19	6.30pm	Evening communion	Kentmere
22.09.19	After church	Lunchbox	Guildhall

If you have any items for inclusion in next weeks news sheet, please let Martyna know by email or phone by Thursday lunchtime – thank you.

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Welcome to our service
Sunday 01 September 2019

We are glad you are with us today, whether visiting or regular. We hope you will enjoy the service and find your time with us refreshing and encouraging. If you are around in Chard during the week, feel free to pop into our Community Centre (address on the back) for a cup of coffee and a chat.

The Prayer team will be available after the service if you would like to pray with someone.

This morning:

Series: 1 John

Topic: Know who you are

Leading: Keith and Gill Barnard

Speaker: Nigel Marsh

Communion service:

We celebrate with non-alcoholic wine.
Gluten free bread is available on request.

Later on today:

Missionary prayer group @ 22 Monmouth Court, 4pm
Upper Room 6pm at Eleos.

Children and Youth:

Pebbles: (0-5yrs) downstairs

Leaders: Lynne M and Celia P

Rocks & Topz: (KS1 & KS2) in the Town Hall

180° in the service today

The children will leave for their groups early in the service and return later on.

OUR BIBLE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1

Vision 2019 - Living as the Family of God!

HOW TO SURVIVE ON A LOW INCOME

CAP Lifeskills is an 8-10 week course that covers life skills you need to survive on a low income. For example; budgeting, meal planning and managing stress. It is a free, fun and interactive course delivered through group discussion, peer support and 1-1 coaching.

A new course will be starting Monday 9 September at South Chard Church, and will be running twice each week (a 1pm session and a 7pm session). Booking is essential (tel: 07934041723 or juliaglass@caplifeskills.org). Transport can be provided from Chard.

If you know someone who may benefit, please feel free to accompany them if it would make them feel more comfortable. There are leaflets and invites on the back table today.

There is also a taster evening for referrers on Monday 2 Sept, 7pm at South Chard Church so that you can learn more about what you are inviting people to.

DRINK COFFEE, READ BIBLE...

Events involving two of life's greatest pleasures – drinking coffee with friends, and reading the Bible – are re-starting this week after their Summer break.

Wednesday morning at 10.30am is the time for a chat over coffee (hint: tea and other drinks are also available!), and that begins on 4th September.

Friday morning at 10.30am is our drop-in Bible study, open to anyone from complete Bible novices to enthusiastic scholars. No need to book ahead – just turn up on the day (starting 6th September) and, of course, there will be tea and biscuits!

MODERN SLAVERY — HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Join us for 'Hidden Voices', an exciting three session process which aims to inform and support local communities in taking action on the challenging issue of modern slavery within their own communities.

Our aim is that we in Chard and the surrounding area can be equipped in understanding, detecting and preventing slavery and trafficking here.

Wednesday 25 Sept, 7-9.15pm, Guildhall

Wednesday 16 Oct, 7-9.15pm Manor Court School

Wednesday 6 Nov, 7-9.15pm, Guildhall. Please come even if you cannot make all the evenings, because yes, slavery does happen here in Chard too.

For more information contact: Revd Georgina Vye 0146066159

Any questions regarding booking please email:

allie.white@bathwells.anglican.org or register for these free sessions at Eventbrite.co.uk. Search for Hidden Voices in Chard and click on the link.



TIME TO CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE!

Worklife will meet for the last time this Tuesday (3rd September). The job club was started 7 years ago by Ben Grave to support unemployed people with advice, CV writing, access to computers and help with their use, and job-finding tips and encouragement.

In excess of 200 people have been helped by Worklife since the start of the project. At least 40 people have found jobs and a number have attended our Sunday service.

There is now a large fall in demand for the services offered, due to more work being available and major local employers regularly recruiting staff directly. Due to this fall in demand the decision has been made to close the job club.

Help is available locally at the weekly Yarlinton job club, free computer access at Chard Library as well as One Step Recruitment in Fore Street and wide-ranging advice from CAB at Forefront.

A big thank you to all the willing helpers over the years, without whom the club would not have worked or been such a successful service to our community.

SUPPORTING OUR EXTENDED FAMILY OVERSEAS

It was great to get the opportunity to catch up with Ben and Emma and the family recently, to hear what they have been involved in over the last year, and some of the joys and challenges that lie ahead. Please continue to pray for them as they return to Egypt and pick up their various responsibilities again.

As a church, we also support them financially, and currently contribute just over £600 a month towards the family's living expenses. This is both through our church mission giving (approx. £210/month), and through individuals specific offerings (£355/month), mostly through standing orders, which we're able to top up through reclaiming gift aid.

One of the changes for them over this next year is that their youngest will be starting school. This has financial implications and will increase their expenses as a family by £1,100 per year in school fees.

If you would like to give to support them, or change the level of support you are already contributing, please speak to Steve Capstick, our Treasurer, today.

Save the date! Prayer meeting – Thurs 12 Sept at Forefront