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WELCOME TO CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH



– JANUARY –



Look forward with faith

In Mark 11:22-24, Jesus encourages His disciples to 'have faith in God' and goes on to make this extraordinary claim that, if we do, we can move mountains. Most commentators are pretty sure it's a figurative expression and He's not talking about causing literal ecological and geographical havoc to the world map. And yet, the force of His logic is inescapable: things that look unmoveable, problems that look vast and way beyond us; all of these things can shift simply by believing prayer. He goes on to explain what believing prayer looks like. 'Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.'

That makes me think of a story I came across in a book by Rick Warren.

A boy named James was not a believer and, in fact, was quite anti-Christian. One day, his mother bought him a Bible, laid it on his desk, and said, 'Here, son, is your new Bible.'

James asked, 'What is this for?'

His mother answered, 'You don't know it yet but you're about to become a Christian.'

James responded, 'No, I'm not! I'm going to play football and go to hell.'

His mother stood up in church that night and said, 'My son is about to become a Christian. He doesn't know it yet, but I'm thanking God in advance,'

So, James' friends began to walk up to him on the street and say, 'I heard you became a Christian.'

'No, it's just my crazy mother! I'm going to play football and go to hell.'

But his mother told her pastor, 'I want you to save twenty minutes on Saturday night for my son to give his testimony.'

On the Friday night before that Saturday, James was playing football when he suddenly felt God's presence right on the playing field. He got down on his knees and prayed in front of everybody, 'God, I really need you in my life. If you can make a difference, come in and change me. Save me, whatever it takes. Make me born again.'

James ran off the field in his football kit, down the street and up the stairs into his house. He hugged his mother and proclaimed 'Mum, I just became a Christian!'

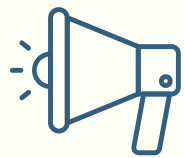
She replied, 'Of course. I've been telling you for three weeks!'

That's the power of faith.

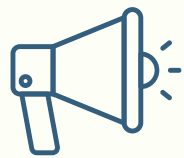
At the start of 2023, I just want to very simply encourage us all to face the year with faith. Let's agree not to be intimidated by the mountains. Let's believe God for great things. We have our very own faith story of God giving us a site way beyond what we asked or imagined. Clearly, He has big plans. God is enough. He will come through for us. We don't need to earn His blessing by making a ton of resolutions. We just need to ask and believe.

Have faith in God.

Rob Tervet



EVENTS AND NEWS



THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

- 1st January> Testimony service, 10:30am
- 3rd January> Worship night at the Lighthouse Centre
- 7th January> Ladies' prayer at the Lighthouse, 9am
- 16th January> Treasures coffee morning, 10am
- 21st January> Men's breakfast, 8.30am
- 29th January> Baptisms TBC
- 29th January> Monthly prayer meeting

NEXT MONTH – FEBRUARY

- 3rd–4th February.....> Prophetic event
- 4th February> Ladies' prayer
- 6th February> Treasures coffee morning
- 8th February> Relational Mission Together online
- 11th February> Treasures lunch event
- 18th February> Men's event
- 20th February> Treasures coffee morning
- 24th February> Relational Mission Prayer of Many
- 25th February> Workday
- 25th February> Ladies' soup event



NEWS AND EVENTS

THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR – STARTING 1ST JAN

It's time to sign up for the New Testament in a year! Every weekday we'll email out a short devotional to compliment a chapter of God's word. All of these are written inhouse and provide a brilliant way for our Church family to collectively embrace God's word. To sign up email admin@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

BELONGING TO CHURCH COURSE – STARTING SOON

At Christ Community Church we try our best to get alongside new people, get to know them properly and introduce them to our church and our plans.

We do this by holding what we call a 'Belonging to Church Course' – it's five sessions of teaching, discussion and sharing. We look at some foundational teaching as well as share the vision of the Church and what it means to formally join the Church. We normally start with some tasty desert – so come with some room to eat!

Our next course is starting on Thursday 19th January 8pm at our Church leaders home – 62 Norwich Road, NR17 2JX. To book your place email rob@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

FOODBANK

Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and giving them to the food bank's collection point.

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Vegetables
- Sponge/Rice Puddings
- Biscuits
- UHT Milk
- Tea/Coffee
- Long Life Juice

Thank you!



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BAPTISMS

If you would like to get baptised or know more about baptism, please contact Rob (rob@christcommunitychurch.co.uk). We've set aside Sunday 29th January for baptisms.

MARRIAGE COURSE - STARTING SOON

The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage.

Nicky and Sila Lee, authors of The Marriage Book, developed The Marriage Course for couples looking for practical support to strengthen their relationship. The course is designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively and resolve differences well. The course offers essential tools and practical ideas to help you build a relationship that lasts a lifetime.

We are aiming to start this course mid-February. If you would like to know more or book on the course please email admin@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

COMMUNITY HOT SPOT

The cost of living has gone up recently which means some of us might have to cut down on some expenses, such as heating our home.

The church would like to help by offering people to come here at the Lighthouse during the week to stay warm and save energy bills.

This is on Tuesdays 11am till 5pm.

You're welcome to come and enjoy free refreshments, warmth and friendship.



The poster for the Community Hot Spot event features a blue sky background with a yellow sun. At the top left is the 'The Lighthouse' logo. The text 'COME AND JOIN US FOR FREE REFRESHMENTS, WIFI, WARMTH AND FRIENDSHIP' is centered. Below this, 'COMMUNITY' is written in large bold letters, with 'Hot Spot' in a script font underneath. Icons for a Wi-Fi symbol, a steaming cup of coffee, a radiator, and three people standing together are arranged around a central sun-like graphic. At the bottom, it says 'TUESDAYS 11-5PM' and 'THE LIGHTHOUSE, 131 HARGHAM ROAD, ATTLEBOROUGH, NR17 2JP'.

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CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED – STARTING SOON

Christianity Explored is an informal and relaxed seven-week course. It's for anyone who wants to think about the meaning of life. You don't need to know anything about the Bible and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask any question you like or you can just sit and listen.

We have a course starting on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to know more or book on the course please email admin@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

PRAYER ROOM

We have set aside a place for prayer at the new site. It's the little room on your left as you come into the main hall from outside. There's a heater! The walls are covered with paper and we want to invite people to come throughout the week and cover the walls in bold prayers and crazy dreams. You can book your slot for that week on a sheet over the door, which will be refreshed every Sunday service.

BOILER ROOM – MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

7:30-8:30pm at the Lighthouse Centre (Children's Church room). Next meeting: Sunday 29th January.

Charles Spurgeon, the 19th-century English preacher, was known as the "Prince of Preachers." It is not an exaggeration to say that thousands came to Christ through His preaching. A group of young ministers came one day to visit his church. After showing them the massive sanctuary, Spurgeon offered to show them his "boiler room." The guests were not interested because boiler rooms were not pleasant places to visit. They were hot and dirty; usually located down in the basement. In Spurgeon's time, steam was the power source of the day; boiler rooms were the powerhouses, the driving forces of everything. Spurgeon led the young ministers down to the basement where they found about one hundred people in prayer. "This," Spurgeon said with a smile, "is my boiler room." Whenever Spurgeon was asked the secret of his ministry he always replied, "My people pray for me."

Inspired by this story we are holding monthly prayer meetings at the new site on Sunday evenings. It's an opportunity to put into practise what we'll have been learning in the Prayers of Many course.

NEWS AND EVENTS

PRAYERS OF MANY COURSE

Our Community Groups are going to work through the Prayers of Many course this term.

It's nine sessions to help you engage with corporate prayer in a fresh way. When teaching his followers to pray, Jesus teaches them this prayer: "Our Father, hallowed be your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

They are familiar words, but how would the world change if today's followers came together regularly to pray them? Imagine the transformations that would happen in our families, our communities and our nations! Yet a lot of us have found prayer meetings that feel monotonous and seem more like a duty than an exciting time of world-changing prayer.

Our corporate prayer culture desperately needs a revolution.

Worship in the Western church was once in a similarly poor state, but over recent decades it has been utterly transformed. Imagine what would happen if we applied the same time, creative energy and budget on revolutionising corporate prayer?

Are you ready to get serious about corporate prayer?

If we truly believe that only God can heal our broken nations, now is the time to discover new ways to engage with corporate prayer. The Prayers of Many Course has been designed to help small groups re-engage with corporate prayer anew, inviting them afresh to the glorious privilege of praying together.

It is time to relearn how to pray together to see our Father glorified, His kingdom come to earth, and our nations transformed.

NEWS AND EVENTS

THE LIGHTHOUSE CENTRE UPDATE - JAN 22

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

Well, 2022 certainly had its share of immeasurably more provision! God blessed us with a building above our expectations, made financial provision through the generosity of our church family like we have never seen before, gave us favour with our local community, councillors and politicians, and brought skilled teams of people within and outside church, to help with the building in so many different ways.

- In April we received planning approval for change of use and completed the purchase.
- In July we completed the Phase 1 design and got planning approval to change the external design of the building.
- In November, we got final sign-off to discharge planning conditions so we could commence use of the building.
- In November, we had our launch service which was aptly preceded by a worship night.

All these milestones brought new connections and renewed favour. God has been good.

As we start 2023, we have much to be thankful for and we enter into a season of prayer for God to continue to show Himself faithful.

Please pray for:

- God's wisdom and guidance for the next steps
- Our leaders as they seek God's face for clarity of His will
- Andy Severn as he starts in his fundraising role - that through his diligent work we will be blessed with exceeding abundant provision
- Rest and refreshing for all who gave their time and who will likely be kept just as busy in the coming year
- Continued favour with Breckland Council and local politicians as we start conversations around the next steps.

Wishing you all a blessed new year,

Ruth



Visit to the Lighthouse Centre - George Freeman MP and Cllr Keith Martin

SERVICES

– JANUARY –



IN JANUARY OUR SERVICES WILL BE 10:30AM AT THE LIGHTHOUSE CENTRE!

1ST JANUARY

ALL-AGE TESTIMONY SERVICE

8TH JANUARY

ROB TERVET

15TH JANUARY

ROB TERVET

22ND JANUARY

BENNY MARRETT – JAMES PART 1

29TH JANUARY

ROB TERVET

'Over the last term we have looked at the importance of us building God's Church and his Kingdom on earth through Haggai. Now we are going to journey through the book of James to see what the brother of Jesus teaches us about living wisely and seeing transformation in the people around you.'

Benny

LADIES' PRAYER

You are invited to join our ladies' monthly prayer gathering as we pray over our church, our community and for the next generation.

Colossians 4:2

Next date: 7th Jan, 9-10:15am at the Lighthouse



MEN'S EVENTS

21st January Men's breakfast at the Lighthouse

18th February Men's event – An evening with...

18th March Men's breakfast

22nd April Men's walk and pub



ADULT COMMUNITY GROUPS

We gather in the week in small groups to pray, worship, grow and reach out together. Details for these may vary, so do confirm with the leaders before attending. For more information, contact the leader directly if you have a directory, or contact the office. Church office contact details: 01953 452865 admin@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

Attleborough Group – Tuesdays

Leaders: Jason and Laura Offer, Ali Sayer, Diane Melia

Time: 7:45pm

Fun Fact: Jason used to be a glider pilot.

Online Group – Tuesdays

Leaders: Rob and Marjory Miller

Time: 7.45pm

Fun Fact: Marjory is related to Ewan McGregor

Online Group – Wednesdays (linked to Bill and Nannette's group)

Leaders: Gerry and Liz Keogh

Time: 10am

**Fun facts: Liz once worked in a poodle parlour.
Gerry once fried chicken for Colonel Sanders and was a bodyguard for Roy Castle.**

Lighthouse Group – Wednesdays

Leaders: Bill and Nannette Loades

Time: 10am

Fun Fact: They both became Christians in 1967 though the witness of Nannette's brother, a friend and the ministry of Martin Lloyd Jones

Attleborough Group – Wednesdays

Leaders: Sam and Debs Page, Greg and Esther Forbes

Time: 7:45pm

Fun fact: Sam proposed to Debs with a tortoise

East Harling Community Group – Thursdays

Leaders: Sara and Chris Govey

Time: 7:45pm

Fun Fact: Sara and Chris both lived in London for an extensive time yet first dated when working in Denmark.

Connect new people Group – Weekly

Leaders: Peter and Sharon Fitzgerald

Time: 6:30pm for dinner

Fun Fact: Peter worked on the film set of Tomb Raider

YOUTH

If you'd like more information about the youth work at Christ Community Church, please email paige@christcommunitychurch.co.uk, we'd love to hear from you.



YOUTH SPRING TERM

JANUARY

- 8 The Cave: In the beginning
- 10 Youth CG
- 15 The Cave: Exodus
- 17 Youth CG
- 22 The Cave: Homeland
- 24 Youth CG
- 29 The Cave: Kingdom
- 31 Youth CG

FEBRUARY

- 5 The Cave: Survival
- 7 Youth CG
- HALF TERM ---
- 21 Youth CG: Job series
- 26 The Cave: Hope
- 28 Youth CG: Job series

MARCH

- 5 The Cave: Mission
- 7 Youth CG: Job series
- 12 The Cave: Betrayal
- 14 Youth CG: Job series
- 19 The Cave: Passion
- 21 Youth CG: Job series
- 26 The Cave: Courage
- 28 Youth CG: Job series

APRIL

- EASTER HOLS ---
- 11 Social: Junk Crazy Golf @ LHC

BE KIND

Youth CG = Youth Community Group.
7:30-9pm @ The Lighthouse on Hargham Road.

The Cave = Youth Sunday during the service.
10:30am-12 @ The Lighthouse Centre on Halford Road.

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YOUNG ADULTS

We rounded off last term with a lovely Christmas social - quite a houseful with 18 of us all together (8 current young adults, 6 back in Norfolk from uni/gap years and the 4 of us leaders). We played a game, enjoyed some food and were challenged by Rob's musical quiz, culminating in a spot of carol singing.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Wed 4th Jan from 7.30 - 9pm when we will gathering at the Hargham Rd Lighthouse. Any young people aged 17- 24 years are very welcome.

For more details about the group please get in touch with either Hilary & David Reger or Rob & Rachel Peck or the office.





Coffee mornings: Come and enjoy a free cup of coffee, hot chocolate or tea and catch up with old friends, make new ones and enjoy an occasional short talk. Open to all senior citizens.

First and third **Mondays** of the month

Next dates: 16th January, 6th February, 20th February, 6th March, 20th March, 3rd April, 17th April, 1st May, 15th May, 5th June, 19th June

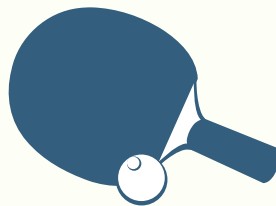
10am-12pm at the Lighthouse

Sharon Fitzgerald is our Treasures Project lead. So please contact her (sharon@thelighthouseattleborough.co.uk) for all your Treasures queries!

TABLE TENNIS

Mondays, 7-9pm @ the Lighthouse

£1 to join in
Everyone Welcome!



Parent & toddler group, Fridays 10-11:30am
Contact Sara Govey (saragovey@gmail.com).





The Ignite Youth Project supports local young people through:

* YR12 VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMME; RAINBOW LETTERS OF HOPE; LIGHTHOUSE CENTRE SKILLS; THE GIRLS LOUNGE; IGNITE YOUTH DRAMA; IGNITE MENTORING; #OUTSIDE FRIDAY DETACHED

IF YOU WANT TO:

FIND OUT MORE.....VISIT A SESSION..... VOLUNTEER.....

HELP CONNECT A YOUNG PERSON WITH IGNITE

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU:

Speak to us: Office: 01953 452865

Email us:

Debs (Ignite Youth Project Lead):

debs.carter@thelighthouseattleborough.co.uk

Paige (Girls Lounge): paige@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

DM us: @igniteattleborough

Thanksgiving

A brilliant start to the Lighthouse Centre Skills Yr 12 Volunteering Placement, a fabulous successful Ignite Drama Performance, and a wonderful, fun, and cosy Girls Lounge Christmas Movie event.

Prayer request

We have a whole Ignite Team Gathering on Friday 6th Jan 7.30-9pm - this is an opportunity to be encouraged with what God has enabled us to do as a Youth Project already, to start the year in prayer, to hear from God, and for all those who are connected with the Ignite Youth Project as staff and volunteers to have a sense of recommissioning for the season ahead. Please pray that God would have His way as we gather.



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Paige Marrett – Youth (Tues – Church Youth & Thurs – Girls Lounge)
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Elia Stroudinsky – Administrator (Part-time – works some hours on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sunday)
admin@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

Rob Tervet, James Oyeniyi, Chris Govey and Benny Marrett are our church elders.

Christ Community Church is in partnership with Relational Mission, part of Newfrontiers