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Christ Church Virginia Water – Passion For Life 2022

Monthly Update – October 2021

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is running on Thursday evenings at church. The new videos used to introduce the key question each week are very inspiring and thought provoking. Please pray for the guests and leaders. If you are interested in joining future courses or know someone who is, then please contact Simon Vibert or Kathleen Blain.

Parish Visitation

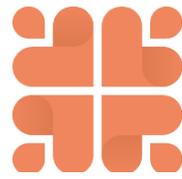
We have started the Parish Visitation, beginning with the roads around St Ann's Heath school. The goal is to visit every home in the parish, reminding everyone that Christ Church is open, inviting them to attend a service or a special event; a friendly approach, asking people about themselves, have they heard of our church, do they have a faith – leading to a little gospel conversation if things go that way, or a relationship to build on next time.

Those who have been out have commented

- That God goes ahead of them opening up the doors of opportunity!
- That they have almost universally been warmly received
- That those who go out, come back rejoicing and encouraged!

If you are interested in taking part, or just want to know more, please contact Vincent Murphy.





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Big Questions

Over the weekend of 24 – 26 September the Archbishop of Canterbury held a number of “Big Questions” events throughout the diocese. Many thousands of people attended and heard him answering questions on a wide range of challenging topics.

Here is an honest but encouraging account of what happened from one member of our congregation:

“I don’t know about you, but I’m not really good at inviting people to evangelistic events. I always worry about not only what words to use (so as to not put people off) but if I’m honest, I’m far too bothered by what they might think of me! Consequently, as the “Big Questions” event with the Archbishop of Canterbury drew closer, I realised that I hadn’t got round to asking anyone. I popped a couple of personalised invites through neighbours’ doors and also invited a client from work. It was all very last minute I’m sorry to say. From thinking I had no one to take, all three accepted and were thrilled that I had asked them. They all were given a lot to think about and were even talking about Alpha. They were drawn to the event by the Holy Spirit and my small part was asking them. Am I still nervous about inviting people? Yes, but less than I was! May I encourage you as you step out in faith to invite others to events? It may push you “out of your comfort zone” but I encourage you to give it a go. Even if none of your invitations results in someone attending a service or event, you will have done your bit by inviting. The rest is up to the Holy Spirit and not us, and I for one am relieved about that!”





Passion for Life Training Resources

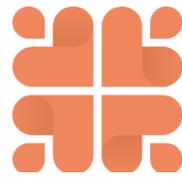
The Passion for Life team have prepared a series of high quality personal evangelism training resources. These interactive sessions can be downloaded, along with supporting material and practical resources to help our church family apply the learning and get mission ready. Our hope is that most Connect Groups will use this material at the start of 2022, after the Christmas season. For those not in Connect groups, the training will also be run weekly at church.

Passion for life events in the New Year

Starting praying about and thinking through the kinds of activities which you might want to put on or host: think about your circles of friends and acquaintances – sport, social, work, family, neighbourhood etc. What might they come to if you invited them?

We will begin to collate a master list and display events at church in due course.





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Passion for Life Prayer Meeting

Finally, we are also organising to get together and prayer twice a month for Passion for Life. If you would like to be included in our prayer times please email Simon Vibert simon.vibert@cc-vw.org.

Or just log on using these links

First Thursday, 12 noon: next 4 November; then 2 December

<https://bit.ly/firstthursdayprayer>

Third Monday, 19:30: next 18 October, then 15 November

<https://bit.ly/thirdmondayprayer>

