



CHRIST CHURCH

Programme

Jan-Mar

2024



Men's GROUP

The Men's Group in its current form began about 23 years ago. It developed out of a Men's Alpha which engendered a hunger to study God's Word.

There are several aspects to the Men's Group. We strive to include all men of all ages in all of our activities. Some men participate in some aspects; some participate in all aspects; some participate in none. You are free to come and go as you choose.

Study

Up to about 12 of us meet every Sunday night during school term between 7.30pm – 8.30pm in order to study the Bible. Most often we study a book in the Bible, but we also study themes and topical questions. In the last few years we have studied, the Gospel of Luke, Nehemiah, Hebrews, John's Gospel, 2 Peter & Jude, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Ecclesiastes, and "What's so Amazing about Grace".

As part of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we have viewed a DVD series on key figures and their theology much of which remains relevant today. In previous years we examined together the earliest and most important manuscript evidence of Jesus of Nazareth, including the writings of Josephus and Tacitus, the apostle Paul and the controversial Gnostic Gospels through a documentary called 'The Christ Files'.

Social

We also meet socially, both as a means of getting to know each other better and as a means of including new men in the life of Christ Church.

There are regular monthly dinners, sometimes with a short talk or discussion. A group of us meet for coffee on Tuesday mornings. From time to time we host events with a speaker, and arrange walks

Service

Men like action, and we are not exceptional in this regard. We like to be of service to the Christ Church community and beyond. Most years, some of us take part in the Guildford-wide 'Ready-4-Action' weekend; in past years a group of us refurbished the upstairs of Church House; most years we endeavour to do a Besom project in the community. We also help with the gardening, DIY and other church activities.

Support

We have a desire more efficiently to provide support to the men of Christ Church and beyond and this is an area we would like to develop further. Unrealised ideas include prayer triplets, support groups and mentoring.

In past years one of us has arranged a quiet half-day, involving study, quiet reflection and prayer which has been well received. Every few years we host an Alpha or Christianity Explored course purely for men.

Bible Study

Ezekiel

Ezekiel was a biblical prophet born in Judah in the latter part of the 6th century BC. He was born into a family of priests but before Ezekiel's own training finished Judah was conquered by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar. Ezekiel was taken off to exile in Babylon along with many of his people in 597 BC.

The book of Ezekiel recounts how God came to reveal himself to Ezekiel who became one of the prophets amongst the Israelites. It is a tale of strange and powerful visions. At first sight it all seems somewhat eccentric but Ezekiel's desire to know God and his experiences of God help us to see aspects of God's character and to see God in his transcendent glory.

And Ezekiel's ancient words as someone living as a foreigner, exiled in a hostile land, may have some wisdom and insights to impart to Christians today living in a world which is all too frequently hostile to the kingdom. Join with us to study this book and see what message it has for us.

When and where?

Sunday nights, 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm sharp, at Acre Holt, One Tree Hill Road, Guildford GU4 8PJ.

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14 Jan 2024	Approaching the God of Glory	Ezekiel 1:1-28.
21 Jan 2024	The Preparation of a Prophet	Ezekiel 2:1-3:15.
28 Jan 2024	Witnessing God's Judgment	Ezekiel 5:1-17.
4 Feb 2024	God's Glory Departs	Ezekiel 8:18; 10:3-5; 18-19; 11:17-24.
11 Feb 2024	Trampling the Grace of God	Ezekiel 16:1-34; 59-63
18 Feb 2024	The Lord Searches	Ezekiel 22:1-31.

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3 Mar 2024	Counting the Cost	Ezekiel 24:15-27.
10 Mar 2024	Receiving a New Heart	Ezekiel 36:16-38.
17 Mar 2024	Can these Bones Live?	Ezekiel 37:1-14.
24 Mar 2024	Worship in God's New Temple	Ezekiel 43:1-12.

Social

Special Events this term:

Dinners.

You would be most welcome to join us at one or more of our monthly dinners. If you would like to attend, please let **Ray Bell** know (07960 494834 or rgbbp2002@yahoo.co.uk) by the Tuesday preceding the dinner.

Please also feel free to bring a friend.

Friday 26 January 2024	Event in the Church.
Friday 23 February 2024	Hosted by James Thornton.
Friday 22 March 2024	Hosted by Richard Algeo.

Coffee Mornings

Each Tuesday at The Hideaway Café in Allen House Grounds, near Eastgate Gardens, at 10.30am. When it is Prayer Central (the first Tuesday in the month) coffee is in the Church after prayer.

Church Family Walk

Saturday 24 February 2024. Further details to be confirmed. Contact **Mike Rigby** (01483 613658) for more information.

Mowing Team

Join our mowing team and mow and trim the Christ Church lawns once each year! Please offer your services to **Nick Nicolaou** (01483 823275).

Contact

If you have any questions in relation to any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact **Ray Bell** (07960 494834), **Richard Algeo** (07954 117243) or **Mike Rigby** (01483 613658).



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