



CHRIST CHURCH

Programme

Sept-Dec

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, Thessalonians, Ezekiel, Luke's Gospel, 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. In past years, some of us have taken part in the Guildford-wide 'Ready-4-Action' weekend or a Besom project in the community; and a group of us previously refurbished the upstairs of Church House. 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

James : Faith That Works

We all want a faith that won't let us down in periods of trouble or loss, or uncertainty or fear; a faith that can support us through the worst – and best – times in our lives. This faith is the kind that James writes about and which we will explore together – a faith that leads us to a place of daily dependence on God.

Two of the twelve apostles were called James. However the early church generally recognised this book as having been authored by another James – who was the brother of Jesus.

Join us in working through James' book and discussing the implications both for those who lived in James' times and for us today. James is practical and addresses the problems that people face and how we should respond. It can make uncomfortable reading – so expect this study to be difficult: not because it is hard to understand, but rather because it will be all too easy to understand.

There are nine sessions in the study guide we are using.

When and where?

Sunday nights, from 19.30 to 20.30 sharp, at Acre Holt, One Tree Hill Road.

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6 Oct 2024	James 1:1-18 Dependable or Double-minded
13 Oct 2024	James 1:19-27 Words, Words, Words
20 Oct 2024	James 2:1-13 Who's the Judge?
27 Oct 2024	James 2:14-26 Just Works
3 Nov 2024	James 3:1-12 On Preventing Forest Fires
10 Nov 2024	James 3:13-4:10 Makers and Breakers of Peace
17 Nov 2024	James 4:11-17 Getting Perspective
24 Nov 2024	James 5:1-11 What Awaits
1 Dec 2024	James 5:12-20 Becoming Whole

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 invite a friend.

Friday 27 September 2024

Host John Steynor.

Friday 25 October 2024

Host Richard Algeo.

Friday 6 December 2024

Xmas Curry Night.

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 14th September 2024 at 10.30 am. Further details to be confirmed. Contact **Mike Rigby** (01483 613658) or Julian Knopf (07968 730546) for more information.

Mowing Team

Join our mowing team and mow and trim the Christ Church lawns Now and again! Please offer your services to **Nick Nicolaou** (01483 673512).

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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