



CHRISTCHURCH

Programme

April - July

2025



Men's G R O U P

The Men's Group in its current form began about 24 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, Psalms, James, Thessalonians, Ezekiel, 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.

Acts: Seeing God's power in action

Do you ever feel powerless? It was not always so for the people of the early church. Jesus transformed their lives – and they changed the world!

Acts is the extraordinary record of what these early Christian disciples did. The power that you see in action in this study is the same power that can transform your life. As we go through the pages of Acts, you will begin to understand what the Holy Spirit can do in you and in the world.

Join us in working through this book and seeing how the Apostles were transformed and how the early church was born and then began to develop and grow. This is a positive message for us in an increasingly secular western world and with lessons for us to take on board.

The series has 24 sessions in all which we will split over the next two terms. For this Summer term we will look at the first eleven sessions.

When and where?

Sunday nights, at the start time of 19.30 to 20.30 sharp, at 56 Tormead Road, Guildford, GU1 2JB.

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4 May 2025	Acts 1 – You will be my witnesses
11 May 2025	Acts 2 – Receiving the power
18 May 2025	Acts 3 – Healing Power
25 May 2025	Acts 4:1 - 31 – Called into question
1 June 2025	Acts 4:32 - 5:16 – Oneness of Heart
8 June 2025	Acts 5:17 – 6:7 – Persecution and expansion
15 June 2025	Acts 6:8 – 7:60 – Spirit and wisdom
22 June 2025	Acts 8 – The power of suffering
29 June 2025	Acts 9:1 – 31 – Saul's conversion
6 July 2025	Acts 9:32 – 10:48 – Salvation for every nation
13 July 2025	Acts 11 – The First Jewish-Gentile church

Social

Special Events this term:

Dinners / BBQ.

You would be most welcome to join us at one or more of our regular 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 30 May 2025

Host James Thornton.

Friday 27 June 2025

Host Ray Bell.

Friday 25 July 2025

BBQ hosted by Stephen Hofmeyr.

Coffee Mornings

Each Tuesday at The Harbour Hotel in Guildford, at 10 am. When it is Prayer Central (the first Tuesday in the month) coffee is in Church House after prayer.

Church Family Walk

Saturday [] 2025 at 10.30 am. Further details to be confirmed. Contact **Julian Knopf** (07968 730546) 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 673512).

Contact

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



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