



CHRIST CHURCH

Programme

Sept-Dec

2025



Men's GROUP

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, 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. 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. 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

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 have split over three terms. Last term we looked at Acts from chapter 1 to 8 inclusive. For this Autumn term we continue from chapter 9 as per the sessions below.

When and where?

Sunday nights, at the start time of 19.30 sharp to 20.30, generally at 56 Tormead Road, Guildford, GU1 2JB but occasionally elsewhere. See below for the planned venue on the relevant dates but check with Ray Bell if unsure.

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7 Sep 2025	Acts 9:1 – 31 – Saul's conversion	56 Tormead Rd
14 Sep 2025	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
21 Sep 2025	Acts 9:32 – 10:48 – Salvation for every nation	56 Tormead Rd
28 Sep 2025	Acts 11 – [Cancelled]	Acre Holt
5 Oct 2025	Acts 11 - The First Jewish-Gentile church	Acre Holt
12 Oct 2025	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
19 Oct 2025	Acts 12 – Miraculous Escape	56 Tormead Rd
26 Oct 2025	Acts 13-14 – The Character of Evangelism	56 Tormead Rd
2 Nov 2025	Acts 15 – Conflict in the Church	56 Tormead Rd
9 Nov 2025	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
16 Nov 2025	Acts 16 – What Must I Do?	56 Tormead Rd
23 Nov 2025	Acts 17 – An Unknown God	56 Tormead Rd
30 Nov 2025	Acts 18 – Companions in Ministry	56 Tormead Rd
7 Dec 2025	Acts 19:1 – 20:12 – In the Name of Jesus	Acre Holt

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 26 September 2025

Host Richard Algeo.

Friday 31 October 2025

Host Ray Bell.

Friday 5 December 2025

Xmas Curry Night.

Coffee Mornings

Each Tuesday at The Harbour Hotel in Guildford at 10 am.

Church Family Walk

Saturday morning 13th September 2025. 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 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) or **Richard Algeo** (07954 117243).



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