



CHRIST CHURCH

Programme

**Jan-Mar**

2026



**Men's** G R O U P

The Men's Group in its current form began about 25 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 Acts, 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. In past years, some of us have taken part in the Guildford-wide 'Ready-4-Action' weekend; 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: Acts and Jeremiah

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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 on Acts has 24 sessions in all which we have split over three terms. This Spring term we will look at the final part of Acts from chapter 20:13 to the end.

We will then start our study of Jeremiah over the remainder of this term and into the summer term.

## When and where?

Sunday nights, 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm sharp, 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.

## Programme

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18 Jan 2026	Acts 20:13 -38 – Saying Goodbye	56 Tormead Rd
25 Jan 2026	Acts 21:1- 22:21 – Facing Opposition	56 Tormead Rd
1 Feb 2026	Acts 22:22-23:35 – God at Work	56 Tormead Rd
8 Feb 2026	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
15 Feb 2026	Acts 24:1-25:12 – Falsely Accused	56 Tormead Rd
22 Feb 2026	Acts 25:13-26:32 – Testimony before Agrippa	56 Tormead Rd

## MID TERM BREAK

1 Mar 2026	Acts 27-28 – Paul in Rome	56 Tormead Rd
8 Mar 2026	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
15 Mar 2026	Jeremiah 1 – Hearing God's Call	56 Tormead Rd
22 Mar 2026	Jeremiah 7:1-29 Empty Religion in the Temple	56 Tormead Rd
29 Mar 2026	[Spare Week]	56 Tormead Rd

# Social

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## 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](mailto:rgbbp2002@yahoo.co.uk)) by the Tuesday preceding the dinner. Please also feel free to bring a friend.

Friday 30 January 2026

Event in the Church with speaker.

Revd. Canon Paul Morris:

Hope in tough times: trusting in God when it all goes wrong

Friday 27 February 2026

Host Ray Bell.

Friday 27 March 2026

Host Richard Algeo.

### Coffee Mornings

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

### Church Family Walk

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Further details to be confirmed. Contact **Julian Knopf** (07968 730546) or **John Steynor** (07963 410882) 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) or **Richard Algeo** (07954 117243).



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