



CHRISTCHURCH

Programme

April - July

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. 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: **Jeremiah - Demanding Love**

Jeremiah (c. 645 BC to 570 BC) lived in Judah, the southern kingdom, after the northern kingdom (Israel) had been conquered by the Assyrians. Whilst Judah had resisted the Assyrians in the early 700s BC, a new power had since emerged in the region. Babylon was now dominant and threatening Judah. It was a dark time for God's people.

Jeremiah' life and ministry overlapped with that of Ezekiel, who as we saw when we studied that book, carried out his ministry in Babylon amongst the first wave of exiles after the initial fall of Judah.

Jeremiah was perhaps the last chance for the people of God in Judah to turn things round. The ministry God called Jeremiah to was difficult and painful: to proclaim God's demanding love. Yet with this burden, God gave the prophet a great gift – the gift of his presence.

Join us in working through this book and seeing how Jeremiah was called and the ministry which he carried out. The example of his rich relationship with God will show us how we can grow to be more deeply open to God than ever before.

The series has 9 sessions in all. We began it last term with the first two sessions. For this Summer term we will look at the last seven sessions.

When and where?

Sunday nights, at the start time of 19.30 to 20.30 sharp, generally at 56 Tormead Road, Guildford, GU1 2JB but occasionally at other venues. Check with Ray Bell if unsure.

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26 April 2026	Jeremiah 13:1-17 The Belt of Commitment	56 Tormead Road
3 May 2026	Jeremiah 18:1-17 Shaped by the Potter	56 Tormead Road
10 May 2026	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
17 May 2026	Jeremiah 23:1-24 The Righteous Branch	56 Tormead Road
24 May 2026	Jeremiah 24 Good Figs – A Heart to Know God	56 Tormead Road

MID TERM BREAK

7 June 2026	Jeremiah 25:15-38 The Cup of God's Wrath	56 Tormead Road
14 June 2026	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
21 June 2026	Jeremiah 32 The Field of Hope	56 Tormead Road
28 June 2026	Jeremiah 38 Unsinkable Faith	56 Tormead Road

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 29 May 2026

Host John Steynor.

Friday 26 June 2026

Host Richard Algeo.

Friday 24 July 2026

BBQ hosted by Stephen Hofmeyr.

Coffee Mornings

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

Church Family Walk

Further details to be confirmed in due course.

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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