



CHRIST CHURCH

Programme

Sept-Dec

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 Jeremiah, 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. Some 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

Romans: Encountering the Gospel's Power

Paul's letter to the young church in Rome has dramatically influenced Christians through the ages. It has been described variously as "a kind of Christian manifesto"; and as "a gateway into heaven".

In his letter Paul gives a complete picture of the gospel – the fullest and grandest in the New Testament. His horizons are vast, taking in time and eternity, the past, present and future of humanity and the great themes of justification, sanctification and glorification.

The gospel has power: the power to change us and the world. In his letter Paul explains the power we've been given to be effective witnesses, to overcome sin, to be wholly committed to God and to be responsible Christian citizens. Join us in studying Romans and the lessons to take on board for our lives and our world.

The series has 20 sessions in all which we have split over two terms. This term we plan to look at the first 11 sessions, down to the end of chapter 9 as set out 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.

Programme

6 Sep 2026	Romans 1:1 - 17 - Gospel Power	56 Tormead Rd
13 Sep 2026	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
20 Sep 2026	Romans 1:18 - 32 – A Downward Spiral	56 Tormead Rd
27 Sep 2026	Romans 2:1 - 16 – God's Fairness	56 Tormead Rd
4 Oct 2026	Romans 2:17 - 3:8 – Misplaced Confidence	Acre Holt
11 Oct 2026	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
18 Oct 2026	Romans 3:9 - 20 – Unholy Togetherness	56 Tormead Rd
25 Oct 2026	Romans 3:21 - 4:25 – Forgive Us Our Debts	56 Tormead Rd
1 Nov 2026	Romans 5:1 – 6:23 – Peace with God	56 Tormead Rd
8 Nov 2026	Sunday Prayer – no Men's study	
15 Nov 2026	Romans 7:1 – 25 – Battling Sin	56 Tormead Rd
22 Nov 2026	Romans 8:1 – 17 – Rescued by God's Spirit	56 Tormead Rd
29 Nov 2026	Romans 8:18 – 39 – Present Pain, Future Glory	56 Tormead Rd
6 Dec 2026	Romans 9 – Understanding God's Purposes	56 Tormead Rd

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 25 September 2026

Host James Thornton.

Friday 30 October 2026

Host Ray Bell.

Friday 4 December 2026

Xmas Curry Night.

Coffee Mornings

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

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).



CHRIST CHURCH