

Church Matters

24 – 30 May 2026



Christ Church Dunstable 
bringing the hope of Christ from the heart of Dunstable

Welcome to Christ Church Dunstable!





We're delighted you're here and trust you feel at home amongst us. If you are new here, we would love to get to know you better. Please visit ccd.church/welcome or use the QR code to provide your contact details.



OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

 <p>Seeking God 1 and 2 Chronicles</p>	<p>Morning Services 9:15am & 11:15am</p> <p>Hope in the Mess 2 Chronicles 10:1-12:16 Gareth Mitchell</p>
	<p>Evening Service 6:15pm</p> <p>The Game is Worth the Candle Matthew 10:1-15</p>
<p><i>We warmly welcome David & Debbie Woodard, two of our Global Mission Partners serving with ABWE. We look forward to hearing from them during tonight's service when David will also be preaching to us.</i></p>	
<p>Go to ccd.church/live to view the 11:15am and the 6:15pm services.</p>	

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORK TODAY

<p>C&Y Move Up: If your child is in School Year 2 or 6, they are due to move up to a new Sunday group on Sunday 31st May. Today, children will start in their normal group and then be taken to their new group partway through the session so they get a taster of their new group before next week.</p>	
	<p>Crèche facilities for under 2's are available in the Church Hall</p>
	<p>2-4's in the Church Hall (beneath the auditorium) Thank you God for my dad (care giver) (Ephesians 6:1-3) Big Idea: to thank God for dads and care givers</p>
	<p>4-7's in the Lounge (Church Office) & 8-11's in The Way The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7) Big Idea: God rejoices when someone is saved</p>
	<p>Nano is for 11-14's and Frontline is for 14-18's Nano: Psalm 15: Integrity Frontline: AfterChurch in The Way</p>

THIS WEEK

Mon 25		Bank Holiday
Tue 26	2:30 – 4:30pm	Art: on half-term break Foodbank: in The Way
Wed 27	7:30 – 9pm	Workshop Wednesdays: on half-term break Women @ Christ Church: on half-term break Wednesday Club & Nano: on half-term break Puddings Night: in The Way
Thur 28		Connect: on half-term break
Fri 29	12:30 – 2:30pm	Knit & Natter: on half-term break Foodbank & Drop In: in The Way
Sat 30		Frontline: on half-term break

NEXT SUNDAY – 31 May

Do join us for our **Morning Services at 9:15 and 11:15am**, when Steve Neal will be continuing our series in **2 Chronicles**.

If your child is in **School Year 2 or 6**, they will be **moving up** to a new Sunday group next week. Children will join their new group from the start of the session.

At our **6:15pm Evening Service**, we will be resuming our 'Mountain top moments' series.

FCGP Old Testament Introduction to the Old Testament – Mondays in June

On the 5 **Monday** evenings in **June**, the Four Counties Gospel Partnership series "**Introduction to the Old Testament**" will take place at King's Church Flitwick. The event will run from **7:30 – 9pm**.

This course will be helpful to anyone wanting to grow in their understanding - whether for ministry in the local church or personal discipleship.

You can sign up by using the link in the email sent out to you, going to fcgp.org.uk or scanning the QR code.



Church Membership Applications

Applications for church membership have been received from **Max and Anel Touchet**.

GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS

Jonathan & Felicity Carswell

10ofThose, USA



The Australia trip was wonderful, so we are giving thanks for happy times as a family in a beautiful country, some strong book sales and connections made, and potential open doors for things to happen with 10ofThose further down the line (not us but the company). The latter half was full on for Jonathan, and so it felt a little like we needed a holiday when we got back. But please give thanks for the great privilege of travel, adventure, global fellowship and for lots of good resources going out.

Over the course of the last few months, Jonathan has had increasingly bad hip pain that causes him to struggle to manoeuvre and wakes him up in the night. The doctor diagnosed it about 3 months ago as a labruscular tear and says that surgery is required that involves a keyhole operation but quite a substantial recovery time that would impact his ability to do his job on the physical front.

It seems that the best time to do the surgery would be in June, and so we have been trying to navigate the incredibly frustrating world of health insurance. We got bad news this morning that the request for surgery has been rejected by our insurance, even though the doctor says it is necessary. We're waiting to hear what the next step is in terms of appealing but we've already had two denials due to administrative failings on the part of the hospital so it all feels quite exhausting. The cost of getting it done without insurance is pretty exorbitant so we're feeling anxious.

Please pray that the insurance company would say yes. Please pray that we would keep trusting the Lord with this, and the plans that need to be made in order for life to fit around the surgery. Please pray that we would be patient and gentle in interactions about it, and that Jonathan would be able to endure the pain of daily life at the moment.

All of this means that if we do get the surgery, I'm afraid we won't be at Keswick this year which feels like a big deal! We're sad at the thought of missing it, but know that the 10ofThose team will do an outstanding job. Grateful as ever for your prayers and care.

Daily Bible Reading Photo 2027

We would love to enlist some help in creating our Daily Bible Reading Booklet for 2027. If you have a great landscape photo of Dunstable, email it to admin@ccd.church and we might use it for next year's book.

Needed

For Workshop Wednesday: we are building a soapbox racer and need **two adult bicycles**. If you have any old bikes to donate, please speak to Steve Neal.

Help with mending Bibles: we have a number of Bibles that need to be mended. If you feel you could help with this, please email admin@ccd.church or speak to Gemma.

Sermon Notes

Pastoral Team:

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