



A community where everyone can encounter the transforming love of Jesus

Dear all,

Click here to log-into [MyCotH](#) to check out Events and Rotas.

Term card: [Autumn Term card 20.pdf](#)

Christmas Shoebox appeal: [Shoe Box Brochure 2020.pdf](#)

Sunday 25th October - Shoebox Sunday

We welcome the family of Hannah Howland as she is dedicated this morning.

10am Family Service in Church

Leader: Rev Betty Hayes

Reading: Nehemiah 4:13-23

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or just turn up.

10am Pre-recorded Service Online

Leader: Rev Patrick Butler

Speaker: Rev Betty Hayes

[Click here to watch online](#)

10.45am Coffee together via Zoom

After the service we will be joining together for coffee in the virtual space powered by Zoom (you'll need to [log-in](#) to get the joining details) the room will open from about **10.45am**. Don't worry if you're a bit later, we won't shut the door!

We'll say a quick hello, then divide into smaller groups soon after 11am for a chance to catch up.

If you would like to pray with someone after the service - please join Zoom as usual and then send a private chat message to the host **before** we break into groups (click on the "Chat" button at the bottom of your screen, then choose the host from the dropdown list of people, write your message and send) - and we'll move you into a separate room with a couple of people to pray with.

Rhythm of Prayer

Join us online in a rhythm of daily prayers, where we intentionally set aside time to reflect and spend time with God, dwell in His presence, be encouraged by His word and pray. All are welcome: **Monday 9am, Wednesday noon, Thursday 9pm, Saturday 9.30am**. Log-in to [MyCotH](#) to find the sign-in details.

Private Prayer

The church is open for private prayer between **10am** and **noon** on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. All welcome.

Mission Focus

Open Doors works in over 60 countries, supplying Bibles, training church leaders, providing practical support and emergency relief, and supporting Christians who suffer for their faith. In the UK and Ireland Open Doors works to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilising prayer, support and action among Christians.

The consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic for the persecuted church have been severe. For instance in Syria and Iraq, where health systems have been devastated by years of war, only one in ten hospitals remain. Our Christian family has been able to withstand these events because we stand with them and because God is with them. In partnership with the local churches your prayers, gifts and advocacy have been making a huge difference, showing the transforming love of Jesus.

Please pray for:

- Open Doors partners in many countries who provide front line support to persecuted Christians, often at considerable risk to themselves
- For Christian women, who are particularly vulnerable to persecution
- For a continuation of media coverage of the scale of persecution of Christians around the world and for growing concern and action by politicians
- For opportunities to speak the truth in power

Elections to the ECC - AGM

Wednesday 11th November 7.45pm via Zoom

At the AGM we will be electing one new ECC member, who must have been a Church Member for more than 12 months, over 18 and not otherwise disqualified from being a Trustee. If you are interested in serving on the ECC, and would like more information, please contact Paul Roberts as soon as possible. Paul will be sending out biographies of candidates to the congregation for prayerful consideration with the other AGM papers by **28th October**.

Shoeboxes for Romania - Last Chance

If you would like to fill a Christmas shoebox, please see the leaflet attached above for details. Please consider filling a shoebox for a boy, as we are often short on numbers for them.

Please **wrap your box in Christmas paper** and bring it back filled to church on Sunday morning **25th October**.

If you have been making mittens, scarves or hats, please also bring them to the church on Sunday morning, **25th October**.

Nehemiah Series

For background to our Nehemiah series you may like to watch this video produced by Bible Project. It's an engaging 8 minute summary of Ezra-Nehemiah and how this fits into Israel's story.

[Play Video](#)

Advent Storytime

As the nights draw in and Autumn moves closer to Winter, thoughts come to mind of how different Christmas might be this year. We'd like to arrange for folk from CotH to read and record a chapter of a book which we will then virtually gather round for a bedtime story during Advent.

Each chapter will take about 10 minutes to read. It would be lovely to have a wide range of confident, expressive voices, young and old, male and female, to record a chapter.

If you would like to volunteer please let **Mark Rawling** know as soon as you can, as there may be a rush. Ideally we need about 20 volunteers. 10 male and 10 female. Many thanks for joining in to make this Christmas special.

Help for the Homeless

Aldershot Baptist Church continue to care for the homeless, providing food and clothing. It is getting very cold and although there are few sleeping on the streets at the moment there are around 20 regulars in temporary accommodation who spend most of their time outside in all weathers. They are currently in need of **warm men's jumpers** and **coats - socks** and **shoes** are also always useful - please no ladies clothing at the moment. Please drop these at the Church or with Tracey Anne and Jeremy Evans.

Fairtrade

Fairtrade, ethical, sustainable: Christmas cards, craft, scarves, bamboo socks, bags available from Sue Moll in the Hart Centre leading up to Christmas, **Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm**. Please contact Sue on Facebook: **Asvanna Fairtrade**, text **07880 731 189** or email sue.asvannafairtrade@yahoo.co.uk for dates or enquiries.

Hart Foodbank

From mid October, we welcome seasonal Christmas goodies: Christmas cakes and puddings, tinned ham, chocolates and fancy biscuits. Mince pies are welcome but please be aware that they have a very short "use by" date, so we can't accept too many or they may be wasted. If you do a Reverse Advent Calendar - it's best to collect the food between mid November and mid December. Please do not donate Christmas/Seasonal items after **Monday 14th December 2020**. Our foodbank users receive food when they need it but we can add seasonal products if we have them in stock. Any questions about the best way to help email hart.foodbk@hotmail.co.uk.

Care for the Family

Kicking off in October, Care for the Family will be streaming a host of events directly to you, and the added bonus is – they're completely free to view!

Run the race - This autumn, Rob Parsons OBE, founder of Care for the Family, Mark Chester, founder of Who Let The Dads Out, and Gerrit Bantjes, founder of having a name that no one can pronounce, join together to bring you this event – specifically designed for men. Rob, Mark and Gerrit delve into the realities of how we run the race of life, and what perseverance looks like for us as men today. In any physical race, we can do things to help us endure, and the same goes for everyday life. There are real pressures and responsibilities that arise that we can be ready for.

Viewing dates: **10-12 November, 7.30pm.**

[Book here](#)

Mum's the word - We believe mums are kind of a big deal. After all, at any given point in the day (or night), you could be called on to be doctor, chef, referee, chauffeur, birthday party organiser, life coach, personal stylist, entertainer, dentist, crisis negotiator, laundry service ... Talk about a CV! So we think you've earned yourself a night off! Grab yourself a drink of your choice and a nice big tub of ice cream, put your feet up and join Katharine Hill and Cathy Madavan for an evening of fun, encouragement and fresh inspiration. We want to recognise, affirm and celebrate your role in society. Why? Because you're worth it! Might sound cheesy, but we think it's true.

Viewing dates: **17-19 November, 7.30pm.**

[Book here](#)

Vacancy - Deputy Manager for Hart Foodbank

Churches Together in Fleet & Crookham is looking to appoint a part-time Deputy Manager for Hart Foodbank. **So if you.....**

- Have a passion for Christian outreach to all
- Have experience of operations supporting vulnerable people
- Can engage with local authorities and other stakeholder organisations
- Are effective in the application of time management
- Can demonstrate experience of similar or related work, paid or unpaid

.....then they would like to hear from you.

Salary of £7500 p.a. for 12 hours work a week on a 3 year fixed term contract

For further details of the position and an application form:

Telephone: **01252 622491** (Will & Jan Parker)

E-Mail: willandjan.parker@ntlworld.com

Closing Date for applications: 31 October 2020

Sunday 1st November 2020

10am Morning Worship (& Communion in Church) and on Live Stream

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Click [here for Leadership Team details](#)

Items for the next weekly notice sheet should reach the Church Office by 8am on Wednesday.

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