



South Cheltenham Churches Team News

Some exciting developments are happening in the South Cheltenham Team that we wanted to share with all of you...

Youth Worker appointment

The South Cheltenham team has for the last four years had a contract with Youth for Christ to provide a youth work ministry. This has been led by Hanna Stürcken. A review of youth work provision has taken place across the team and it has been decided not to renew the contract with Youth for Christ but to employ a youth worker who will provide discipleship opportunities for young people within our churches and build new relationships beyond church including with the new Leckhampton school. The team is grateful to Hanna for all her work and wishes her well as she continues with Youth for Christ in another post.

The new post has been advertised and it is anticipated the person appointed will start work later in the Autumn. In the meantime the Tuesday night Rock Solid and Next Gen will continue and will be led in the interim by Sarah. Details of the post can be found here <https://southcheltenham.church/jobs/>

Associate Priest appointment

The Diocesan Mission and Pastoral group has approved the appointment of an Associate Priest in the South Cheltenham team. The post will be a House for Duty for Sundays and 2 days per week. The person appointed will be a pioneer priest who will establish a new worshipping community in Warden Hill working with families and who will also support the South Cheltenham team. It is expected the person appointed will be in post by the end of the year.

Please pray over the coming weeks for the recruitment and appointment process for these two posts.

Two Courses taking place in the Autumn



The team will be running an Alpha course starting on September 20. It will be held in the meeting rooms at Emmanuel and Rob Atkins will be facilitating. Alpha is weekly course where people meet to talk about faith, life and God.

It's a great refresher for those who may be feeling bogged down in their faith, and is an ideal course to bring anyone you might know who would like to find out more about to be a follower of Jesus. Look out for more information coming soon.



A 5 week course beginning on Monday evenings, beginning October 3 from 7.30-9pm, at St. Christopher's Warden Hill.

All around us we see changing understandings of human identity, changing patterns in relationships and families, changing sexual attitudes and activity. What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love, faith and holiness today? The LLF course is a great opportunity to explore these subjects in a safe and encouraging environment. Please would you let Liz Johnson know if you would like to attend by emailing parishofficeleck@gmail.com or by calling/leaving a message on 01242 513647.

You can find out more about LLF by clicking here or copying the following link into your browser: <https://youtu.be/g7A3wt0jqZM>.

Team Vision for the coming years



The Team Council supplemented by representatives from the five churches in the team have met twice over the last nine months to work on a team vision for the coming years. Four work areas have been identified; use of buildings, children's work, youth work and what we can do better together. Initial actions include:-

- *Getting together those involved in children's ministry across the team to form a children's leaders network*
- *Getting together the church administrators across the team to develop the use of Churchsuite, a church management system that has extensive features to help ease the work for our clergy and administrators.*