

Cafe Style Services

Food and faith...

Food and faith is one of our favourite combinations at South Oxhey Baptist Church. Come with faith - a little or a lot, or come without faith, maybe wondering what this Christian faith and church is all about. We will provide mid-morning pastries and other light bites, refreshments and a relaxed atmosphere to explore some big questions. The events start at 10:30am with food and refreshments and will finish around 11:45am.

What is a Christian?

Sunday, January 8th at 10:30am

Are you one? Is it a good thing to be one - does it really matter? What makes someone a Christian? We will look at these and other questions - look at a range of opinions and think about who's opinion matters most.

Then as spring comes...

Who is Jesus? Why did he die? and a mothering Sunday special: Imagine being HIS mother! A perfect life or a painful life?

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Alpha

Everyone has questions.

We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks.

We are planning to run a three week taster course at South Oxhey Baptist Church starting in January.

Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes, bars—you name it. Generally Alpha's have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

We are looking forward to running our next Alpha course. We would love you to join us. We want to make it as easy as possible to come. We are planning to run it on Tuesday evenings, possibly starting on 17th January, but we have some flexibility - so if you are interested let us know as soon as you can. We may be able to do a different evening if that helps. We can talk about when and where when you call or email. Up to date information will be on the church website in January.

You can find out more about alpha by visiting the alpha.org website. The course has been running for several years and people all over the world have taken an alpha course and been pleased they did!

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Life

The Life course is a straightforward look at the Christian faith.

LIFE. What's it all about? What's the point? Why are we here and where are we heading? Jesus claimed to have the answer. In fact, he claimed to be the answer.

This course takes you through what Christians believe based only on what the Bible clearly says. You don't need any previous knowledge of the Bible to do the course.

Runs on Tuesdays. We are planning to run the first **three sessions** as a taster of the whole course to give you a chance to see if it's for you. Starts on **January 17th at 1pm.**

Got Questions

If you have *any* questions about life and faith here is a place to ask them.

This will be available on the first Tuesday of the month (from February) from 12:30pm (towards the end of the 'soup and a roll' time at Open House). It will fit in with the 'Life' course, but you can dip in to either.

You can ask our minister, Steve, any questions about life and faith, and he will try to answer them from a Christian perspective. He doesn't have all the answers but you may be surprised at what can be discovered by a good look in the Bible and knowing who to ask. Any really difficult questions Steve might need to get some help but will follow up with you!

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Exploring in 2017

We have a varied menu of events and courses coming up that are especially for you if you don't usually go to church or you would just like to explore Christian beliefs a bit further. **This leaflet tells you about them.** We want to provide opportunities for others to share in what we have found. No pressure, but an open invitation to discover more

So whether it's the Cafe Style Services, an Alpha Course, Life Course, or a place to ask questions that you have we hope you find something that is for you.

We also have some special events coming up through the year: there's an evening on football and faith soon and further ahead in the summer we are part of a big event at the Arsenal football ground: 'Just One' at the Emirates Stadium. Have a look through this leaflet for more detail.

We have a another welcome leaflet, 'South Oxhey Baptist Church welcomes you', giving information about our regular activities and the life of the church generally. Available at the church or on southoxheybaptistchurch.org.uk.

Special Events

Faith in Football

Saturday, 4th February

An evening for anyone interested in football. We'll get some food in for an evening with John Boyers, chaplain at Watford FC 1977-92 and at Manchester United from 1992 to the present.

Just One - Emirates

Later in the year, on Saturday, 8th July, we are involved with many other churches, speakers and musicians in an event at the Emirates stadium - Arsenal football ground where 40,000 people are expected to gather for an amazing event '**Just One**' which has potential to be a life-changing day. No, it's not a football match! On Sunday, 29th January, J John, who is the key speaker at this event is coming to speak here at SOBC in the morning service.

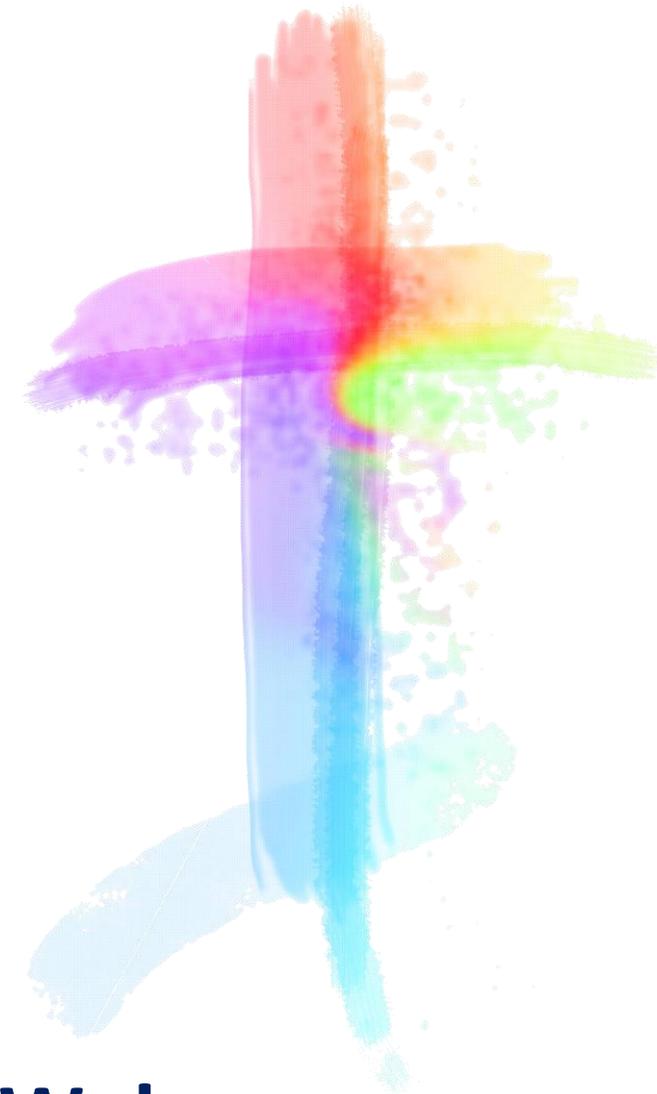
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Do have a look at our website which has more about who we are and what we do. We also have printed leaflets about various groups and activities. Do feel free to phone if you would like to discuss anything or have any questions.

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