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CHURCH LIFE PROGRAMME AUTUMN 2022

OAKLEY  WOOTTON

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SMALL GROUPS

Angela's Group | for women

Led by Angela Rush

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When Thursday mornings – fortnightly
from 10-12noon

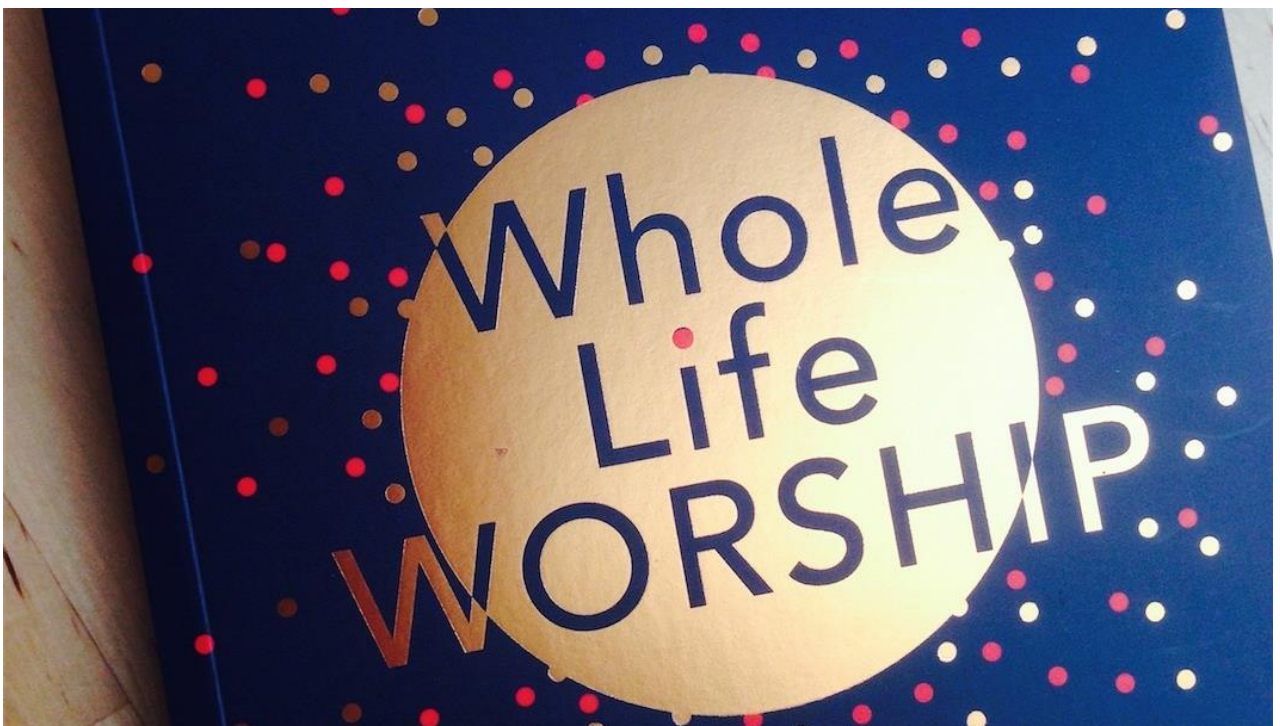
Where Various members' houses in Oakley

Who For mature Christian women

What We are a community of older ladies who enjoy learning together and supporting each other and our community in prayer.

Material for this term: Currently studying the book of Hebrews and then the **Whole Life Worship** course

Status **Currently full**



Dougherty's Group | for retired people

Led by Jeremy & Joyce Dougherty

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When Tuesday mornings – fortnightly
from 10.30-12.30

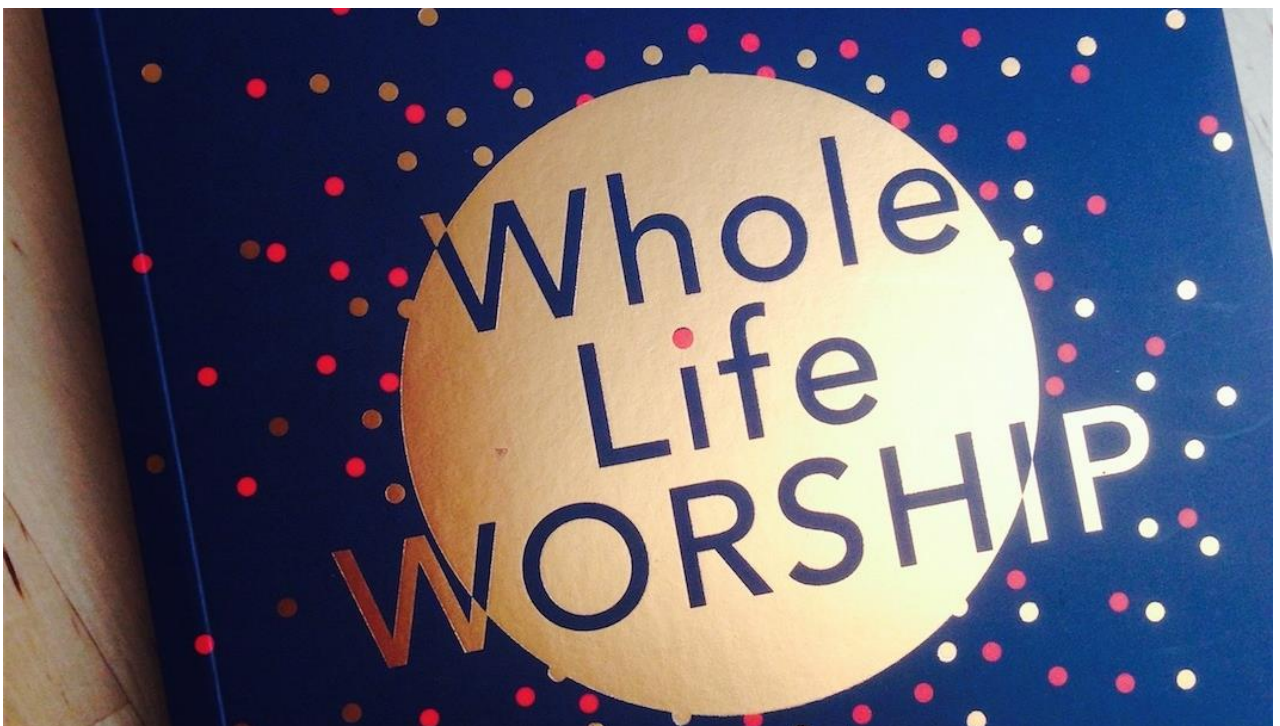
Where Various members' houses in Oakley

Who For retired people

What We are a group of retired Christian friends who meet together to learn more about our faith and to offer mutual support.

Material for this term: We will begin looking at a DVD about a biblical character before following the **Whole Life Worship** series in October.

Status **Currently full**



Erika & Laura's Group | for women

Led by **Erika Conti**
T: 07872 019128

Laura Thomas
T: 07968 719636



When Every Monday morning
from 8.45-10.30am

Where 48 St John's Piece (Erika's house)
12c Lomond Close (Laura's house)

Who For women wanting to grow their faith & relationship
with God

What We're a group of women mainly with young to teenage
children. We aim to be real with one another, sharing life's
struggles and joys. Starting the week with croissants,
coffee and a catch-up, we then follow a simple course or
study and pray together.

We start a new course/topic every few months, so
newbies are welcome to join at the start of any term.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**

Gillings Group | for everyone

Led by Allan & Vanessa Gillings

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When Every Thursday evening
from 7.30-9.30pm

Where Dolly Cottage 50 Hill Road, Oakley

Who For everyone

What Our aim is to be Spirit led with an emphasis on pastoral care and evangelical outreach.

Material for this term: **Wellbeing** or **Sanctuary Course**, both offer an holistic approach to the areas of improved physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing

We are keen to welcome new members with a 'Come and See' session on **Thursday 20th October**.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



Helen's Group | for women

Led by **Helen Favell**
T: 01256 780290
E: helen@favells.com



When Every Thursday morning (term time)
 from 10am-12noon

Where Homecroft, Oakley Lane, Oakley

Who For women

What An oasis for replenishment with Jesus at the centre which is loving, flexible, supportive and prayerful. A place of trust with freedom to be honest.

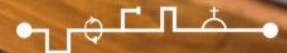
Material for this term: ***The Bible Course.***

Status **Currently full**



The Bible Course

See how the whole Bible fits together



Jane's Group | for women

Led by Jane Stupples

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When Wednesdays during term time

1st Wednesday – no meeting

2nd Wednesday – 2pm-4pm

3rd & 4th Wednesday – 10am-12noon

Where Various venues in Oakley

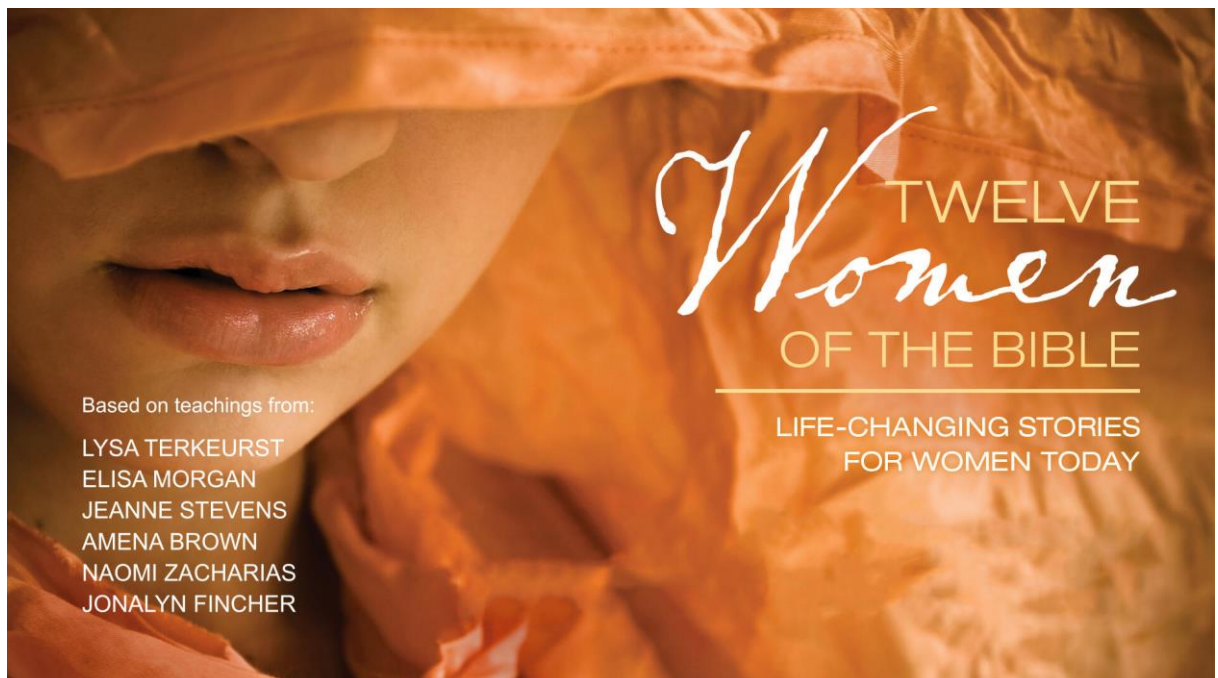
Who For women

What We are a group of ladies who meet together to study the Bible, to pray and to fellowship together.

Material for this term: ***Twelve Women of the Bible.***

We are holding a 'Come and See' session on Wed 16th Nov at 10am-12. Please contact Jane if you would to come and join us.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



Twelve Women OF THE BIBLE

Based on teachings from:

LYSA TERKEURST
ELISA MORGAN
JEANNE STEVENS
AMENA BROWN
NAOMI ZACHARIAS
JONALYN FINCHER

LIFE-CHANGING STORIES
FOR WOMEN TODAY

Joan's Group | for women

Led by Joan Smith

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When Every Thursday morning
from 10am–12noon

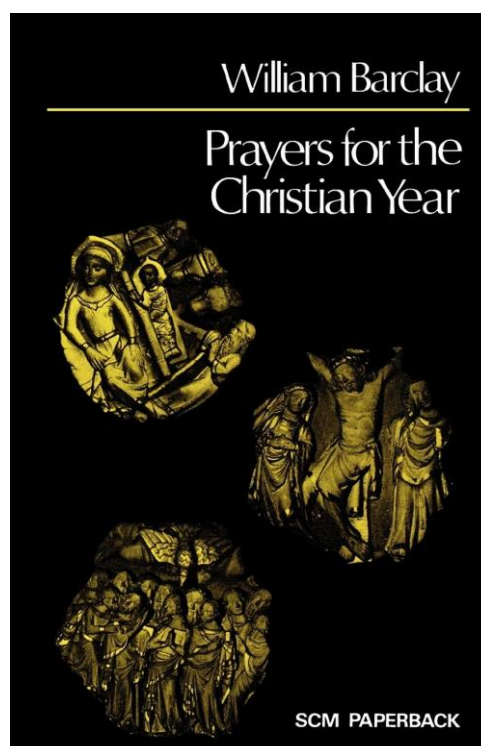
Where 7 Matthews Way, Oakley

Who For women

What We are all widows living on our own so we have a lot in common. We enjoy learning together and supporting each other and our community in prayer. Our study is mostly Bible based.

Material for this term: We will probably carry on with William Barclay's ***Prayers for the Christian Year***

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



Susan's Group | for everyone

Led by Susan Stacey
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When Every Wednesday evening
from 7.30-9.30pm

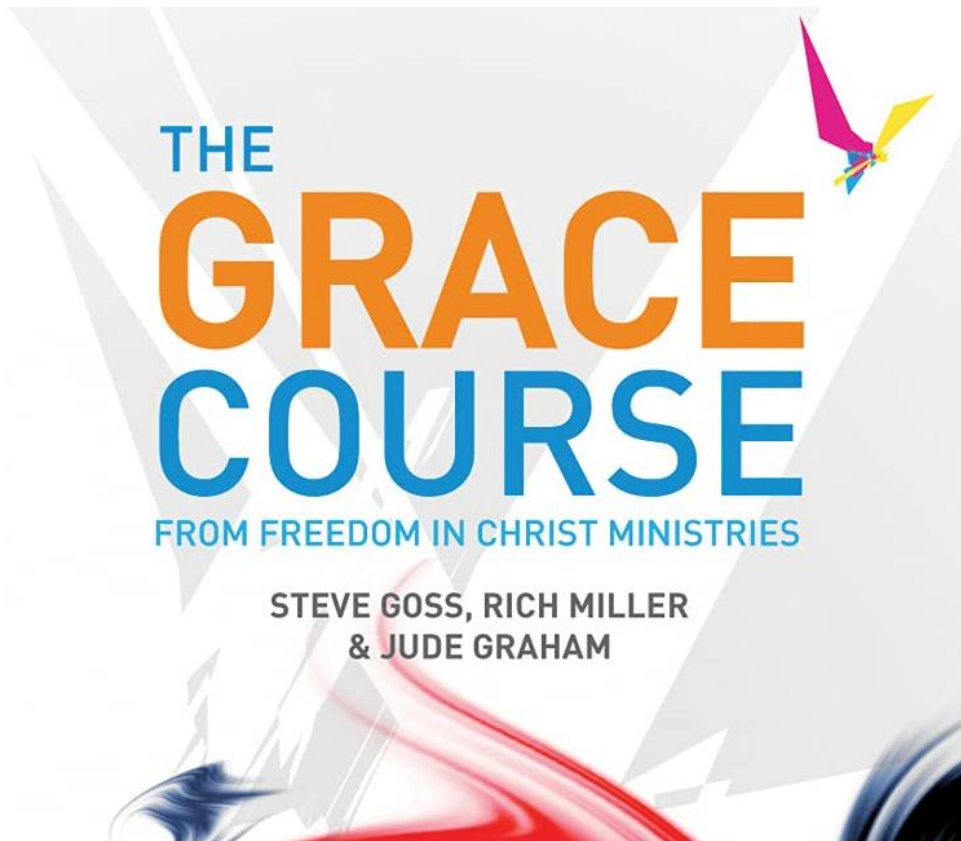
Where 9 The Vale, Oakley

Who For everyone

What The group was started by Dave and Di Rundle following an Alpha course a couple of years ago. We are a mix of new and long term Christians who meet to study and support each other.

Material for this term: ***The Grace Course***

Status **Currently full**



The Film Group | for everyone

Led by Penny Brown

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When Tuesdays evenings – fortnightly from 7.00-9.30pm

Where In member's houses

Who Open to anyone looking for an informal style group or to meet new people

What We meet to study Christian messages in mainstream films. We usually start with a simple meal, then discussion and prayers, followed by drinks and cake! Films are watched in your own time in the previous fortnight.

Material for this term: **Feature films**

Following the success of the Film Group Goes Large sessions, we are about to launch **Film Group 2: The Sequel** in October, so are open to new members. This group will meet on the opposite Tuesday to the original group with a once a term joint gathering.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



The Table | for everyone

Led by	Erika Conti T: 07872 019128	Harry Slinger T: 07595 226492
When	Every Monday evening	
Where	48 St John's Piece (Erika's house)	
Who	For everyone	
What	<p>We are a gentle group of friends who meet on Monday evenings to share a meal together and then learn and pray as Jesus leads us. The Holy Spirit is always welcomed and He always joins us at our table. There is an open book style to our gatherings for anyone to share questions and teaching.</p> <p>Our values include practical, prayerful love and support where we reach out to one another and to our friends. We seek and encounter the tangible love, peace and presence of Jesus so that we may share His Love and His presence with one another and with those we meet. Being rooted and grounded in His love and His presence fully equips us to live out God's purpose for our group.</p> <p>We are open for others to "come and see" if our group works for them.</p>	
Status	Newcomers welcome!	

A New Group | for everyone

Led by You!

When TBC

Where TBC

Who For everyone

What A warm and friendly place to connect, belong, and grow.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



**NEW SMALL
GROUPS NEEDED!**

A New Group | for everyone

Led by You!

When TBC

Where TBC

Who For everyone

What A warm and friendly place to connect, belong, and grow.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



**LOVE JESUS?
ENJOY PEOPLE?
VALUE COMMUNITY?**

A New Group | for everyone

Led by You!

When TBC

Where TBC

Who For everyone

What A warm and friendly place to connect, belong, and grow.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



**HAVE A GO AT LEADING
OR HOSTING A GROUP!**

SHORT COURSES

Alpha | for everyone

Led by **Jamie Colman**

Tom Favell

E: alpha@oww.church



When Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm
A 10-week course beginning 28 September

Where St Leonard's Centre, Rectory Road, Oakley

Who For everyone wanting to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning

What Alpha is a series of weekly sessions where you can explore the Christian faith in an open-minded and welcoming environment.

There's no cost, and no pressure. Just lots of great conversation and space to think.

Each session includes food, a short talk, and time of discussion where you can share your thoughts about what you've heard.

Whatever questions you've got, you can ask them at Alpha.

Status **Anyone and everyone welcome!**





What do you think?
#AskAtAlpha

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra! What do you think? Come and have your say – **Alpha** starting **28 September 2022 at 7.00 pm** at St Leonard's Centre, Rectory Road



“Come along,” they said. “You might find you enjoy a chance to ask the questions you have, without any expectation of where it ends.”

And so it was that I found myself joining Alpha at St Leonard's Centre last Autumn. I didn't have to walk in alone because the person who invited me came with me.

Like most of us I had always been around churches, if not actually in churches. Alpha gave me an opportunity to explore all the questions that had built up.

What did I get out of it? Well, I'm in my eighth decade and found that I had faith all along, but now encountered Jesus for myself. I enjoyed the journey so much, that I decided to get confirmed at St Leonard's earlier this year. That is by no means the expected or only end point. The end point is for each of us to find for ourselves.

Derek Hall

A short discipleship course | for everyone

Led by You!

When TBC

Where TBC

Who For everyone wanting to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning

What A 5-6 week course to help one another grow in faith.

Status **Anyone and everyone welcome!**

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A SHORT COURSE?**

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course

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prayer
the prayer course II

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**Fruitfulness on
the Frontline**



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SANCTUARY
COURSE**

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Hillary McBride



DISCIPLESHIP EVENTS

Going Deeper | for everyone

Led by **Ben Kautzer**
T: 01256 420903
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When One Thursday evening each month
 from 7.30-9.30pm

Where St Leonard's Centre, Oakley

Who For anyone who is longing to dive deeper into their faith

What Going Deeper is an open space to gather and discuss the big questions of theology, humanity and perhaps the biggest topic of them all ... **God**.

This is a space where everyone is welcome to come and wrestle, debate, discover and explore the deeper things of God and to do that together. This is a space where it's ok to ask those awkward questions that you've long carried but never felt able to voice. This is a space where the goal is not to try to think the same thing or in the same way, but always to learn from unique perspectives of one another – even if that comes in the form of respectful disagreement.

Each month we'll take up a new theme or question on a single recurring topic: **who is God**. Each session stands on its own, so feel free to plug into Going Deeper as and when you are able.

We will be framing our initial conversations around the vision of God which emerges from the ancient Christian Creeds.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**

GOING DEEPER

OPEN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEOLOGY
HUMANITY & THE MYSTERY OF GOD

7:30-9:30PM @ ST LEONARD'S CENTRE

9 JUN LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOUR MIND

7 JUL CREDO: I BELIEVE

11 AUG ONE GOD

22 SEP THE FATHER

20 OCT THE MAKER

17 NOV ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST

15 DEC WHO FOR US ... BECAME MAN

CONTACT BEN KAUTZER (((BEN@OWW.CHURCH)))

Morning Prayer | for everyone

Led by Christine Peryer
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When Monday-Friday mornings
 from 9.15-9.45am

Where Online via Zoom
Meeting ID: 885 2891 4870 Passcode: **186565**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88528914870?pwd=ckJzTjZ0K0VuNjNXcVJJeXh6cmFldz09>

Who For everyone

What What better way to begin the day than to gather together, reflect on God's word, and pray with and for one another? Discover the Spirit at work in the gentle yet profound rhythms of morning prayer.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



Autumn Rains



A QUIET DAY RETREAT

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2022

9:00-2:30PM @ MALSHANGER

OAKLEY  WOOTTON

Ever noticed how autumn rains bring flourishing and renewal after the drought and heat of summer? Feeling parched, weary or thirsty? Longing for a bit of stillness and rest?

You are warmly invited to join us for a special quiet day led by **Ben Kautzer** and **Barbara Irving**. This space is for you!

Take a step back from all the noise and intensity of life. Enjoy some intentional time away from it all. Rediscover your refuge, be refreshed, and find your hope renewed. Everyone is welcome!

To sign up, please contact **Jan Klein**: jklein@btinternet.com

SOCIAL GROUPS

Coffee Morning | for women

Led by **Helen Favell**
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E: helen@favells.com



When First Thursday morning of each month
from 10.00-11.45am

Where Homecroft, Oakley Lane, Oakley

Who For women

What A once a month relaxed coffee morning, when we warmly welcome others, with no agenda apart from enjoying each other's company with a short 'Thought for the day'.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



Friday Lunch | for mums

Led by **Helen Miller** **Jeni Saunders** **Laura Thomas**
T: 07766 660038 **T: 07837 252419** **T: 07968 719636**

When Friday lunchtimes – weekly

Where In a variety of houses in Oakley

Who For mum's with school-age children

What We're a group of mums that first started meeting nearly 10 years ago when many of our children were pre-school. We've grown and added in number. Our support for one another is often through our WhatsApp group now.

Friday lunchtime get togethers are resuming! We bring a dish of food to share and chat over lunch. Occasionally, we might have a 'thought for the day' or prayer request to share. Our primary focus is building friendship and support for one another.

Open to newbies coming along & joining our mealtimes together.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



Friday Lunch

Men's Curry Night | for men

Led by **Tim Saunders**
T: 07447 080218
E: tim@saundersweb.co.uk



When First Thursday each month
from 7:30pm

Where The Towers Indian Restaurant, Viables RG22 4BJ

Who For men of all ages and stages of life

What A time to connect as a group over great food and even better conversation. There is no defined plan each month but Tim will need to know who is attending for the table booking.

We have a WhatsApp group for monthly coordination. Send us a message to join the fun!

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



SUPPORT GROUPS

Brief Encounters | for everyone

Led by Penny Brown
T: 07771 826997
E: penny@brownsmail.co.uk



Where WhatsApp

Who For anyone keen to connect, build community, and enjoy the company of others within our church family.

What Brief Encounters is a WhatsApp group for those who like to arrange spontaneous meet ups, or have a spare seat in their car for a trip out somewhere.

Please contact Penny to join the group!

Status **Newcomers welcome!**



Evergreen Fellowship | for older people

Led by Marilyn & Rodney Scott
T: 01256 781436



When First Monday of each month
from 3-4:30pm

Where St Leonard's Centre

Who For older people living on their own

What Oakley Evergreen is for people living on their own or who are housebound.

During each meeting there is a time of fellowship and an opportunity to enjoy a speaker, entertainment or to take part in an activity. Tea and delicious home-made cakes round off the afternoon.

At Christmas the Evergreens are invited to Oakley Junior School where they are festively entertained by the pupils.

Thanks to a donation from Community Care, Evergreens also enjoy a couple of special lunches each year.

A team of volunteer drivers ensure that every Evergreen gets safely to each meeting and home again, free of charge.

If you would like further details about Oakley Evergreen, maybe for yourself or someone you know who would enjoy the afternoon please contact us.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**

Men@Hart | for bereaved men

Led by **Graeme Wheeler**
T: 07870 380226



When Last Tuesday of each month
from 7-9pm

Where The White Hart, Overton

Who For men whose wives have died and who would enjoy a meal in the company of others in a similar situation.

What Meeting monthly the group currently consists of up to ten men from very different backgrounds but who have rapidly bonded into a group where the world is put right, memories are shared, someone else has cooked their meal and the patience of the White Hart's staff is sorely tested.

Status **Newcomers welcome!**





In Loving Memory

a time to remember those we love

Saturday 12 November 2022

3.30pm at St Leonard's Church

**Come light a candle, reflect and pray
as we remember our loved ones by name**

Everyone Welcome

**Followed by tea & cakes
in the St Leonard's Centre**

St Leonard's Church & Centre
Rectory Road, Oakley RG23 7ED



Oakley Men's Shed | for men

Led by	Graeme Wheeler T: 07870 380226	Eric Askew W: www.oakleymensshed.com
When	Every Monday & Thursday from 10-1pm	
Where	Oakley Scout Hut, St John's Piece	
Who	For men	
What	You are very welcome to join us! It's not just about making things, the opportunity to chat is valuable too. Coffee, or tea and chocolate digestive biscuits are an important part of every session!	
Status	Newcomers welcome!	





Visiting a new group
on your own
for the first time
can feel really intimidating
But just think of the digestives!

**Mondays & Thursdays
10.00am-1.00pm
Oakley Scout Centre
St John's Piece**



**"SAWDUST IS
MAN GLITTER"**



CHILDREN & YOUTH

New Life | for 0-1 years

Led by Catherine Pryce
T: 01256 782724



When Every Tuesdays (term time)
from 10-11:30am

Where St Leonard's Centre

Who For mums with babies up to one year olds

What A fun and welcoming group for mums with babies up to one year old.

New life
St. Leonard's Centre

Quackers | for 0-3 years

Led by Catherine Pryce
T: 01256 782724



When Every Thursday (term time)
from 10-11:30am

Where St Leonard's Centre

Who For mums with babies up to three year olds

What A fun and welcoming group for mums with babies up to three year olds



Pippins | for 0-4 years

Led by **Caroline Edwards**
T: 01256 780219

When Every Tuesday (term time)
from 1:30-3pm

Where St Leonard's Centre

Who For families with babies up to four year olds

What A fun and welcoming group for mums with babies up to three year olds



CAS AM Youth Space | for every young person

Led by **Sochi Ezeanowai**
T: 07818 905146
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When Every Sunday from 10-11:30am


Where St Leonard's Centre

Who For every young person (all ages)

What CAS- Come and See, is providing the much-needed space for our young people to connect with one another, build healthy friendships, discover themselves, learn about and grow in their own identities, and grow their faith.


**CAS
AM**

Every Sunday

 10:00am

For Every Young Person

EXPERIENCE
LOVE | FRIENDSHIP | FAMILY | FAITH

 St Leonard's Centre Oakley

CAS PM Youth Space | for Y7+

Led by **Sochi Ezeanowai**
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When Sundays from 6:30-8pm – fortnightly

Where St Leonard's Centre

Who For secondary school & college students

What CAS- Come and See, is providing the much-needed space for our young people to connect with one another, build healthy friendships, discover themselves, learn about and grow in their own identities, and grow their faith.

CAS
COME AND SEE

CAS PM

Sundays - Biweekly (occurring every two weeks)

7:00pm
 (Door opens at 6:30pm)

For Secondary School & College Students.

EXPERIENCE
 LOVE | FRIENDSHIP | FAMILY | FAITH

St Leonard's Centre Oakley

@cas_oakley | St Leonard's Church, Oakley

CAS Youth Cafe | for Y7+

Led by **Sochi Ezeanowai**
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E: sochi@oww.church



When Every Monday from 3:30-5pm

Where Jolly Olly's Café, Oakley

Who For secondary school & college students

What You are welcome to stop by Jolly Olly's for some food, board and card games, socialising, music, and chats with friends and the CAS team.



After School Youth Café

@Jolly Olly's Coffee Shop, Oakley.

Food | Drinks | Chats

Every Monday

 3:30pm-5pm

For Secondary School &
College Students



The GAP | for Y6-Y8

Led by **Jeni Saunders**
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E: jeni@saundersweb.co.uk

When First Friday of each month
 from 6:30-8pm


Where Malshanger Social Club
 Malshanger Estate RG23 7EY

Who For young people in years 6-8


What Each month young people gather together for a brilliant evening of fun, friends, food, and games. The GAP is super interesting. You wouldn't want to miss it.



The
Gap

Every First Friday of each Month 

@ Malshanger House,
 Malshanger Lane, Oakley. RG23 7EY 

6:30- 8:00pm 

Year 6-8



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wootton.org.uk

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