



Christ Church Orpington

Family News 15th May 2021



Meeting together again.

We are all thankful to those who have contributed to the production of online services during the pandemic. For ourselves we have appreciated the convenience of making the sofa and lounge our church in all weathers to watch the services, occasionally we have paused the video to take a telephone call or make a cup of coffee.

Before the Christ Church video, we usually viewed the morning service at our daughter's church in Sydney NSW, where we have seen her and her family occasionally participate in the services.

Zoom has been a great blessing, enabling our house group (and others) to continue. It is not so easy we find to conduct the informal discussions we have when meeting in a home.

Some of our exercise walks have been around the local roads that we would normally only drive through. Some folk step out into the road and pass without speaking or looking, but others seem eager to pause and converse at a safe distance. We have also met church members occasionally along the way.

In recent weeks church has restarted, but we felt for ourselves that it would be wise to wait until two vaccinations plus two weeks had passed. And so, two Sundays ago we ourselves came to church.

We booked our seats and signed in on entry wearing our masks. For safety antibacterial spray is provided, and seating is socially distant. All stand for hymns and remain silent, though some performed actions. It was planned that the closing hymn would be sung on the grass at the back of the church but as it was raining it was cancelled on our first week. In truth it was a little strange, but it is a start. Wearing masks people smiled with their eyes and looked happy to see each other.

In our house group we are studying the book of Acts and the word translated 'together' seems to be a key word at the beginning of the book. So, we are told that:

- Following the Ascension of Jesus the disciples 'joined together constantly to pray'. Acts 1¹⁴.
- On the day of Pentecost they were 'all together in one place' as the Holy Spirit filled them. Acts 2⁴⁴.
- Unity. The believers were together and had everything in common. Acts 2¹.
- Worship. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, Acts 2⁴⁶.

Heavenly Father we pray that the remaining restrictions may be removed and that you will build your church anew. Through your Spirit renew our hearts with a desire to serve him together. Amen.

Len and Janet

The word (translated) **together** is very expressive; it signifies that all their minds, affections, desires, and wishes, were concentrated on one object; and, having but one desire, they had but one prayer to God, and every heart uttered it.

Quoted in John Schultz Bible Commentary.

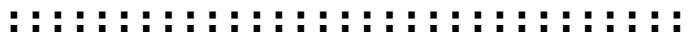


Annual Church Meeting

Tomorrow, on **Sunday 16th May** the 10.30am service will include the annual reports by the Vicar, Youth Minister and Children's Minister and will be immediately followed by the annual PCC elections, electoral roll report and the financial review. As the number of nominations received for the elections does not exceed the number of places. there will be no need for voting.

Please note one change...

All the proceedings **may** be shown online, however, this cannot be guaranteed, so please do make every effort to come to the service in person.



"If you would like to give to Christ's work here at Christ Church, the best way to give is via our bank account, Sort code 40 52 40, and account number 00095465, or by sending a cheque payable to Christ Church Orpington PCC to 165 Charterhouse Road, Orpington, BR6 9EP. Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity."



2021 Sunday Services

All **10.30am** services will be both in church and online (if we have the Tech Team to provide this)

Sunday 16th May 10.30am Morning Worship followed by Annual Church Meeting

Tuesday 18th May The fourth of the studies on **"How was the Bible written?"**
Bob Kendall will be looking at the 27 Books of the New Testament. We know who wrote these books. But, not so obvious, Why did they write them? And are they reliable? 8.00pm on Zoom, see the link right

Wednesday 19th May & Friday 21st May
Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Pentecost Morning Worship

Trinity Sunday, 30th May
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Trinity Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday 6th June 10.30am Holy Communion

Please book for the 10.30am services via the email link Anna will send, or by phoning the church office on 01689 871601. If you are unable to book, please just come anyway – unless we get a sudden influx, we will fit you in.

There is no need to book for the 9.00am services.

For online services through the Christ Church Orpington website: www.ccorpington.org

Or on Facebook (you don't need to have a Facebook account) <https://www.facebook.com/ccorpington/live>

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Answers to last week's Wordsearch



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BEHIND THE BIBLE: "HOW WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN?"

"We've spent 3 weeks looking at the Old Testament. We've discovered who wrote Genesis, why archaeology is important, and why the Hebrew language is so difficult.

This week, Study 4, we look at the New Testament. Yes, we have the names of the writers. But what do we know about them? Why did they write it all down? And what about these gospels of Mary Magdalene?

If you want the answers, do join in via Zoom, on **Tuesday 18th May**, starting at **8pm** for about an hour. Bob Kendall will be leading the studies.

There is a lot of gold Behind the Bible!!

Zoom details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89784912834?pwd=T2p6VzdTdmxYF3MraldaSWQ1bDJNdz09>

or

Meeting ID: 897 8491 2834

Passcode: Bob

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Café Mosaic

We are pleased to announce that Café Mosaic will be open from

Wednesday 19th May from 9.15am – 2pm

To get there, we are looking for volunteers to help either with the cooking in the kitchen or helping to take orders and serve tea/coffee/meals on either a Wednesday or Friday morning (or both). If this is something you would like to get involved with, please contact the church office on:

ccorpington@talktalk.net / 01689 871601

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We have various areas of ministry who are in need of volunteers. If you are able to help out in any way, we would love for you to get involved! Please see below list of areas in need of help. If there is an area you would like to volunteer for, please contact the relevant person using the details noted.

After service refreshments (Organize or help) -
Please contact Anna Carey on
ccorpington@talktalk.net or 01689 871601

Mosaic Cafe - Please contact Anna Carey on
ccorpington@talktalk.net or 01689 871601

Church Flowers (Flower administrator/Flower assistants – no experience of flower arranging or creative talents needed) –
Please contact Mel Ketchin 01689 871067 or
Judith Motto 837351.

Community Club (drivers to transport folk to/from club each Tuesday and someone to work in the kitchen alongside Colin and the community payback team) – Please contact Mel Ketchin 01689 871067

Crèche on Sunday mornings – Please contact
Jo Cuthbertson on jo@ccorpington.org

CCO Holiday club volunteers needed for 28th, 29th & 30th July 2021, 8.30am-12.30pm – Please contact
Jo Cuthbertson on jo@ccorpington.org

Tea and Toys on Wednesdays during term time,
1.30pm-3pm – Please contact
Jo Cuthbertson on jo@ccorpington.org

Tech team (Sound desk/AV – training will be provided) – Please contact
Mike on mike@zarttell.uk

Youth Ministry – Please contact
Andi Smith on andrew.smith4@live.co.uk

Assistant Treasurer - Please contact Derek Foxen on
derekfoxen@ntlworld.com or 07503 187151

Safeguarding Officer -

Please contact Anna Carey on
ccorpington@talktalk.net or 01689 871601

GDPR -

Please contact Anna Carey on
ccorpington@talktalk.net or 01689 871601

Social Functions (Organize or help) -

Please contact Anna Carey on
ccorpington@talktalk.net or 01689 871601

If there are any other areas of ministry you would be interested in helping out in, please let us know on ccorpington@talktalk.net or 01689 871601.

Thank you!

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Dear Foodbank Supporters,

Please find below the latest list of most wanted items. This list will apply until the beginning of June.

- Bags for Life (Urgent)**
- Jellies and Instant Whips (Urgent)**
- Tinned Tomatoes**
- Biscuits**
- Squash**
- Coffee**
- Washing Up Liquid**
- Men's and Ladies Deodorants**
- Cleaning Sprays**
- Antiseptic Wipes**

Many thanks for your continuing support,
Vanessa Dixon
Foodbank Volunteer

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Zoom Virtual Coffee

"Last week was the last organised Virtual Coffee and this week we have the APCM following on after the service online. Heather Kroiter is keen to keep the conversations going and you can find her about 5 minutes after morning services from **next week** at the usual link on zoom below or you can email her on heatherkroiter@talktalk.net to find details of forthcoming opportunities to chat after the service online.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71117046566?pwd=N3FZNTdMREpFMW1rSXBwc3dObUNNQ09>

or

Meeting ID: 711 1704 6566

Password: 020075"

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Assistant Treasurer

We urgently need an assistant treasurer due to our current person, Brian Ko planning to move house. Do you have an interest in working with numbers and balancing accounts? Would you like to be part of the team of volunteers helping to run the finances of your church?

Christ Church Orpington is looking for a person to join the Finance Committee to replace Brian Ko as assistant treasurer. In this role you will be part of a dedicated treasury team; banking donations, paying invoices and using the accounting software to record church finances. It will involve about 3 to 5 hours per week depending on the time of the year. The main skill is basic administration and an interest in working with numbers.

Comprehensive training will be given. To find out more please contact:

Derek Foxen (07503 187151,
derekfoxen@ntlworld.com) or

Rev Sharon (01689 822351,
revsharonsmith@outlook.com)

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Hall Bookings Administrator

Our hall is a wonderful space for people to use and we are now looking for a paid Bookings Administrator to ensure our facilities are used in the best possible way. You will be joining a team of people involved in managing the hall and will be responsible for managing applications and management of all bookings and you will need to have experience of administration in an organisation and the ability to deal with people. This job would suit those who are able to work from home part of the time and involves 12 hours per week and pay of £7500 per annum.

Do speak to Alan Goddard or Jacqui Ko informally or obtain an application pack from Anna Carey by emailing ccorpington@talktalk.net. The closing date is **Saturday 29th May 2021**

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Items and Notices for next issue of Family News

Email our editor, Vernon: vandjmapp@gmail.com

by 12noon Saturday 22nd May 2021

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If you would like to share your testimony and encourage us all, or the Lord has put a reflection on your heart to share with us, please send it to me at Sharon@ccorpington.org

Letter of His Love (to the tune of "Down by the Salley Gardens")

The immortal and self-existent
Who made every quark and star
Has of his very own substance
A letter of his love sent

He understands you completely
And knocks at the door of your heart
He wants to come in so sweetly
And never from you part

For every moment of being
There is a choice to make
Whether of a path corrupting
Or of caring good to take

He understands you completely
And knocks at the door of your heart
He wants to come in so sweetly
And never from you part

He knows your dark thought hidden
And sees your vilest act
But to follow him are you bidden
To leave wrong for better track

He understands you completely
And knocks at the door of your heart
He wants to come in so sweetly
And never from you part

So choose the One who dying
Bled and suffered for your sake
Jesus who by death defying
Made the way for you to take

James Boswell Collett
01-03-2021

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Solution to last week's †Word

ACROSS

- 1, Prosperity. 7, Raisins. 8, Admit.
10, View. 11, Confetti. 13, Distil.
15, Groyne. 17, Navigate.
18, Whit. 21, Enoch. 22, Trodden.
23, Prophetess.

DOWN

- 1, Pride. 2, Ovid. 3, Pastor.
4, Reaffirm. 5, Timothy.
6, Providence. 9, Tridentine.
12, Kingship. 14, Saviour.
16, Statue. 19, Hades. 20, Rome.

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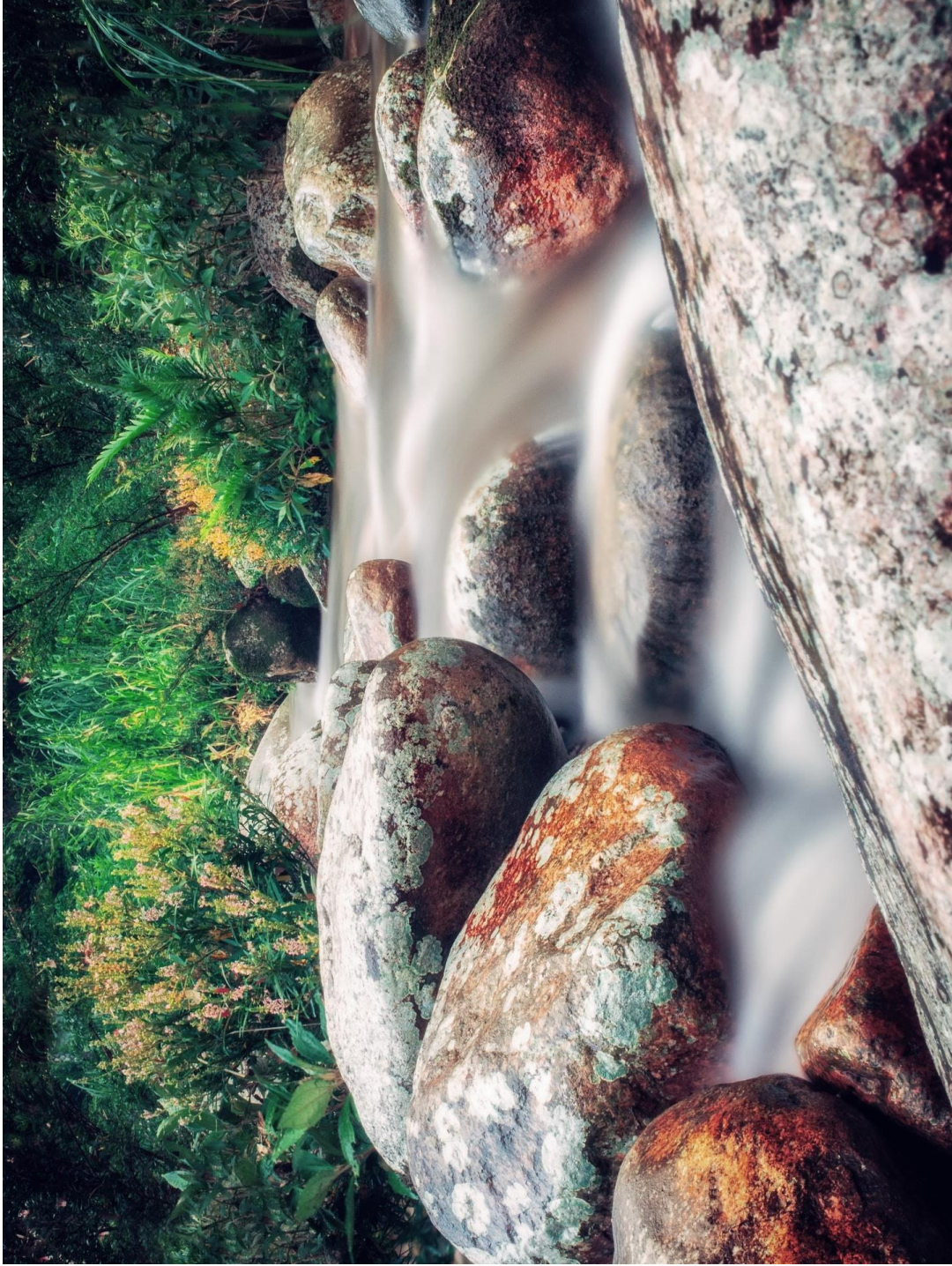
Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
7 'Praise the Lord, O my —' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
8 See 5 Down
9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
5 and 8 Across. The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards —' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
10 Trout (anag.) (5)
11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)





Calle Teniente Hugo Ortiz, Ecuador

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