



Christ Church Orpington

Family News 5th June 2021

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Christ-likeness

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. 15 For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life.

Have you ever met one person in particular who stood out as "different"? I have. I was very privileged to have a certain gentleman as my Spiritual Director for a number of years. He was one of those people who other people wanted to be around. He made you feel he was on your side, but as you got to know him you found out that he didn't just make you feel that way, but he actually really WAS on your side. He always saw the best in everyone, and always spoke of the best of everyone, so you felt good around him knowing he was seeing the best in you. He was kind, understanding, and you knew you could trust him completely. He was gentle and unassuming, and probably the most humble person I have ever met. He spoke quietly, with an air of peace and deep joy, and I wondered if he ever raised his voice or got angry at all.

I knew I enjoyed our sessions, but I still couldn't put my finger on what exactly it was that made him so different, so good to be around. Until one day I realised it was the presence of Christ he carried about in him. That was what made him so very attractive to be around. He was the aroma of Christ, and Christ is attractive to people.

Becoming Christ-like and carrying the aroma of Christ isn't a magic transformation that happens instantly when we become Christians. It is a process, and it is also a choice - we have to choose to become more Christ-like. We have to choose to read our bibles, choose to pray and discover for ourselves

who Christ is. We aren't robots who the Holy Spirit takes over and makes into Christ-clones. Every moment of every day we have to choose to love, choose to forgive, choose to serve, choose to tell others about Jesus, choose not to sin, chose to be kind, choose to be patient, choose to live a life that is pleasing to God. We have to choose and we have to carry it through. The Holy Spirit comes and empowers us, but the choices aren't always the easy ones. But as we make the right choices, we change into ever more increasing glory, and Christ's attractiveness shines through us more and more.

We need to be attractive Christians, Christians that Christ's presence shines out of. And it starts with reading and studying our bibles, praying, inviting the Holy Spirit to come and change us, and choosing to be more Christ-like.

With love and blessings,

Sharon & Andi xx

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Items and Notices for next issue of Family News

Email our editor, Vernon: vandjmapp@gmail.com

by 12noon Saturday 12th June 2021

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Community Club relaunch

Nothing to do on a Tuesday? Fancy a day off from cooking? Want to get out again and meet up with folk for a chat?

Well why not come and have a 3-course meal with new and old friends at Community Club. We will be relaunching on **Tuesday 6th July** and would love your company. Please call Mel Ketchin on 01689 871067 for more details or if you'd like to come along.

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"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."

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2021 Sunday Services

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

Sunday 6th June 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th June

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Friday 11th June **Café Mosaic**, open 9.15am to 2pm

Saturday 12th June Church garden part 2, 10am to 12pm

Sunday 13th June 9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship



Sunday 20th June
10.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 27th June 9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

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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Zoom Virtual Coffee after the morning service from 11.45am

You are invited to join **Heather Kroiter** for virtual coffee, after the morning service from 11.45am on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83895196063?pwd=K24zN0UrTXlia2F4dUJHV0lYOUludz09>

Meeting ID: 838 9519 6063

Passcode: 4gFQLH

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Church garden part 2



“Thank you to the group of volunteers who recently helped the front garden look so much better. There is still more of the garden to do, so you would be very

welcome to join the band of volunteers between 10am and 12pm on **Saturday 12th June** for a final work morning. We will do some weeding, pruning and preparation of the beds not finished, for weed control membrane and wood chips/bark.”

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Open Garden at Bishopscourt

(24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS) as part of the National Garden Scheme next **Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th June, 1pm-5pm.**

Tickets £5.00, children free. See the NGS website www.ngs.org.uk. There will be tea and cake and a plant stall. Disabled parking only.

Bridget Langstaff
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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 01689 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/Audio/Visual – training will be provided) – Please contact Mike on mike@zartell.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!

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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Word Search

During June, the **CHURCH** remembers the Irish monk who **FIRST** brought Christianity to Britain in around 565. He was St **COLUMBA**, and he left **IRELAND** with 12 **COMPANIONS** to **SETTLE** on **IONA**, a **TINY ISLAND** off **MULL**, in the Western Highlands. Iona had been given to him for a **MONASTERY** by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a **TALL, STRIKING** figure of **POWERFUL** build and **IMPRESSIVE** presence, who combined the **SKILLS** of **SCHOLAR, POET** and **RULER** with a **FEARLESS** commitment to God's cause. For as well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also **CONVERTED** Brude, king of the Picts.

*A prayer of St Columba runs: My **DEAREST** Lord, Be Thou a **BRIGHT FLAME** before me, Be Thou a **GUIDING STAR** above me, Be Thou a smooth path beneath me, Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me, Today and evermore. Amen*



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Be kind to each other

'And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

(Matthew 10:42)

During the Covid-19 pandemic, there have been thousands of shining examples up and down the country of people going the extra mile to help the elderly, vulnerable and those at risk. The helpers have been shopping, cooking meals, making regular telephone calls, and checking that needs are being met. We must sincerely hope that these acts of kindness will continue well beyond the coronavirus outbreak.

Simple acts of kindness are so important in cementing the fabric of our society. Some years ago, this thought inspired the following poem:

A Brighter Tomorrow

There is much we can do just to brighten
This world of all take and no give,
There's a great deal that we can contribute
Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours
Or through lending a hand in some way
It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers
To someone to brighten their day.

It's by sparing a few precious hours
In the service of those most in need
It's all about setting a standard
And trying to give others a lead

It's the way that we tend to treat others
And help and aid folks in distress
It's the care and assistance we offer
That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple
The rewards plain for all men to see
'As you did all of this to my brother
Then' said Christ, 'you did it to Me.'

Colin Hammacott

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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

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To the congregation of Christ Church, Orpington,

Another three months have passed, and I have the privilege of sending out our latest Three Monthly Thank you emails to our donors.

As we edge ever closer to a more 'normal' existence, we, at Bromley Borough Foodbank, have never been more aware of the importance of teamwork in being able to help those people in crisis in our Borough.

We are acutely aware that without our donors we could never have managed to continue to function through this time, and we are so thankful for your partnership in this work.

This is true for every day of every year, but, I think, that with all the added pressures that have been laid at everyone's door, this appreciation has been heightened within this timeframe.

So, to the business side of this letter. For the 3 months from 01/03/2021 – 31/05/2021 your donations totalled **6.0kg**

During that same period, we have been able to feed **776 adults** and **476 children**, a total of **1252 people**.

We are in a very privileged position to have so many people supporting us in the Borough of Bromley, that we have been able to provide for all those who have come to us for help.

Please pray for us as we seek to adapt and change to the many and varied circumstances that we will meet in the coming months as we continue this ministry within our Borough.

Thank you so much.

God Bless.

Sue (Volunteer)

Bromley Borough Foodbank

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Solution to last week's †Word

ACROSS

- 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing.
10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis.
15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea.
21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN

- 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual.
4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians.
9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe.
14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn.
20, Levi.

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Across

- Grandson of Mered and his Judean wife (1 Chronicles 4:18) (4)
- He said of Jesus, 'This man has done nothing wrong' (Luke 23:40-41) (8)
- Herb with pleasantly scented roots, present in the Beloved's orchard (Song of Songs 4:13) (4)
- What God brought Sarah with the birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:6) (8)
- Port on the Red Sea where King Solomon built ships (1 Kings 9:26) (5,5)
- Donald —, Archbishop of Canterbury 1974–80 (6)
- Cereal (Ezekiel 4:9) (6)
- Jesus' description of a Pharisee (Matthew 23:24) (5,5)
- Not as widely used at church services nowadays as used to be the case (8)
- '— all your anxiety on him because he cares for you' (1 Peter 5:7) (4)
- One of the three strands of Methodism united in 1932 (8)
- 'They broke bread in their homes and ate together with — and sincere hearts' (Acts 2:46) (4)

Down

- The rebuke of 3 Across, 'Don't you fear God... since you are under the same —?' (Luke 23:40) (8)
- Horse-drawn vehicle used by King Solomon (Song of Songs 3:9) (8)
- Dearer (anag.) (6)
- One-time editor of Punch and controversial writer and broadcaster who became a noted Christian, Malcolm — (10)
- 'When you sit to dine with a ruler, — well what is before you' (Proverbs 23:1) (4)
- 'God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both — and Christ' (Acts 2:36) (4)
- One description of the inspired nature of scripture (10)
- 'The Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be — — —' (1 Corinthians 15:28) (3,2,3)
- Recognized as valid (1 Samuel 3:20) (8)
- A long A (anag.) (6)
- 'For God does not — favouritism' (Romans 2:11) (4)
- Comes between Joel and Obadiah (4)





Newport Beach, United States

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