



Family News 12th June 2021

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Prayer

Have you ever felt that you have prayed and prayed and then prayed some more, and yet nothing seems to be happening? I know I have, and I suspect many of you reading this have too. The following article was shared on our Day of Prayer WhatsApp group by Pieter, and was taken from a daily devotional called 'A Miracle a Day' by Pastor Paul Marc Goulet, from 25th May:

"Prayer can be the most incredible opportunity or the most frustrating activity of our lives. The biggest difference between the two is our ability to wait. Prayer can help us conquer every delay and obstacle if you use it as a weapon.

But I ask myself; do I have the ability to wait on God?

God's timing is not my timing. Isaiah tells us, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord." (Isiah 55:8 NKJV)

Psalm 40:1-2 tells us the story of King David when he had fallen into another tough situation: "I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined to me and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps."

(Psalm 40:1-2 NKJV)

David waited on God in prayer, and God answered him. He rescued him and pulled him out of depression.

Let us use this time together to cry out to God and wait for the answer; wait for His help. He hears our cries and will respond in His perfect timing."

So...how is your ability to wait?

Some prayers seem to be said as hurried arrows sent out while we are busy with something else, yet it seems as if the Lord hears them and is super quick to answer. Others, you have spent hours earnestly seeking Him over the years, and yet see no fruit...

There are many reasons the Lord doesn't seem to answer our prayers. I suspect the most common ones are that He knows best (which He does) and knows it wouldn't be good for us (despite our insistence that it would be!); or that it isn't in accordance with His will. There are many other reasons why the answer may be "no", but sometimes the answer isn't actually "no", it's "wait". Sometimes there are other things He needs to do first – and I think we would be surprised to learn that sometimes it is because it is something in us He needs to do before we get our prayer request.

Waiting requires patience. Patience is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and so often when we pray for patience, instead of being handed it in a miraculous change of character, we are given circumstances where we need to exercise patience. And it is only by exercising it, that we find it grows in us.

In a very much more mundane example, a small child may want everything NOW, and be prepared to get angry if they don't get just what they want NOW. If we gave in to that demand all the time, they would still be getting angry and demanding when they were older. But if they learn to wait, and be patient, they have learned a very valuable lesson for life. So, as part of our maturing in Christ, we too need to learn to wait in humility and submission for those things we would like NOW.

So next time you think your prayers haven't been answered, pray again, and ask whether the answer is "wait" rather than "no". You may be surprised. And like David, wait on Him, trust in Him, and then wait again.

With love and blessings,

Sharon & Andi xx

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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 13th June 9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Wednesday 16th June
Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Friday 18th June **Café Mosaic**, open 9.15am to 2pm



Sunday 20th June
10.30am All Age
Morning Worship

Sunday 27th June 9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
FOLLOWED BY CHURCH BBQ

Sunday 4th July 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>

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=K24zN0UrTXlia2F4dUJHV0lYOUNludz09>

Meeting ID: 838 9519 6063

Passcode: 4gFQLH

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

Open Garden at Bishopscourt

(24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS)
as part of the National Garden Scheme

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
07816 828439

bridget.langstaff@btinternet.com

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.

Items and Notices for next issue of Family News

Email our editor, Vernon: vandjmapp@gmail.com

by 12noon Saturday 19th June 2021

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

Back to church BBQ Sunday 27th June



Straight after the morning
service (12pm)

Suggested donation
per person: £3
per family: £10

If you can let us know by
Sunday 20th June
by contacting the church office
on either 01689 871601 or
ccorpington@talktalk.net

that would be very helpful for us.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Report to the Congregation

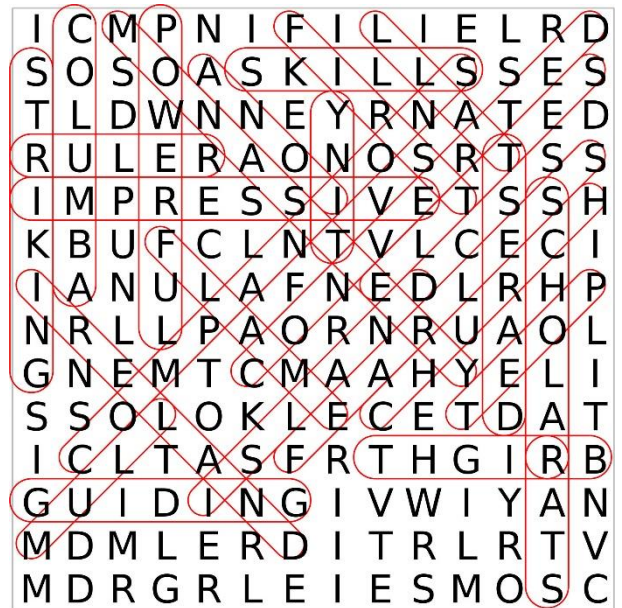
The first big decision taken by the newly elected PCC at its meeting on 7 June was to spend up to £20,500 to replace the church boilers. Money to pay for this project has been set aside year by year by previous PCCs in the Church and Hall Repair Fund.

The PCC also re-affirmed its support for the Diocese's policies on safeguarding, equal opportunities and domestic abuse. Because of an increase in domestic abuse in this country during the lockdowns, Bishop Simon Burton-Jones is encouraging men to make the White Ribbon promise that they will never commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women.



"After a year of working from home,
Anthony will seize any opportunity
to put on a suit"

Solution to last week's Word Search



"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."



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 Café 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@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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Solution to last week's †Word

ACROSS

- 1, Soco. 3, Criminal. 8, Nard.
 9, Laughter. 11, Ezion Geber.
 14, Coggan. 15, Millet.
 17, Blind guide. 20, Hymnbook.
 21, Cast. 22, Wesleyan. 23, Glad.

DOWN

- 1, Sentence. 2, Carriage.
 4, Reader. 5, Muggeridge.
 6, Note. 7, Lord. 10, Infallible.
 12, All in all. 13, Attested.
 16, Angola. 18, Show. 19, Amos.

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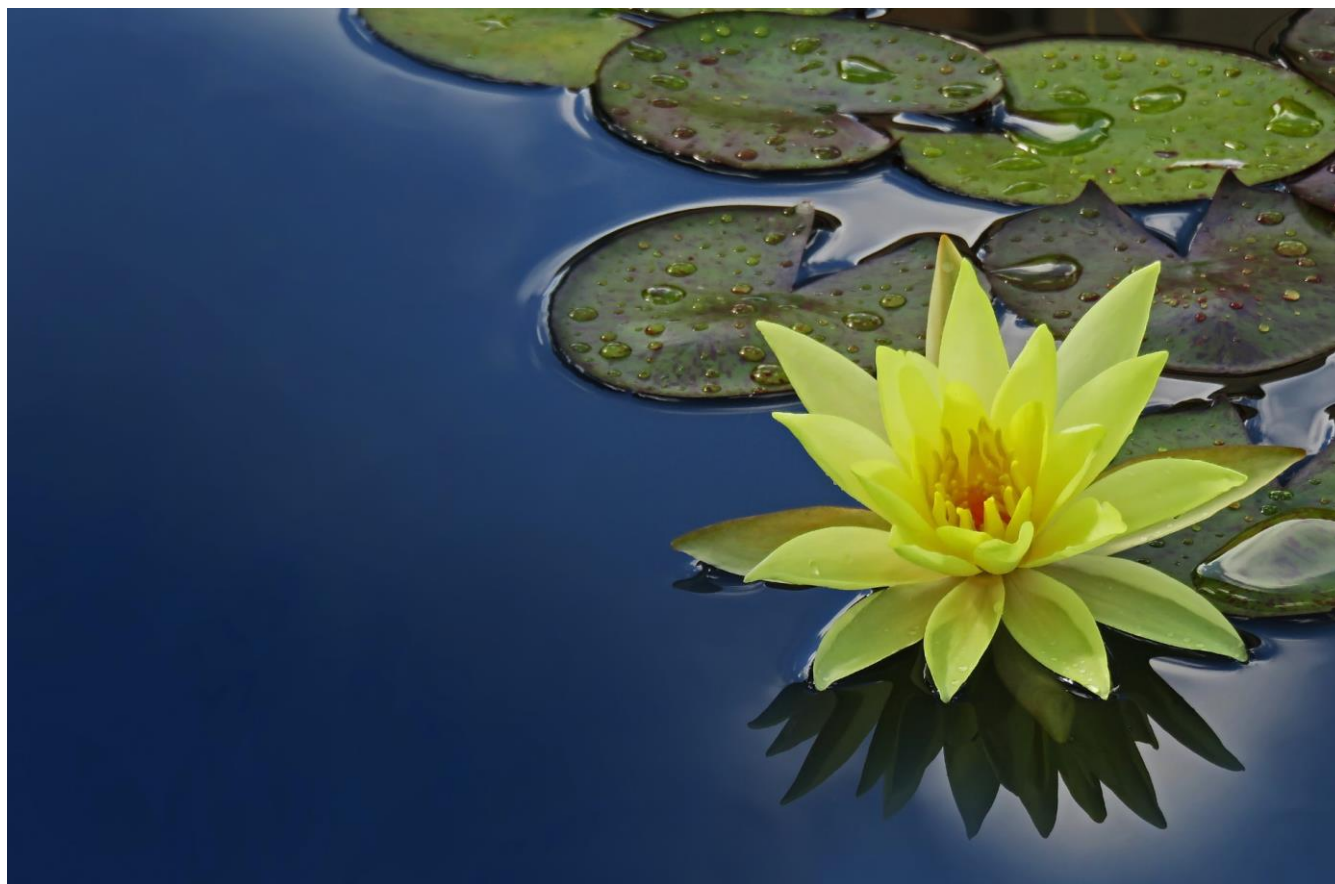
Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
 10 Group of eight (5)
 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
 19 Attend to (3,2)
 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
 8 Minister of religion (6)
 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
 20 Establish by law (5)
 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)





Cairns City, Australia

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