



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

10th September 2022



Queen Elizabeth II, 1926 – 2022

A message on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

**A message from Bishop Jonathan,
Bishop Simon and Dean Philip to all
in the Diocese of Rochester.**

It is with great sadness that we have learned today of the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

Our most sincere condolences, on behalf of the Diocese of Rochester, have been expressed to the Royal Family.

The Queen's long reign has offered stability and reassurance to the United Kingdom and beyond, and Her Majesty's commitment and service both to the nation and the Commonwealth have been a source of constant encouragement.

Her Majesty's death will be deeply felt by many.

May we invite you to join us in remembering Her Majesty in prayer, perhaps using these words:

Blessed Jesus,
Lord of Lords and King of Kings,
we give you thanks
for our late sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II.
for the grace and mercy
she received from you,
for all that she reflected
of your gracious sovereignty,
and for the great love she held
for you and for her people.
Enfold her in your everlasting arms
grant her rest
and raise her up at the last
in the company of the saints in light. **Amen**

We remember, too, the Royal Family in their bereavement.

O God, our sovereign and shepherd,
who brought again your Son, Jesus Christ,
from the valley of death,
comfort, we pray,
all the Royal Family
with your protecting presence.
Fill them with your Holy Spirit;
and with your heavenly peace;
and bring them at the last
to your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

The Passing of Queen Elizabeth II

You will have seen or heard the terribly sad news about the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. A time of mourning and reflection for our nation and so many other nations, is upon us. As Christians we grieve and we give thanks for the life of our Queen. She was not only the Head of the Church of England, but she was our Christian sister too. Her life was most splendidly devoted to service, the serving of the people of this country and the people of every country.

We will treasure our memories of her. There will be moments that we remember and there will be decades that we remember. She has been a constant rock of our time. God has given us a most wonderful monarch for so many years and it is now time to say thank you for those memories.

If you would like to write your own tribute to the late Queen, and to say something personal about how her life impacted on yours, then there is a book of remembrance set up in the entrance to Christ Church Orpington on the cafe side to accommodate this. You can do so on two Sundays (11th and 18th September) from 10am to 1pm and next Tuesday and Wednesday (13th and 14th September) from 9.30am to 2pm, to coincide with the 10.30am Sunday morning services, Community Club and the Café.

If you have friends or family who will welcome the chance to write their own messages of thanks or tribute, please do let them know about this. There is also an online option of doing so via the Church of England website, clicking on this link here: www.churchofengland.org/

Our website is carrying further information as it arrives. There are messages from Bishop Jonathan, Bishop Simon and Dean Philip and recommended prayers from the Church of England, which are included in this edition of Family News.

We also recommend to you an excellent article from our friend, Canon J. John, who visited us last February. His article is also included in this edition of Family News.

So, we give thanks to God for the life and the example of our dear Queen Elizabeth II. Well done you good and faithful servant.

Rev. Sharon Smith,
Dave Humphries and Pieter Van Rooyen

Our wonderful Queen Elizabeth II (1926 – 2022)

The Queen has died.

I would like to bring you five quotes from our late Queen,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II :

“The only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, and to put my trust in God.”

“God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general, but a Saviour with the power to forgive.”

“The teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.”

“Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.”

“God sent His only Son to serve, not to be served. He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ.”

Our Queen was not just our Monarch, she was the “Supreme Governor of the Church of England” and “Defender of the Faith”, as well as being the Patron of the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) to which our church belongs. She was a devoted Christian, who lived her life in the light of Christ, and served with her life, following Christ. In speaking of his profound sorrow, her son, the new King, praised her warmth, humour, and “unerring ability to always see the best in people.” I believe this came through the camera lens when we see her on her official duties. She was a role model, that whoever we are, and whatever our particular life’s work is, we might do well to follow.

Can I encourage you to listen to her inauguration speech, which can be found on: <https://youtu.be/S2pgmKeGEZg>

In it, we find that she began her life of service with God, honouring God, and continued unwaveringly for seventy years.

May she rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Our new King Charles III

Whilst King Charles became King the moment his mother died, he acceded to the throne today, Saturday 10th September 2022, at 11am. Whilst in a time of mourning for the Queen, we also salute our new King, support him, give our allegiance to him, and pray that God will lead and guide him just as He led and guided our Queen. Flags are restored to full mast from his accession until 1pm tomorrow, as we look to the future, even as we remember the past.

His promises to our nation include the same unswerving devotion as our late Queen had during her reign. Please can I encourage you to pray for him as he takes up this enormous role of not just Monarch, but Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Defender of the Faith, and Patron of CPAS.

Long live the King.



A prayer for the new King

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Passing of the Queen

'The Queen has died.' We have always known that someday we would hear those words, but that certainty has not robbed them of either their sadness or their solemnity. In the sea of tributes now overwhelming us, how should we react?

Our first reaction should surely be **appreciation**. We need to reflect with gratitude on all that the Queen achieved for the nation and the Commonwealth. The reign of Queen Elizabeth II was certainly long, yet length of reign – like length of life – is no measure of greatness. The Queen's accomplishment was not simply to reign for a long time, but to reign well. It is an achievement made even greater because she ruled in difficult times. She has been compared to both the first Queen Elizabeth and to Queen Victoria yet, unlike them, it was not her lot to rule at a time of either national glory or imperial splendour. Our Queen Elizabeth came to power in a Britain still recovering from war. Her reign witnessed the end of the British Empire and the emergence of a new, confused Britain, increasingly adrift from its traditional values. During her reign fashions in culture, art and manners came and went; kings, emperors, presidents and regimes flourished only to be swept away by time.

Yet if the winds of change blew strongly the Queen seemed unaffected by them. Whatever happened to the nation – economic turmoil, terrorist atrocity or political uncertainty – the Queen was there and the nation found comfort in that. In an age of uncertainty and confusion she came to embody what Britain stood for. For that solidity and stability in turbulent times we are grateful. It is salutary to read the words of the Queen's coronation service and see all that, so long ago, she promised to defend for the nation and the church. At the end of that long life, we can say with appreciation that she fulfilled her vows and did what she promised. She kept the faith. We are doubtless called to lesser things, but may we keep our promises as well as she did hers.

Our second reaction should be **acknowledgement**. Something worth dwelling on is that the Queen's achievements came not from her genetics, her upbringing or her force of will but from something more. She had a deep and authentic Christian faith, which she took seriously and sought to live out. It seems to me evident that the Queen recognised two things. The first was her own frailty and weakness. She had the gift, so often denied to the powerful, of being humble and

was wise enough to realise that to reign well required more than human skills and strength. The second thing she recognised was that to be monarch meant that she needed God to give her strength. Only the foolish would see her life as a tale of unending privilege and overwhelming wealth. The reality is that, from the moment of her untimely accession to the throne, she served what was, in effect, a life sentence without hope of remission. True, she served it out in a gilded cage, but she also served it under the increasingly harsh spotlight of a curious and cruel world.

Physically, the Queen was a small woman but the title *Majesty* was totally appropriate for her. She was a little lady with a very big God. In the first of the Beatitudes Jesus says, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' This was a woman who recognised that the only way to rule an earthly kingdom was to seek a heavenly one. Our circumstances may bear very little comparison with hers but the way she lived out her faith should inspire us all.

Our third reaction should be that of **assurance**. With the Queen's death, a dark shadow has fallen across our land and beyond. A landmark which we took for granted but which gave us all our bearings, has fallen. In her quiet way, the Queen defined what it is to be British. Other nations may look to their flags or constitutions for their identity; Britain looks instead to its monarchy.

These are sad days but, as the Queen herself would no doubt have wished, those of us who are Christians can – should – lift our eyes upwards.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. (Psalm 46:1-3 NIV)

Twice in that psalm comes the reassuring refrain, 'The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.' It was then and it is now.

Our world is shaken but our God stands firm. Queens and kings pass away; the eternal God does not.

J. John

Reverend Canon

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Sunday 11th September 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Bible Reading

1 Peter 1 v 13-23

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Final Prayer & Blessing

For online zoom coffee after church
today (Sunday 11th September)
join **Heather Kroiter** from 11.45am:

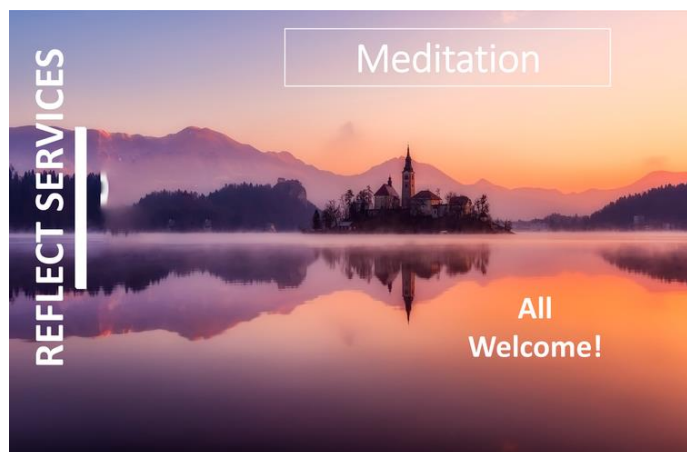


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Meeting ID: 774 8894 9446

Passcode: 0LeUWw

6.30pm – Reflect



Family News: notices for the next issue by

12noon Saturday 17th September please

email: vandjapp@gmail.com

Community Club Tuesday 13th September

We have decided to continue normal service at Community club during this period of mourning for our Queen. We have missed a lot of lunches due to covid and feel she'd agree it's right for folk to gather together. A book of condolence will be open for all to sign in the Church lobby'.

It would be nice to see more Church members attending club. With a greater Christian presence, we would have greater opportunities for meaningful Christ lead conversations. ALL are welcome

Andy will be leading our morning session at 11am and all are welcome.

The menu for our lunch will be
vegetable soup
sausages and onion gravy, carrot puree,
mashed potatoes and cauliflower cheese.
Apple crumble and custard.
Tea or Coffee.

Christ Church Orpington services...

Sunday 11th September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 18th September

10.30am Morning Worship
Invitation Sunday
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 25th September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship



Northumbria Daily Prayer

You are invited to come along to Daily Prayer at 9.00-9.20am in the chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays.

There will be readings from Scripture, a short meditative reading, prayer, reflection and silence.

Dates we are meeting:

12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th September

Orpington Deanery Synod Secretary

I know this notice has appeared before, but we are still looking for someone – please do consider whether this is something you could do.

After many years, our very efficient secretary, Lesley feels it is time to step back from this role to concentrate on what she does within her own church. So, we are looking for someone to replace her.

This isn't an onerous role – Orpington Deanery Synod meets a maximum of three times a year and the Orpington Deanery Standing Committee usually meets a few weeks beforehand. The main tasks of the secretary are to prepare the agenda, take and produce the minutes of all these meetings (both I and the Area Dean are happy to check the Synod minutes are OK before they are distributed) and produce posters to advertise synod meetings when we have guest speakers. I did it for a couple of meetings when there was a vacancy some years ago and my vicar was Area Dean and it isn't a difficult role to fulfil.

If you have any questions Lesley would be happy to answer them. orpdeanerysynod@gmail.com

Andy Goddard, Lay Chair

Sponsored Sleepover for Bromley Homeless

It's four years since we were last able to do a sponsored sleepover for Bromley Homeless but at long last, we are able to do so again - on the evening of **Saturday 8th October**. Please do consider sponsoring us by going to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andy-and-alan-goddard>

or if you prefer, there is a sponsor form at the back of church if this is easier for you than going online

And if you would like to join us, we can give you details of how to do this.

Alan and Andy Goddard

The Data Protection Act 2018 is the **UK's implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**. Everyone responsible for using personal data has to follow strict rules called 'data protection principles'. They must make sure the information is: used fairly, lawfully and transparently.

Meina is our GDPR representative and if anyone has any queries relating to GDPR to please contact her on: gdpr@ccorpington.org

Safeguarding

The face to face awareness session on Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse on **Saturday 17th September** has been **postponed**. Please watch the Family news for more information.

The option to complete by e-learning is still available and these modules can be accessed via [Safeguarding Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](https://cofeportal.org) from where you can create your own user account. Once the module is completed, I would be grateful if a copy of the certificate of completion could be emailed to me at safeguarding@ccorpington.org for our records.

If this is still on your "to do" list, please could I encourage you to complete this training soon. If you are refreshing your knowledge after 3 years, then you only need to complete the higher certificate which in the majority of cases will be the Foundation level. I hope that you find the modules both useful and stimulating.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about safeguarding please do not hesitate to contact me at safeguarding@ccorpington.org or speak to me in person.

Thank you for your continuing support

Keith Miller

"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 PCC Orpington'
to 165 Charterhouse Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 9EP

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity."

Helen's Ordination as Priest at Rochester Cathedral on 3rd September 2022 at 11am



Congratulations to Helen as she was ordained Priest last Saturday. The ordination to the Priesthood of all the Deacon Curates at Rochester Cathedral was a truly wonderful occasion, full of joy and life. The picture above shows the moment Helen went forward for ordination by Bishop Simon. As Bishop Simon laid his hands on her head and prayed "Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Helen, for the office and work of a priest in your church", this is the moment she was ordained Priest.

We pray she will have a future dedicated to her Lord, and find joy, peace and blessing in all she does both here at Christ Church and everywhere she ministers.

If you would like to watch the service yourself, you can find it by either going to the Diocesan website, or going straight to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMUMWMV1v_o&t=267s

Thank You

Following my ordination as priest last Saturday in Rochester Cathedral I would like to thank everybody for their kindness, prayers and support over the last year, especially Sharon. Thanks too to all of you who travelled to the cathedral to support me and for your cards and gifts.

Helen



Martin's Ordination as Deacon at Rochester Cathedral on 3rd September 2022 at 3pm



Congratulations to Martin too as he was ordained Deacon last Saturday. The ordination to the Diaconate of all the ordinands at Rochester Cathedral was also a truly wonderful occasion, full of joy and life, although slightly less boisterous. The picture above shows the moment Martin went forward for ordination by Bishop Simon. As Bishop Simon laid his hands on his head and prayed "Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Martin, for the office and work of a Deacon in your church", this is the moment he was ordained Deacon.

We pray he will have a future dedicated to his Lord, and find joy, peace and blessing in all he does both in the Chelsfield Benefice and everywhere he ministers.

If you would like to watch the service yourself, you can find it by either going to the Diocesan website, or going straight to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wn2rP5X3WvY&t=2196s>

www.rockchoir.com

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Supporting The Friends of Welcare in Bromley



FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2022
8PM - 9:30PM

ST MARY'S CHURCH
COLLEGE ROAD
BROMLEY BR1 3QG

Buses: 126 / 261 / 314 / 336

Tickets £10 per person. Drinks available in the interval.
For more information and tickets visit www.welcare.org/events
Call: 020 7820 7910 Email: fundraising@welcare.org Or: pay at the door

Southwark Diocesan Mission is a Charity registered in England & Wales. Registered Charity Number: 112755

Coming up at Christ Church Orpington

- Saturday 10th September
Messy Church 4-6pm
- Sunday 18th September
Invitation Sunday 10.30am
- Sunday 9th October
Harvest Festival 10.30am
- Saturday 29th October
Messy Light Party 4-6pm
- Sunday 13th November
Remembrance Day Service 10.30am
Remembrance of the departed 4pm
- Saturday 10th December
Messy Christmas & Christingle 4-6pm
- Sunday 18th December
Crib Service 10.30am
Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm
- Saturday 24th December
Christmas Eve Mass 11.15pm
- Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day Service 10.30am



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

**Milk (Long Life), Coffee, Sweets,
Cooking Sauces, Soup, Rice,
Vegetables (Tin), Potatoes (Tin)**

**Multi Surface Spray
Multi Surface Wipes
Shampoo – Family or Woman
Washing Up Liquid**

PLEASE **DON'T** GIVE US **FROZEN** OR **CHILLED** ITEMS AS WE DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT STORAGE FOR IT AND IT SPOILS BEFORE WE CAN DISTRIBUTE IT

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF:
PASTA, CEREAL, TEA & BISCUITS

**TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS LIST
WITH YOUR PHONE TO
REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!**

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FOOD SUPPORT
PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0800 9 20 23 24**

Bromley Foodbank AGM

You are warmly invited to the AGM on
Wednesday 14th September 2022
at 7.30pm

This is an opportunity to learn more about the work being done behind the scenes and a chance to understand why it is now more important than ever that we continue the work we are doing for our local community. You will get to meet the staff and trustees that are involved in the Foodbank and you will also get a chance to meet people who you do not know but are strong supporters of our work.

It is to be held at Orpington Methodist Church at 7.30pm, with light refreshments from 7.15pm. Please be aware that we have been asked to use the rear entrance of the church as there is a youth event happening at the front of the building.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST COURSE

Christ Church Orpington
Charterhouse Road, BR6 9EP



For more details and to book, please contact the office by emailing cco@talktalk.net or leave a message on 01689 871601

This is a 10-week life changing course which is designed to help every Christian become a fruitful disciple of our Lord.

It is an enjoyable course which will deepen your faith and is a natural follow on from the Alpha Course.

It comprises eleven sessions (including one Saturday) and is perfect for EVERYONE regardless of how long you have been a Christian or your background. It is particularly beneficial to leaders who wish to encourage all those for whom they care to enter into the fullness which God has for all of us.

If you have done this course before, please come along. The presentation has changed recently and includes many helpful testimonies of blessed lives. It's a good refresher.

Our heavenly Father wants all His children (especially you) to enjoy their lives to the full, experiencing the intimacy of His unconditional love, joy, peace, acceptance and knowing His will and purpose for your life.

The course offers a wonderful opportunity for us to explore together, in a very gentle way, exactly what freedom Jesus' death on the cross has achieved for us and what impact it can have on our day to day lives.

The course is completely confidential and is rooted only in Scripture.

It will take you through foundational Biblical truths which will bring you into the freedom that God desires. Each session you will be able to learn and apply these truths which will encourage you to embrace what God has for you.

Below is the schedule - Meet for refreshments at 7.30pm for an 8pm start until 9.30pm

Session 1	Introduction of the team and Who Am I?	Tuesday 13th September
Session 2	Father God and Choosing to believe the truth.	Tuesday 20th September
Session 3	The worlds view of truth.	Tuesday 27th September
Session 4	Our Daily choice.	Tuesday 4th October
Session 5	The battle for our minds.	Tuesday 11th October

Half Term – no session Tuesday 18th October

Session 6	Handling emotions well.	Tuesday 25th October
Session 7	Forgiving from the heart.	Tuesday 1st November

Freedom Day – Saturday 5th November

Session 8	Renewing the mind.	Tuesday 8th November
Session 9	Relating to others.	Tuesday 15th November
Session 10	What next?	Tuesday 22nd November

Her Majesty the Queen CPAS Patron

A very quick note to let you know that you are in our prayers especially this morning and on Sunday as you respond to last night's sad news of the death of our wonderful Queen Elizabeth II.

The Queen was our Patron, and we have so valued her consistent witness to Jesus throughout her reign. May the Lord receive her in glory and help us all to emulate her courage, faithfulness and humble service as disciples of Christ.

With continuing prayers and all good wishes,

The Rev Mike Duff
Patronage Secretary

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