



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News 11th September 2021

Dear All,

Thank you to all those who either baked or invited people to church for last Sunday's "Invitation Sunday". I heard some lovely comments and people really seemed to enjoy themselves as they got to chat to new friends. I certainly loved seeing the church so full and I loved seeing people in church I don't normally see, and pray that God would bless them, especially with the greatest blessing of them all – knowing Him.

It is interesting how right Ecclesiastes was when he talked about seasons, and right now we seem to be in a season of fresh changes. Having greeted our new Curate Helen as she joined us to begin training for the priesthood last Sunday (5th) and inviting new people to church for an "Invitation Sunday", September is continuing at a fast pace with tomorrow (Sun 12th Sep) being the day when we say goodbye to Martin and Sarah Hayward, and their children Sam, Anna and Josh. Martin is excitingly going to also train for Ordained Ministry and will be joining his new churches in the Chelsfield Benefice at the beginning of October. We will be sad to lose them after many years serving faithfully in so many areas at Christ Church. And while their ministry will be a big loss to us, we wish them huge blessings in their new ministry and all that God has for them as they step into their new season. Please do come and join us as we say goodbye.

In two weeks time (Sat 25th Sep) Helen will be ordained Deacon at Rochester Cathedral by the Bishop, and the next day (Sun 26th Sep) we will welcome her as our new Deacon formally to Christ Church, and also celebrate Harvest Festival. We will be celebrating God's continued and generous provision for us and Helen's official arrival with a bring-and-share lunch. Please do bring something to share, and let the office know whether it will be sweet or savoury.

It is always sad when some seasons come to an end, but the cycles that God has built into nature show us that this is the way of all things. And even when we lived through many seasons, and said "Goodbye"

and "Hello" to many friends, there is still that greatest season of them all waiting for us. The season where we will hear that "Well done, good and faithful servant" and enter a season of joy that will never end.

But God is faithful and as some seasons close, others open, and I'm looking forward to what God opens up for us as we begin this new season.

With love and blessings,

Sharon & Andi xx

Sunday Services

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

Please Note: The online services will be streamed at 10.30am on Mondays rather than on Sundays from now onwards.

Sunday 12th September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
Goodbye to Martin and Sarah Hayward
6.30pm Evening Worship (Contemporary)

Monday 13th September

Funeral for Pauline Cooper, 11am at Kemnal Park Cemetery

Tuesday 14th September Community Club

Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th September

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Friday 17th September

Thanksgiving Service for Gordon Holt at 2.15pm

Sunday 19th September

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion (Reflective)

Sunday 26th September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Harvest Festival
Celebration lunch for our new Deacon Helen
6.30pm Evening Worship (Contemporary)

Sunday 3rd October

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship (Reflective)

Services available online at 10.30am on Monday 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>

Community Club, Tuesday 14th September

Morning coffee is served from 10.30am followed by some time of worship. Lunch starts at 12.45pm and costs £5. All are welcome to join us for all or part of the day.

Menu:

Oxtail soup
Sausages in onion gravy, mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables,
Banana cake and ice cream.
Tea or Coffee.

To help us mark our 35th birthday, you are invited to the Spinnaker

Celebration & FUNdraiser

A showcase of all that Spinnaker does and is



on **Thursday 7th October** from **7pm** to **9.45pm** at Jubilee Church, Bromley or online. More information and booking details can be found on the website

<https://www.spinnaker.org.uk/events/4-spinnaker-showcase>

Find out what we do and help us celebrate.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Date for your diary

The Quiz Night provisionally planned for Saturday 2nd October will now take place on **Saturday 9th October** at 7.30 pm. Please put the date in your diary and watch this space for further details!

"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."

Funeral for Pauline Cooper

Pauline's family would like to issue a warm invitation to anyone who would like to attend her funeral on **Monday 13th September**, 11am at Kemnal Park Cemetery.

With John, Pauline was a much-loved member of our congregation and friend to many, serving faithfully including chauffeuring elderly people to and from the weekly lunch at Community Club and Sunday services. We shall miss her dearly.

If you would like to do something in Pauline's honour, you may wish to give a donation to St Christopher's Hospice via this link:

<https://paulinecooper.muchloved.com>. Thank you.

Dear Friends at Christ Church

Thank you very much to all our friends at Christ Church for your cards, kindness, thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

We will be having a Thanksgiving Service for Gordon at Christ Church on **Friday 17th September at 2.15pm**. It would be lovely if you are able to join us as we give thanks for his life.

There will be a retiring collection, with any donations being shared between the Intercontinental Church Society and St Christophers Hospice, there is also the possibility of donating using the below Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gordon-holt>

Joy and Alison Holt

HARVEST FLOWERS

The flower arranging team would like donations of foliage on Saturday 25th September. Please bring foliage to church from 9.30am. Also, from 9.30am, we would welcome volunteers to help with arrangements as we have fewer helpers than previously. No experience needed! Thank you

SILK FLOWERS

If anyone has any silk flowers they no longer need, the flower arranging team would love to be able to use them.

Please contact Mel Ketchin or Judith Motto.

School of Prophecy Course: Everyday. Everywhere. Everybody. Learning to listen to God.

Learning to recognise heaven's communications with us is such an important part of our Christian life, and at the **School of Prophecy** we have a passion to help people on this aspect of their journey with our Father in heaven.

No prior knowledge or experience is required for our online zoom **Everyday Prophecy for Everybody** workshops. Simply come as you are with an open and curious heart, and learn how God may be speaking to you and through you in ways that may surprise you. Then develop this further through our teaching, workshops, feedback and coaching. We will together discover how simple and effective it can be to release this beautiful gift of prophecy in our everyday walk with God to bless ourselves and those around us.

- Date:** Tuesday evenings,
14th September to 12th October.
- Sessions:** Five Sessions from 8.00pm to 9.30pm
- Cost:** £8.00 per session. Concessions available.
- Online:** A Zoom link will be sent by email prior to each session.

To register, **please let Anna know ASAP**. Early booking is advisable as places may be limited.

*David Shadbolt will be the main tutor. He is a prophet, author and has a background in business. He is the Founder of the School of Prophecy and loves to help people learn to recognise heaven's communications and written several books including *God's Healing for Business* and *Hello David I'm God*.*

School of Prophecy

Everyday. Everywhere. Everybody.

Online prophecy training. Join with other people just like you to learn to prophesy in a fun and friendly environment.

Starts 30th September

Try **Alpha**



If you are wanting to explore faith, then the Alpha course is an excellent way to start. Over 24 million people have already tried it.

At Christ Church the Alpha course involves food (an evening meal), a short video clip and an opportunity to express your views and listen to what others have to say in a relaxed environment. It could be one of the best autumn resolutions you make, to go on an Alpha course.

*There will be an initial taster session on
Thursday 30th September.*

To find out more, please contact:

Alpha@ccorpington.org or

call the church office (01689) 871601

Recycling

Did you know that you can now recycle all those soft plastics at Tesco that you can't put in your recycling box?

So ...

- Any plastic bags
- Crisp packets
- Food & pet pouches
- Plastic wrappers
- Any plastic film

... can be recycled at Orpington Tesco next to the cash machines on the ground level



**Notices for the next issue of the Family News by
12noon Saturday 18th September please**

Email Vernon on vandjmapp@gmail.com



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St Benedict's
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LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH THE PASTORAL PRINCIPLES COURSE

Led by Rev Jane Winter
Diocesan LLF Advocate
Rev Dr Joel Love
Diocesan LLF chaplain

The Pastoral Principles guide how we engage with Living in Love and Faith materials.

The taster day is for those who would like to lead the course in their own churches. It covers the five sessions and five different learning activities.

Wednesday 22 September

10am -3.30 (coffee from 9.30)

Please bring your own lunch, hot drinks will be provided

Cost for the day £10

To book please contact:
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