



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News 25th September 2021

SHOWING COMPASSION, SEEKING JUSTICE



The Trussell Trust supports a nationwide network of more than 1,200 food bank centres and together we provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.

Harvest is an important time for food banks, with many churches and schools choosing to donate non-perishable food as a way of supporting people who are in need, whilst also celebrating God's provision.

This year the coronavirus pandemic has contributed to unprecedented increases in need for food banks, on top of already rising figures. Food banks in our network saw an 89% increase in need for emergency food parcels during April 2020 compared to the same month last year.

Harvest food collections will play therefore a vital part in keeping our food banks stocked and able to help individuals and families who are in need over the coming months.

We are committed to supporting food banks in our network for as long as they are needed, but we are also committed towards working towards a society in which no-one needs to use a food bank. We believe that, alongside showing compassion and building community, it is also our responsibility to seek justice. This means working together with others to challenge and change systems and structures that keep people trapped in poverty, as well as offering relational and practical support to people in crisis.

Give thanks for the extraordinary generosity, dedication and partnership we have seen at this difficult time, from food bank staff and volunteers, from local churches, from businesses and from the public. This support has made it possible for food banks to continue to provide for people in crisis in very challenging circumstances.

Lament the suffering we are seeing in our society at this time. People losing loved ones, health, jobs, and businesses. Families struggling to make ends meet. Mourn the injustices and inequalities made evident by the pandemic, which communities and individuals have been burdened by for many years.

A Harvest Prayer

Loving God,
Thank you for the many ways in which you provide for us:

Food, family, friendship,
Housing, health, happiness,
And ways to use our time and talents.

We lift to you too the ways in which we remain in need of these things. God of generosity,

May your kingdom come.

We pray for people in our community and beyond
Who are facing unemployment, ill-health, isolation
or money worries at this time, And especially for
those who are unable to afford enough to eat.

We pray for supportive relationships, practical
provision and real hope. God of compassion,

May your kingdom come.

Thank you that you call us to play our part,
Working with you and with others to bring about
change.

We pray for political decision-makers and leaders:
Give them courage and insight to develop policies
and systems that support the flourishing of all,
So that even in challenging times, no-one goes
hungry and everyone has dignity. God of justice,

May your kingdom come.

Thank you for those who are serving and caring for
others, In churches, in charities, and public
services,

In our neighbourhoods, in our homes, and in many
other contexts.

Would you give them strength, rest and
perseverance.

As they work to support others, we ask that they too
would receive all they need to thrive.

God of love,

May your kingdom come.

Amen

www.trusselltrust.org.uk

www.bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk

**Notices for the next issue of the Family News by
12noon Saturday 2nd October please**

Email Vernon on vandjmapp@gmail.com

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.

Sunday 26th September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Harvest Festival
Celebration lunch for our new Deacon Helen and Harvest Festival

NB NO EVENING SERVICE

Tuesday 28th September Community Club

Wednesday 29th September

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Friday 1st October

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am

Can you please note that the Café will be closing early at 1pm with last orders at 12.30pm

Sunday 3rd October

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship (Reflective)

Sunday 10th October

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship (Go Deeper)

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>

You are invited to join **Heather Kroiter** for zoom coffee after church on Sunday from 11.45am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84377675468?pwd=dldLZVZlenRkSFBHejk3ZFV2YjBaQT09>

Meeting ID: 843 7767 5468

Passcode: r2Kt0x

"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."

Community Club, Tuesday 28th September

Come and join us at 11am for 'Our Favourite Hymns' with Evangeline Graham

On the Lunch Menu:

Pork & vegetable soup
Cottage pie & seasonal vegetables.
Lemon cheesecake
Tea or Coffee.

We have a speaker booked who will talk about 'The Great Train Robbery'. All welcome.

Quiz Night

It's church social time! Come along to **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 9th October** at **7.30pm** in the church hall. You will form teams to answer cryptic questions in the main rounds, plus bonus picture and puzzle rounds to do in your own time. Form a team of up to 8, or we can put you into a team if you prefer. Everyone is welcome for a relaxing, fun, and not too serious evening. Feel free to invite friends and family. Bring your own drinks and snacks (plus tableware) and a £5 contribution to church funds.

Please drop a quick email to Gail and Bob at gabohaythorne@talktalk.net, so that we can get an idea of numbers.

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!

**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

Solution to last week's Wordsearch



Word Search

For hundreds of years, people have been celebrating the end of the season, giving thanks for bountiful harvests and sharing produce with the needy. The tradition started in Pagan times, and was originally called 'Lammas' or 'loaf mass'. People used to make loaves of bread from their new wheat crops and give them to the church for a special communion which marked the start of the harvest – they then celebrated the end by tucking into an apple-stuffed goose dinner on Michaelmas! It was from this yearly practice, that the Harvest festival evolved. Now we mark this celebration by singing, praying and decorating churches with baskets of fruit, vegetables, crops, and corn dollies - in celebration of all the good things in life that God gives us.

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| food | corn dollies | barley |
| reaping | apples | rye |
| harvest festival | potatoes | beans |
| produce | carrots | beetroot |
| thanksgiving | wheat | rhubarb |
| fruit | corn | goose supper |
| lammas | pumpkins | vegetables |

The Winterburn's September newsletter



Dear friends and family, we're delighted to let you know that we are preparing to move to France on the 13th of October!

Our visas have been approved, our ferry is booked and we are looking forward to being sent out and commissioned on the 10th of October at King's. We'll then stay with family in London for a couple of days before taking the ferry on the 13th.

At first, we will live in a holiday home (see below) thanks to Tim and Jane, Christians who run a campsite near Tours. We are still looking for a permanent place to stay, which is tricky due to the strictness of French landlords and our income situation. Please pray for God's provision and our peace.



We are looking forward to getting to know the church, settling into a home and Jack starting his French studies. We're so grateful for your prayers and support, and we're happy to be almost there!

Please pray:

- For God's provision of a permanent place to live in Tours.
- For opportunities to share the gospel as we say goodbye and speak to people about why we are moving.
- For building relationships at church and settling in in Tours.
- For God to prepare us for serving in Tours.

Thanks so much for praying. We'd love to hear from you too! Do get in touch.

Our mailing address is: winterburns@kcd.org.uk

We're trusting God to continue providing the finances we need. To join the financial support team, just get in touch and we can give you the details

Dear Foodbank Supporters,

There is an urgent need for stocks of UHT milk and long-life fruit juice.

The warehouse manager has said that

"We have had requests for **26 crates of Milk** in just 7 orders from our Centres since the beginning of September, that's **312 litres of Milk**, so you can imagine we are running low.

The Long-life Fruit Juice need is also pressing, but I know that our loyal donors will rise to the challenge and replenish our shortfall."

Urgently needed items:

Long life (UHT) milk

Long life fruit juice

Sugar free sweets

Shower gel (male & female)

Shampoo & conditioner (male & female)

Size 6 nappies

Baby wipes

Washing detergent capsules

Not required: pasta, rice, cereals, baked beans, soup or tea.

Thank you so much for your support,

Vanessa Dixon, Foodbank Volunteer
