



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News 6th November 2021

Dear All,

I don't know about you, but when I'm in Christ Church and doing my best to worship God, it doesn't seem good enough to reflect what God has done and who He is? After all, God has not only created a universe, but He has saved me, blessed me and cherished me. Singing some songs back in return, no matter how sincere and heartfelt, seems only a modest response. Also, I'm not much of a singer and the only musical instrument I can play is a radio.

I have been encouraged to find that in Psalm 106 it is clear that I am not alone. In fact, the Psalm poses a provocative question at v2:

*"Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the
LORD or fully declare his praise"?*

I think the implied answer is "no-one". Yes, the Holy Spirit helps us to praise our God and I have seen some great examples of people whose entire lives are a living sacrifice of praise. Yet, I'm confident that none of these would claim to have been successful in fully declaring His praise.

Taking encouragement from how Psalm 106 started, I have been reading on, to see what further hope and insights it contains. The next section (v4-5) is uplifting too, because it speaks of a time of revival. It looks to when God "shows favour, saves His people and a time of prosperity and joy". We see all of these at Christ Church, but it will be great to have more!

The Psalmist also talks about wanting to join in with these good times. Perhaps a bit like when people jump on a bandwagon when something is going well. Momentum creates further momentum, so to speak. The Psalm says of this time of blessings "Remember me... and come to my aid... that I may enjoy...and that I may share...and that I may join"... In more modern speak, the Psalmist has FOMO (fear of missing out), because something great is going on.

So, I pondered what the Psalm may advise about how to make such great times a reality in our day and in our place of worship. One pointer is at v13, where

the Psalm highlights specifically how the Israelites got it all wrong in the wilderness. It reports:

*"But they soon forgot what he had done
and did not wait for his plan to unfold".*

There's something about past, present and future in this verse. It also gives us something to base some prayers on. We can pray that we don't forget what God has done for us in the past. In the present, we can be grateful for all of this. Yet there is also a need to be attentive to what God plans to do in the future. From what Psalm 106 says, it will be great.

Dave Humphries

Operation Christmas Child 2021



Thank You to everyone that has already taken shoeboxes and leaflets to fill in support of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, shoeboxes and leaflets are still available at the back of church please take one and find out how to send a box of gifts to some of the world's most disadvantaged children. Please bring your filled shoe box back to Christ Church next

Sunday, 14th November

For people who would prefer to fill an online shoebox; we have set up a 'Goal Page' for Christ Church at the following web address:

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/ba8ef042>

this will allow any boxes filled online to be added to the number of physical boxes donated by Christ Church.

With many thanks for your support

Join **Heather Kroiter** for zoom coffee after church on Sunday (7th November) from 11.45am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84688083906?pwd=YStmMDV6QnJlbn42cWVHNDIuZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 8808 3906

Passcode: 2qmFs6

Notices for the next issue of the Family News?

email them to Vernon vandjmapp@gmail.com

by 12noon Saturday 13th November please

What's on...

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 7th November

10.30am Holy Communion. See right
6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper

Tuesday 9th November Community Club

Wednesday 10th November

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Friday 12th November

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Remembrance Day, Sunday 14th November

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Remembrance service
3.00pm Remembrance for the life of a loved one

Sunday 21st November

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Worship & Wait on the Lord evening

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6:30pm Sunday 21st November

Come and spend an hour or so in the Lord's presence, worshipping and listening for what God might like to say to us

Everyone welcome – no special prophetic gifts required, just a desire for God's presence!



Sunday 28th November

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

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>

Sunday 7th November

10.30am Holy Communion

Climbers and Explorers to go straight to their groups

Pathfinders to meet Andi in the cafe before heading to the Vicarage

Welcome, Notices, Opening Prayer

Worship

Confession, Forgiveness

Bible Reading **Revelation 4**

Sermon Helen Musson

The Lord's Prayer

"For ever and ever, Amen"

Creed

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

Children and Young People join

Holy Communion

Worship

Final Prayer & Blessing

Community Club, Tuesday 9th November



Hi Kent

Sound support for deaf and hard of hearing people

Hi Kent will be at Christ Church between 11am-12.30pm to supply batteries and clean NHS hearing aids

On the Lunch Menu:

Pumpkin soup

Cottage pie and vegetables

Blackcurrant Bakewell sponge and custard

Tea or coffee.

**Dear Sharon and
Christ Church Orpington,**

On behalf of everyone at Bromley Borough Foodbank, thank you very much for donating an amazing 84.3kg of food to us this Harvest time! The constant and unwavering support we receive from Churches across our borough is incredible and we feel very blessed to receive this food. These donations will help feed many vulnerable people across our community and will allow us to continue serving those that need us. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Many blessings,
Holly Diamond
Assistant Project Manager
Bromley Borough Foodbank
0800 9 20 23 24

"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."

Christmas Wreaths

Homemade Christmas wreaths will be available soon to buy for the Christmas season. They are a great way to support Open Kitchen as well, as all profits will be donated to that ministry. Various sizes and styles will be available. To register an interest, please contact me, as stocks will be limited. More details on prices will be available soon so watch this space!

Liesel Stanbridge
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An Act of Commitment for the Care of Creation

Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste, to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and we may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.
May the commitment we have made this day
be matched by our faithful living,
Amen



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF A LOVED ONE

Sunday 14th
November at 3pm

If you haven't already received
an invitation and would like
to attend please contact the
church office Tel: 01689 871601
Email: ccorpington@talktalk.net



Christ Church Orpington

Christmas Choir

Calling all singers to join the choir for Christmas. We want to celebrate being able to sing in the church this year. Rehearsals will start on

Friday 19th November

from 8pm-9.30pm and continue on Friday evenings leading up to our Carols by Candlelight service on

Sunday 19th December

Please let me know if you'd like to join us or ask for more information.

Many thanks. Liesel

Dear Foodbank Supporters,

The latest needs list is below:

Long Life Fruit Juice

Tinned Cold Meat

(corned beef, spam, chicken)

Sugar Free Sweets

Size 5 & 5+ Nappies

We are also looking for

Christmas Sweets, especially for Children

Mince Pies and Yule Logs (These must be dated 26th December or after otherwise they will not be able to go in our Christmas Hampers, as they will be out of date before the clients get them)

Northumbria Daily Prayer



You are invited to come along to Daily Prayer at 9.00-9.30am in the chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays led by Helen Musson, our curate.

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

Dates for November are:

8th, 9th, 15th & 16th

Carol Singing



Led by our CTO Worship Team

To be part of the choir please email

Cliff (cliffelms@gmail.com) or

Holly (hollywood.all@virginmedia.com)



Thursday 16 December 6.00-7.30pm

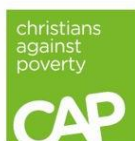
outside Walnuts Leisure Centre

(by the temporary Ice Rink)

We need you all to come and sing to shine the light of Jesus to remind

Orpington of the reason for the season

- bring a lantern - ALL WELCOME!



Money Course

A free 2 session course to help you manage your money better and learn to budget, save, and spend well.



At Brook Lane Community Church BR1 4PX. On Saturday 27/11/21 and 4/12/21. Breakfast and refreshments provided from 9.00 course starts 9.30am to 12 noon. To find out more or to sign up go to www.capmoney.org and put in your postcode or call Lydia on 07734 110288.

www.capmoney.org to book on-line or find a course near you

Budget Save Spend

An invite to Deanery Synod

The next Orpington Deanery Synod Meeting is an 'open' meeting and so can be attended by anyone.

Rev Eucharika Asiegbu, recently ordained Curate at St John's Sidcup with Footscray will facilitate a discussion about the Archbishops' Anti-Racism report 'From Lament into action'. The report paints a vision for the Church and how we might in the future lead our nation on issues of anti-racism and racial justice.

The meeting is at St Barnabas Church, St Paul's Cray on **18th November 2021 at 7.30pm**.

I encourage you to attend.

Andy Goddard
Lay Chair of Deanery Synod

Orpington Flower Club

We have recently discovered that the Orpington Flower Club are now having their monthly demonstrations at Christ Church. If you have the slightest interest in flower arranging, or just fancy a pleasant evening's entertainment, do come along this

Thursday, 11th November

The demonstration starts at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.15pm and is £5. The demonstrator will be Graham Harmer who Barry and I have known for many years. He is very practical and down-to-earth (as well as imaginative) and is one of our favourite arrangers. We'll look forward to seeing you.

Barry and Joan Remnant

GDPR

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

A THING OF BEAUTY

Have a little thing of beauty
To brighten up each day,
We have to use our eyes and look
In every sort of way.

You might just see a butterfly
Sipping from a bloom
Or watch a ray of sunshine
Dancing right across your room.
You may just gaze upon a babe
With little button nose,
Or watch it as it kicks its feet
And admire its tiny toes.
You may just see a spotted deer
With a little tiny fawn,
Or perhaps a glorious sunset
Or the breaking of the dawn.
And what about the flowers
In the garden that you grow
Or the lushness of the green, green grass
That you really ought to mow.

I've made suggestions for you
But I'd really like to add
We should give to God the glory
For the things that make us glad
So join with me and praise His name
For all the lovely things
He gives to us that we enjoy
To make our spirits sing.

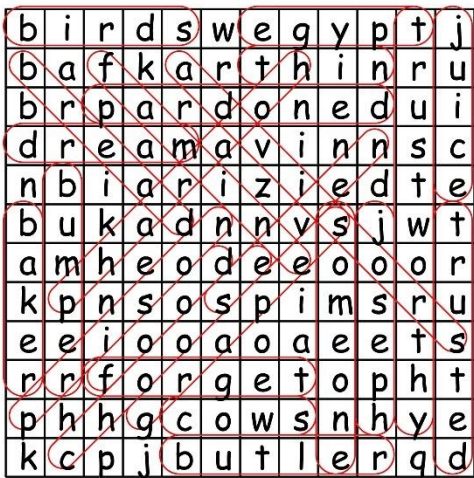
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Praying for young people

Many of our young people are studying away from home or have recently started jobs or apprenticeships. We'd love to pray for them. I will be producing a list to help us pray. If you have a name to add to the list, please send that to me. If you would like to pray in particular for our young people, again let me know. Let's lift them up in prayer!

Liesel

Solution to last week's Wordsearch



wordsearch

little	spies
changed	Egypt
sack	father
sent	master
test	sold
Joseph	Judah
brother	famine
God	heart
family	recognise
slave	Benjamin
cup	servant
food	thief

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28

Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt, now in charge of the stored food as famine spreads through Egypt, and beyond...

