



Christ  
Church  
Orpington

## Family News 13th November 2021

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Dear All,

I would like to bring you a reflection written by Pieter, which gave us all pause for thought on our Day of Prayer today:

As we are contemplating Remembrance Sunday I thought it may be a good time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy in our lives. Many of these freedoms are only dreams for some people around the world and I believe we can really take time to thank God for what we enjoy every day and ask God that we do not take these liberties for granted.

In the same way, but in a way so much more profound and eternal way, Jesus gave his life that we can enjoy lives free from sin, free from condemnation and the curse of death. We are children, adopted into the Royal household, of the living God! To even think how we can be thankful enough boggles my mind.

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10 NIV*

There is a lot to contemplate here as we think about tomorrow – the freedoms we may sometimes take for granted; both from those who gave their lives for our physical freedoms, and Jesus who gave His life for our spiritual and eternal freedom.

*"My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:12-14*

So as we reflect on these things, may God Bless you and keep you. And if you would like to join our Saturday Day of Prayer, do speak with Pieter.

With much love and every blessing,

Sharon & Andi xx

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## 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 by (tomorrow)

### 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

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Join **Heather Kroiter** for zoom coffee after church on Sunday (14th November) from 11.45am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89000375461?pwd=VVI1UHpMRIRLVDV3a2hqakxUWTBLZz09>

Meeting ID: 890 0037 5461

Passcode: crGE03

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### Notices for the next issue of the Family News?

email them to Vernon [vandjmapp@gmail.com](mailto:vandjmapp@gmail.com)

by 12noon Saturday 20th November please

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### Safeguarding

During the recent "Safeguarding" season, Rochester diocesan has placed some powerful articles and video clips with various thoughts and perspectives on Safeguarding issues on its website. These can be seen at

<https://rochester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/ourfaithinaction/safeguarding-season/>

The pages draw the parallel that as we have been wearing masks to protect each other during the pandemic, we would all want to protect the particularly vulnerable people who we come into contact with and treat them with Christ like care.

Keith Miller

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## 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.**

### Remembrance Day, Sunday 14th November

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

### Tuesday 16th November

Community Club

### Wednesday 17th November

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

### Friday 19th November

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

### Sunday 21st November

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



**Worship & Wait on the Lord evening**  
6:30pm Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.ccorpington.org)

Or on Facebook (you don't need to have a Facebook account) <https://www.facebook.com/ccorpington/live>

### Community Club, Tuesday 16th November

All welcome to join us from 10.30am for tea or coffee before our 11am Bible study.

#### On the Lunch Menu:

Lentil soup  
Roast pork and apple sauce, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables  
Rice pudding  
Tea or coffee.

### 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 15th & 16th

"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, BR6 9EP. Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity."

### Deanery Synod

The Orpington Deanery Synod Meeting on Thursday 18th November 2021 has been postponed to another time as Rev Eucharua Asiegbu is unwell

Andy Goddard  
Lay Chair of Deanery Synod

### 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](mailto:gdpr@ccorpington.org)

# WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- MINCE PIE**
- YULE LOGS**
- CHRISTMAS SWEETS**  
(Tubs or Small)
- CHRISTMAS CAKE**  
(Small)
- CHRISTMAS BISCUITS**  
(Large or Small)
- CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS**  
(Medium Small)

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WITH YOUR PHONE TO  
REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!**

# WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- COOKING SAUCE**
- TINNED FISH**
- TINNED VEGETABLES**
- TINNED POTATOES**
- SIZE 5 & 5+ NAPPIES**

**TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS LIST  
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**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FOOD SUPPORT  
PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0800 9 20 23 24**



**Jack, Sarah and Ben, preparing for mission in Tours, France from King's Church Durham.**

**Bonjour à toutes et a tous! We have at long last arrived in Tours!**

We were surprised by how happy people were to have us joining them. Like for many churches, the pandemic and the 'confinements' (lockdowns) have made church life much more difficult. It seems that just the fact of having us turn up at this time is encouraging. Perhaps you too are encouraging your church in the UK simply through being present, (virtually or in person) after a difficult couple of years.



Here we are in front our gîte (holiday home).

**Cheddar?**

**Ah yes, we use it as burger cheese!**

We have enjoyed getting to know some of the church members over meals, sharing testimonies and getting to understand the culture a bit more. Sometimes by the early afternoon my head feels ready to explode from speaking in French, but it seems to be becoming little less tiring as I get used to it again. Jack is having some conversations in French and will soon be starting language school.

We've had some fun moments. One lady was describing the difference in culture across different regions of France explained, jokingly, that in the south of France, people have sunshine outside, whereas in the north, people have sunshine in their hearts... but here in central France we have neither! In a conversation about cheese with another family, they explained that they had heard of cheddar, but for them it was burger cheese (I guess the overall cheese standards must be higher if cheddar is considered so lowly). Someone has commented that Benjamin is becoming as true frenchman as he has recently added to his first two French words (bonjour and coucou), 'comté' which is a type of cheese.



This is the Institut de Touraine where Jack will study French

### What else have we been up to?

Our main focus has been on searching for a place to rent, which is proving challenging! Otherwise, I've enjoyed participating in the women's prayer morning and other prayer meetings, Jack is helping a bit with renovations in the church building, searching for a French car to buy instead of our Honda jazz (which is returning to its homeland in the UK). and pottering around the campsite (where we live, in a gîte, not a tent) with Benjamin. I've also been to a couple of prayer meetings held in the chapel of the campsite led by Tim and Jane.

### Please pray:

- Praise God for the house we are living in at the moment (until Christmas if we need), Pray for us in our house hunting: our unusual employment situation makes it much harder! Pray for us to trust God's timing, goodness and ability to provide for our needs.
- Praise God for our new church family here. Thank God for Benjamin adjusting well to a new place.

- Lots of people who were part of the church haven't returned since the pandemic began, and some new people have joined. As church activities are beginning again and life in France is returning more to 'normal' pray for unity in the church and love for one another to grow.
- Pray for wisdom for us to know what areas to serve and grow in. We feel a bit 'in limbo' because of our current living situation (30 minutes drive from Tours city, in a gite which is free until Christmas). Please pray that we would use our time well to pray and get to know church members, and that this house hunting phase would be over soon!
- Pray for those who are serving faithfully in the church week-in, week-out as elders, worship leaders, children's group leaders, preachers and people who serve in other ways to be encouraged. In a smaller church than we are used to, there are less people to take on these responsibilities. Pray that they would be refreshed by the Holy Spirit and have the space to receive from Him.

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](mailto: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.

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### THE WAY

Whether you travel by day or by night  
 Follow The Way with all of your might  
 Turn not to the left nor turn to the right  
 Be prepared always the Devil to fight.  
 Whatever the time, whatever your plight  
 In times of plenty or when things are tight,  
 Keep walking on towards the light  
 With Jesus always in your sight.

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**REMEMBRANCE  
SERVICE FOR THE  
LIFE OF A LOVED ONE**

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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](mailto:ccorpington@talktalk.net)



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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



# Carol Singing



Led by our CTO Worship Team

To be part of the choir please email  
Cliff ([cliffelms@gmail.com](mailto:cliffelms@gmail.com)) or  
Holly ([hollywood.all@virginmedia.com](mailto: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](http://www.capmoney.org) and put in your postcode or call Lydia on 07734 110288.

[www.capmoney.org](http://www.capmoney.org) to book on-line or find a course near you

Budget Save Spend

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in 1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..

### Solution to last week's Wordsearch

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### Wordsearch

- soldier
- insulting
- army
- cowards
- lions
- food
- Goliath
- Saul
- heard
- stone
- armour
- brothers
- stick
- David
- chance
- battles
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