



Christ  
Church  
Orpington

## Family News

### 22nd January 2022

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#### Dear Christ Church,

Last week Sharon shared about the **Go Deeper** evening series. Alternating with that is the **Reflect** evening series which I lead. I'm so grateful to Anne Pini for singing at these services and to Andi for his invaluable tech support. These services are designed to give us time and space to encounter God away from the noise and stress that often characterises 21st-century life. That doesn't mean that we ignore the challenges and difficulties we face, but we can view them from a different perspective in a thoughtful and meditative way. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Our current series is called New Beginnings and focuses on the aspects of our lives that are 'new' in Christ: a new self, a new covenant, a new command, a new creation, a new spirit and a new name. God is doing a 'new thing' among us but sometimes we don't see it or are looking in the wrong place. Perhaps we don't think He can use us or we're not prepared for the disruption something new may bring.



I well remember the early days of having a baby in the house – the baby who is now 6'-5" and is at university. We had to buy new furniture, decorate a bedroom and check for sharp edges around the house, not to mention dealing with nappies, new

smells and a lack of sleep! Or maybe you've just moved house and understand only too well the chaos that ensues. And yet the new baby is a thing of wonder, a delight, a miracle; and the new house will be far more suited to your needs once the boxes have been emptied.

These new things that God is doing are things that only He can bring about. When we become a Christian, a lot of things change. We have been redeemed from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. The good news is that the Holy Spirit changes us from the inside out. As we grow and develop our faith, we find ourselves wanting to serve God wholeheartedly. This doesn't mean we all have to start training to become a vicar (although that is one possibility)! God has given us our family, our friends, our workplaces and our activities as well as our church; He asks us to serve Him wherever we are.

In January 2014 something new began – Veganuary! I don't know if you've tried to do this, but my son Tristan is only eating vegan food for the whole month. It's quite a challenge, especially as he doesn't like vegetables! It takes quite a lot of discipline, but it's also introduced him to many new flavours, foods and recipes.

In the coming weeks, are you willing to try something new? It may be a new kind of diet (weight-loss groups traditionally do well this month), a new activity or a different way of thinking. Are we also willing to let God do something new in us? Yes, it will mean change, but we will be astonished at the result.

Every blessing, Liesel

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

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

by **12noon Saturday 29th January** please

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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)

### Sunday 23rd January

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Reflect (at Christ Church) this is instead of the United Service at the Methodist church which has been postponed.

### Wednesday 26th January

**Café Mosaic**, open 9.15am to 2pm

### Friday 28th January

**Café Mosaic**, open 9.15am to 2pm

### Sunday 30th January

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

### Sunday 6th February

10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect

### Sunday 13th February

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

For online services:

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>



Join **Heather Kroiter** for zoom coffee after church, Sunday 23rd January from 11.45am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5852280960?pwd=b1ByNjdxUzJ4bGY5TEp0YUpheEtZUT09>

Meeting ID: 585 228 0960

Passcode: 8Uwg8H

### Community Club

Can you please note that Community Club is postponed until further notice – this decision is being reviewed every 2-weeks to see if Club can go ahead. Watch this space!

## Sunday 23rd January 2022

**3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

**Welcome, Notices**

**Opening Prayer**

**Confession**

**Worship**

Strength will rise  
Waiting here for You  
Everyone needs compassion

**Bible Readings**

Matthew 5 v 5  
Psalm 37 v 1-11  
Philippians 2 v 1-11

**Sermon**

**Intercessions**

**Worship**

Servant King  
How great Thou art

**Final Prayer & Blessing**

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**Would you, or one of your family like to be baptised? Or would you like to renew your baptism vows?**

On Easter Sunday, April 17th, we will celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection by holding a service of Baptism in our 10.30am service. So, if you would like to be baptised, or renew your baptism vows, please contact Sharon on [sharon@ccorpington.org](mailto:sharon@ccorpington.org) or phone the office on 01689 871601 and leave a message.

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**Would you like to be confirmed?**

Confirmation is the second part of the Christian journey that began with Baptism where we look more fully at our Christian faith. It is the rite that opens up for us the chance to come to the Lord's Table and receive the Bread and Wine – His Bod and His Blood (when Covid-safe to do so).

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## Archdeacon Paul Wright's Farewell Service

We are saying farewell to our lovely Archdeacon Paul at a service at Rochester Cathedral, on **Sunday 20th February at 3.15pm**. He has been a good friend to Christ Church, and it would be lovely if we could give him a good turnout.

All are invited, so if you would like to go, please let the office know so we can send in approximate numbers.

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### Open Kitchen – Please vote for us!

We have been nominated by Asda Swanley to be part of their Green Token Giving scheme during December and January. This gives us the opportunity to be awarded **£500** from the Asda Foundation, but we need your support. Only the charity with the largest number of votes will be awarded this grant.

Please vote for us **EVERY WEEK** during January 2022. Go to [www.asda.com/green-tokens](http://www.asda.com/green-tokens), select Swanley from the dropdown menu, and then vote for Open Kitchen at Christ Church Orpington. Please share this with your family and friends, encouraging them to vote each week. This money will make such a difference to local families who are in need, all with the click of a button.

Thank you so much for your support!  
Liesel Stanbridge  
Open Kitchen foodbank



ASDA foundation  
**Green Token Giving**  
Please vote for us!  
1st Place = £500  
2nd & 3rd Place = £200 each  
Visit [Asda.com/green-tokens](http://Asda.com/green-tokens) for more info  
#AsdaFoundation #GreenTokenGiving  
Terms and conditions apply.



# LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH



**All Saints' Orpington, Bart Hart Road, BR6 0QD**  
with the Orpington Deanery Synod  
is hosting a free weekly Course for five weeks on  
**Living in Love & Faith** via Zoom  
Course Facilitator Rev Jane Winter,  
Diocesan Advocate for Living in Love & Faith.

Christian Teaching and Learning about identity,  
sexuality, relationships and marriage  
Each session includes an introduction to the  
topic, real life stories, bible study, time for  
questions and conversation, prayer

### Wednesdays

**19th & 26th January 2022**  
**2nd, 9th & 23rd February 2022**  
**8.00pm via Zoom**

The course is open to everyone  
Please email [orpdeanerysynod@gmail.com](mailto:orpdeanerysynod@gmail.com)  
to register your intention to attend and be  
**sent the Zoom code**

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### Tech Desk Rota coordinator (Volunteer needed)



*Photo by Eric Rothermel on Unsplash*

Every Sunday, our dedicated tech team make sure that the audio and visual elements of the service run smoothly. But this does not just happen, a rota is prepared, and friendly reminders are sent to the teams involved. If you like to organise and are looking for a simple way to get involved, this might be a good place to start. We would love to hear from you. It is a great role that can be done from anywhere and does not require too much time. All you need is to be organised and send out weekly reminders. This can be done from email wherever you are.

Please get in touch if you think this is a role you would like to try.

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## **A BRIGHT YELLOW SUN!**

A new year has begun and with it comes hope.  
Green shoots peeping through frosted earth.  
As the days slowly lengthen and birds start to sing,  
So too, it's the time of our own re-birth.

Take time when you can, to wonder anew  
When the sunrise puts fire in the sky.  
Or gaze at the moon on a cloudless night,  
See the millions of stars way up high.

Bright the spring sunshine, warming its rays  
Teasing life into all that it gilds.  
Roots stretch out and sap rises in trees.  
There are new born lambs in the fields.

There will be times when the sun doesn't shine.  
When rain and grey clouds dull your day.  
Wrap up from the cold with scarf, gloves and hat  
And seek God's mighty works on your way.

And just as each year starts over afresh  
The seasons will follow on too.  
Above those grey clouds is a bright yellow sun  
And Gods' love, like it's rays, bursts through.

So when life takes you off on a road not planned  
Know that God always shows you the way.  
His is the map for your life with Him,  
Walk on His path everyday.

Allow Him to touch you, to fill your heart  
To course through you – He is lifeblood indeed!  
God's love calms our fears and awakens our soul  
His Spirit is all that we need.



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## Mission Giving

As we reflect on the past year, I thought you would like to hear how your generous giving, will help so many others through the distribution of our Mission Giving.

As a Church, we are committed to distributing 10% of the weekly offerings to our Mission Agencies.

Listed below are the sums sent by Christ Church, these amounts, do not reflect the individuals who support specific Agencies etc.

Please note that as a Church we were going to support our Open Kitchen with £1,500. However, through funding from another source, Liesel kindly returned the funds to the Church to use in other ministries.

Although the Church's giving is down on last year, we must give Thanks that we can still reach out and help – many Agencies have said that the last year has been a real challenge, both to meet the demands made of them and trying to keep their staff in employment.

On behalf of ALL the agencies, thank you for your support and generosity.

I will ask Vernon to include any replies we receive, in the Family News.

Donald Munro, Mission Administrator

<b>Mission Agencies</b>	
Spinnaker (includes £600 for the support of Caroline Rous)	£2,100
London City Mission	£900
CPAS	£750
CMS	£600
Sarah Tester	
TEAR FUND	£1,500
Release International	£1,500
Mission Aviation Fellowship	£1,297.5
Kondoa Bible School	£1,500
THE BIBLE SOCIETY	£1,500
<b>Fixed annual sum local ministries</b>	
Street Pastors	£150
CTIO	£150
<b>Mission Partners – individuals with CCO Link</b>	
The Whitears	£300
The Petrenko's	£225
<b>NEW ADDITIONS</b>	
SARAH (Jenny Warrington's daughter) & JACK Winterburn	£1,027.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,500</b>

## Steps towards employment

Join the **Orpington CAP Job Club**, a friendly community in a relaxed environment with the chance to meet other jobseekers, get support and gain the tools and skills you need to find work and to step confidently into employment.

The free 8-week course starts on **Wednesday, 19th January** at Unity Church Rye Crescent, Orpington, BR5 4NH from 10.15am to 1.15pm.

Lunch & refreshments provided.  
Call 07341369943 for more information or to register.

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## 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)

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**"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."**

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