



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News 22nd January 2022

Dear Christ Church,

We had Sharon's car serviced recently, and unfortunately, they left the oil cap left off. All the way home, the car had really stunk, and smelt like fumes were filling the inside, and Sharon had to have the windows open as she was driving it. We didn't realise what it was until she got the car back home, and I opened the bonnet and the oil seemed like it had gone everywhere!

This can be a bit like us. In our own lives, sometimes we can get distracted and leave our oil cap off.

The world can be so busy nowadays! For those of us who remember when white goods came in - the washing machine, the refrigerator, the freezer, the microwave, the tumble-dryer (!), they were all said that they would save us time so that we would spend more time doing the things we enjoyed, more time for leisure.

But what actually happened was that as we used these amazing revolutionary time-saving devices, we were expected to work quicker, because we now had no excuse for duties like washing our clothes by hand, or using the mangle to help them dry.

Going back to the car service – there are now so many things that a service includes; checks on this, checks on that, but without even changing your spark plugs anymore! A basic full service used to be an oil change, oil filter change, air filter change, and new spark plugs. But with all the new checks, they seem to have pushed spark plugs out of the normal service routine.

Things have got so busy, that we can forget to do the basics of life. Or be too busy that the basics get pushed out.

I also suffer from this – as there doesn't always seem to be time to read my Bible in the morning before breakfast before starting the day. I struggle

with mornings in general, so getting up before 7am is practically night-time! Any time before lunch is 'early'!

But spending time with God and reading our Bible, are basics of Christianity. Just like a full service once a year for a car will help to keep it in good health, spending time with God daily, not yearly, or even weekly, but daily, will help our spiritual health.

So, if you're not already spending daily time with God, if you're not able to yet, because life is just too busy, then here is something small to try.

When you wake up, just spend 1 minute with God, before you get up, saying something like: "God, thank-you for today. Whatever happens, I know You are in control. Lord, be with me today, and be in me. Thank-you, Amen." And then ask Him; "Lord, do You want to say anything to me?" and wait, listening until the end of your minute.

If you feel Him say anything to you, then great. If you don't feel Him say anything to you, then fine. The thing is, you've made yourself available to Him; to be His, and to listen. And those are the basics that we sometime often don't get around to doing.

So, if you find it hard to fit time with God into your life, then let's try and do those basics - Start with 1 minute a day, and see how you get on.

God bless you,

Andi and Sharon.

Notices for the next issue of CCO Family News

email them to Vernon vandjmapp@gmail.com

by **12noon Saturday 5th February** please

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.

What's on...

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

Sunday 30th January, 4th Sunday of Epiphany

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

Wednesday 2nd February

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Friday 4th February

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

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

Sunday 20th February

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect

Sunday 27th February

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Great Invitation with guest speaker J. John
6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

For online services:

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>



Join **Heather Kroiter** for zoom coffee after church, Sunday 30th January from 11.45am

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

Meeting ID: 585 228 0960

Passcode: 8Uwg8H

Myra Mansi

The Family of Myra Mansi would like to thank all those who attended her funeral. It was heartening to see so many people there to celebrate her life.

Andrea, Colin and Claire

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 or phone the office on 01689 871601 and leave a message.

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).

If you would like to be confirmed, please contact Sharon on sharon@ccorpington.org or phone the office on 01689 871601 and leave a message.

Christ Church membership

Do you consider yourself to be a member of the congregation of this church?

Would you like to enter more fully into the life of the church?

If so, then perhaps you would like to take the first step by applying to be put on the Electoral Roll of the church.

Application forms are available from the table at the back of church. An explanatory leaflet 'Belonging and the Electoral Roll' is also available.

Please feel free to speak to either myself, one of the churchwardens or Sharon, our Vicar, if you have any queries. You need to be 16 or over to apply.

Roger Wilkinson

An invite to Deanery Synod

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

Rev Eucharua 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 (this is the meeting postponed from last November)

The meeting is on 24th February at 7.30pm – venue to be confirmed. I encourage you to attend.

Andy Goddard
Lay Chair of Deanery Synod



Dear Christ Church,

We are so thankful for your continued support of Tearfund's work over the past year, especially during challenging times here in the UK.

Churches across the UK raised £173,000 towards our Christmas appeal, making a life-changing difference to people living in poverty around the world. Thanks to the generosity of churches like yours, more people have been equipped with the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

For example, more people in at-risk communities can now be trained to prepare for and respond to flooding and other disasters. And more farmers can be equipped with resilient seeds which can withstand extreme weather conditions so that they can grow enough food.

Thank you for being part of the solution – please share this update with your church and be encouraged that your support is making a real difference.

As we look forward to a new year, with unknown challenges and joys ahead, we pray that you will know our faithful God's guidance and presence. With every blessing,

Ruth Tormey
*Head of Church and Supporter Engagement,
Tearfund*

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

"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."

An Update from Caroline Rous, Spinnaker Orpington Hub Leader

This term I'm visiting Chelsfield, Blenheim and Warren Road Primary Schools, leading assemblies once a fortnight, and have a few dates booked for Crofton Infant and Junior Schools. Jo Gavin is visiting The Highway school regularly as well. There are two others in our team, visiting other schools in the Orpington area. Some schools still have visitor restrictions and some we visited before the pandemic have not asked us to return.

Our theme this term is 'Inside Out', using bible stories to consider our 'inside' thoughts and feelings, and how we can change uncomfortable feelings to positive ones. This follows last term's theme of 'Upside Down', seeing the world from God's perspective. We have also produced video worships on the theme and 'Thoughts On' reflections. These are all on the Spinnaker website and I also post them on the CTIO Facebook page, if you're interested.

I am also involved in writing our material and we are currently working on resources for next term, on the theme of 'Above and Beyond', learning about the early church and considering how to live our best lives with God's help. I create the 'Thoughts On' reflections which link to the assemblies but can also be used separately. I'm currently gathering ideas and praying for inspiration!

If you are interested in being involved with visiting schools, please contact me caroline.rous@spinnaker.org.uk

Please pray for our schools and our team visiting them.

Please pray for our creative team, for God's inspiration and guidance.

Thank you for your support.



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WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

24th January 2022

TINNED HOT & COLD MEAT
TINNED POTATOES
TINNED VEGETABLES
LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE
TINNED FISH
TINNED FRUIT
CHOPPED TOMATOES
RICE
CUSTARD
RICE PUDDING

We are unable to accept
Fresh or Frozen donations due to food hygiene

TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS LIST
WITH YOUR PHONE TO
REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FOOD SUPPORT
PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0800 9 20 23 24

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.

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!

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, 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
for more info

#AsdaFoundation #GreenTokenGiving
Terms and conditions apply.

MORNING SERVICES



Beatitudes

Spring 2022
10.30 am

The upside-down
Kingdom of Jesus

Do join us
and be blessed!

REFLECT SERVICES

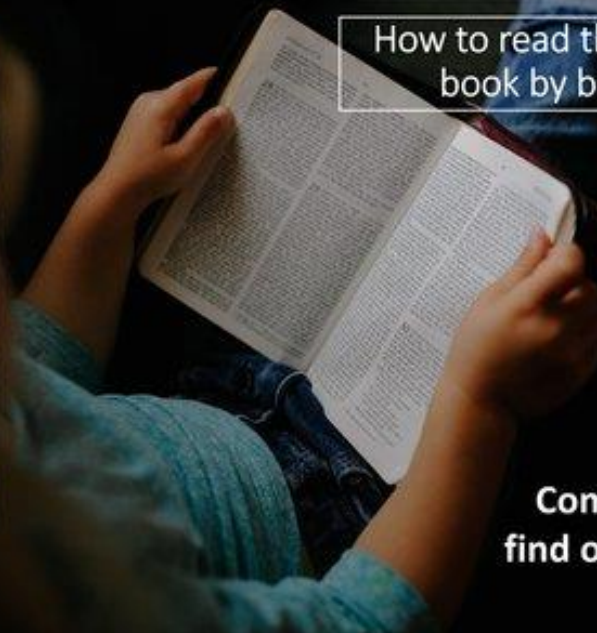


New Beginnings

Spring 2022
Jan 9, Feb 6, 20
Mar 6, 20, Apr 3
6.30 pm

All
Welcome!

GO DEEPER SERVICES



How to read the Bible book by book

Spring 2022
Jan 16, 30
Feb 13, 27
Mar 13, 27
Apr 10
6.30 pm

Come and
find out more