



Christ  
Church  
Orpington

## Family News 12th February 2022

### Peace

Many years ago, my mother passed on to me her Promise Box that she had bought when she was a teenager nearly 80 years ago. It contains a small drawer that is packed with little scrolls, each containing a promise, and prayer, and a piece of poetry, which need gentle tweezers to prize out. The one I picked out today read:



**Promise:** A blessing if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God. Deuteronomy 11:27

**Prayer:** Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief. Mark 9:24

**Poetry:** Ah, the heart that is contented,  
Nought to know save God alone,  
In the fullness of His blessing  
Finds a peace before unknown.

In Deuteronomy, God promises a blessing if we obey His commandments. How many of us would appreciate a blessing today?

In Mark, the man who was coming to Jesus for healing for his son, knew the difficulty of absolute belief in Jesus' name, and bewailed his lack of belief, but had the faith to know that if he asked Jesus to help his unbelief, then he would be helped. How many of us would appreciate having all our fears and doubts washed away by Jesus?

The poem was written by someone who knew the true secret to blessing and peace, but whose name has long since disappeared, if indeed it was ever known. It reminds us that true contentment lies in putting God not just at the centre of our lives, but making Him the only thing that we strive for. Making God our all-in-all, without all the worldly wants crowding in for second and third place. That is where He will bless us with His perfect peace.

We live in a world where so many things press for our desire and attention, but as Jesus said to Martha in Luke 10 when she was complaining that Mary was

just sitting at Jesus' feet leaving her (Martha) to do all the work *'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'*

We only need one thing – to make God our everything – and let the world go. And no, we aren't all called to be hermits, but we are all called to *our* place in life, and in that place, Jesus wants our all.

How I wish this was as easy to put into practice as it is to say! Thankfully Jesus knows this, and leads us with cords of loving kindness on our journeys into Him. He did all that was needed for us on the cross - we just need to content our hearts with Him, putting everything into His hands, and enjoy the blessing of His peace.

And this is something that we can pass on to those we might invite to come and hear J. John, or those that ask us about what it means to follow Jesus. In Jesus, we find peace, His peace, a deep personal peace. Things will still happen and go wrong, but we can have peace because He is with us and in us. He journeys with us through everything, and His promise is that He will never leave us.

With love and every blessing,

Sharon & Andi xx

## Orpington Deanery Synod Open Meeting



24 February 2022

7.30 pm for Refreshments

7.45 pm Start

Christ Church, Charterhouse  
Road, Orpington, BR6 9EP

Speaker - Rev Bimbi Abayomi-  
Cole, Vicar of St Paul's Crofton

## What's on...

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

### Sunday 13th February, 3rd Sunday before Lent

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

### Tuesday 15th February – Community Club

### Wednesday 16th February

Café Mosaic, closed for Half-Term

### Friday 18th February

Café Mosaic, closed for Half-Term

### 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](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 on Sunday morning from 11.45am

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

Meeting ID: 585 228 0960

Passcode: 8Uwg8H

**Community Club - Tuesday 15th February** are making up for lost time by meeting for lunch during half term.

Our menu will be

Leek and potato soup  
Chicken casserole and seasonal veg,  
Fruit sponge and custard.  
Tea and coffee

Andy will be leading our worship time at 11am. All welcome for morning Tea/Coffee at 10.30am

Please wear a mask until you are sat at your table and dress appropriately as the windows will be open for ventilation.

## Sunday 13th February

### 9.00am Holy Communion

### 10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Wedding Banns

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Song Open the eyes of my heart  
Song Sing Glory 163 Purify my heart  
Song Blessed assurance

Bible Reading

Psalm 24

Sermon

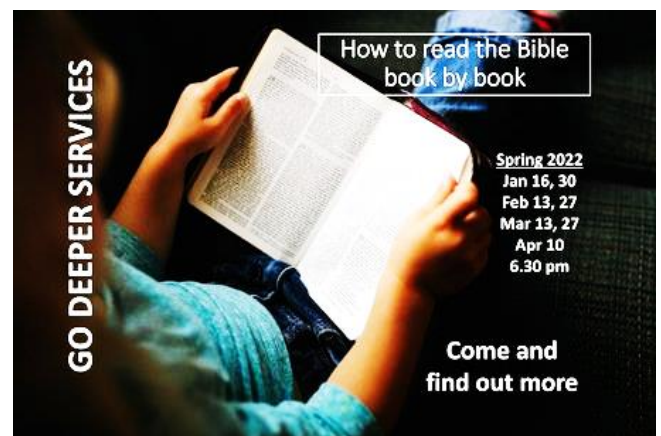
Intercessions

Worship

Song Sing Glory 222 When the music fades  
Song Over all the earth

Final Prayer & Blessing

### 6.30pm Go Deeper



**Congratulations!**

Christ Church Orpington (Open Kitchen)

Dear Christ Church,

We are very excited to announce that on **Sunday 27th February**, J.John will be joining us to speak at our morning service.

There will be home-made cakes and tea/coffee to follow and it would be lovely for you to join us. Please invite family, friends and neighbours.

To find out who J.John is, follow the link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=j+john+wheelbarrow](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=j+john+wheelbarrow)



We look forward to seeing you all there!

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### J.John's visit to us on Sunday 27th February

We are so excited about J.John coming to talk to us in our 10.30am service on February 27th. He will be giving an evangelistic talk - and we are hoping that as we invite those who don't know Jesus, or may have drifted away from church, that the church will be ready to respond and we would like to offer some ways in which you might be able to help that day.

There are some things we can all do which would be: to be praying and giving out lots of invitations beforehand, baking cakes and being willing before and after the service to forgo chatting with those we know, to enjoy chatting with those we don't or haven't been to church for a while. I love the old saying "strangers are just friends we haven't met yet".

We will need more people than usual to help with welcoming (before the service and during refreshments), the cafe, and being part of the Response Team ready to respond to people after the talk.

Please will you get in touch with the office if you can offer to help with any of the above as it would really help us to plan on 01689 871601, [ccorpington@talktalk.net](mailto:ccorpington@talktalk.net))

With many thanks and every blessing,

Sharon

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### HAVE YOU LOST ANYTHING?

In our safe we have a collection of keys that have been left behind (no car keys though), and a wedding ring. If you think any of these might belong to you, please contact Anna in the office on 01689 871601

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### Archdeacon Paul Wright's Farewell Service

Just a reminder that Archdeacon Paul's Diocesan Farewell Service will be at Rochester Cathedral on **Sunday 20th February at 3.15pm**. The service is open to all, but please **register to attend** by emailing:

[bishopscourt@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:bishopscourt@rochester.anglican.org)

**Places must be booked by 5pm on Monday 14th February.**

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### 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

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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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### 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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**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 Body and His Blood (when Covid-safe to do so).

If you would like to be confirmed, 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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**Tech Desk Rota coordinator  
(Volunteer needed)**



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

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

by **12noon Saturday 19th February** please

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## ***Friends of Welcare in Bromley***

**Taken at Midnight** by Mark Hayhurst

*A charity preview in aid of Welcare in Bromley.  
Your chance to see the Bromley Little Theatre entry  
into the Kent Drama Festival*

**Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.45pm**  
**Bromley Little Theatre,**  
**North Street, Bromley BR1 1SD**

Tickets £12 (all seats reserved) from Gillian Scales, 4 Clifton Court, The Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 5EW. Tickets must be bought in advance and paid for ([cheques to Welcare](#)), with a stamped addressed envelope for reply

*NB Please state if you wish to be seated with social distancing. Government guidelines in place at the time will be adhered to*

Doors and bar open at 7pm. Please note that there are about 20 steep stairs up to the theatre, but there is a very small lift (2 persons max). There is one wheelchair space in the front row. The theatre is diagonally opposite Bromley North Station. Allow plenty of time for parking

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[welcare.org](http://welcare.org)



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