



Christ  
Church  
Orpington

## Family News 19th February 2022



Just one week to go until renowned international evangelist J. John comes to speak at Christ Church! What a huge blessing this is for us, and I am so looking forward to it, he is such fun!

I first heard J. John speak in the 1990's when he was giving a course called "Just 10". It was a ten-week course on the Ten Commandments, going through exactly what each commandment meant, and then inviting people who wanted to respond to what he had said to the front for prayer. Towards the end, there was the opportunity to surrender things that were part of people's sinful lives – to put them anonymously into dustbins - as a sign that they wanted to turn their back on that sin for good. If I remember correctly, J. John gave us a week's notice that this would be happening, and it was extremely powerful to make that symbolic and very real act.

That course was one of the milestones of my Christian Walk, and after the "Thou shalt not steal" week, I found myself at home wrapping up three books I had kept from the school library when I left, and posting them back to the school with a sorry note. I hadn't realised it weighed so spiritually heavy on my conscience until the Lord reminded me of it. After all, I had reasoned, I was the only one who ever borrowed them, and they were signed out to my name, so the school could have asked me for them if they wanted them back! Oh dear... Thank the Lord for His mercy and forgiveness.

And now it is our chance to host this anointed teacher of God's word, and hear him explain what it means to be a Christian to us; and give us the opportunity to invite all our friends and neighbours who might not be so sure; and have the joy of seeing them touched by the Holy Spirit and seeds of Life being sown. All we have to do is invite them, and help them get here!

However many people you have invited, I'd like to invite you to spread your net wider and invite some more. I can almost promise you it will be worth it. The worst thing will be to hear this anointed man speak, see lives changed, and sit there thinking "I wish so-and-so had been here! I wish I'd had the courage to invite them!"

God honours sacrifice for His Name. Let me encourage you to step out into the sacrifice of suffering possible embarrassment or rejection for His Name. In the light of eternity, you will never regret it. You might even see a miracle.

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

### Community Club - Tuesday 22nd February

Our menu will be

Vegetable soup

Sausages and onion gravy, mashed potatoes and  
seasonal vegetables

Fruit crumble and ice cream or custard

Tea or coffee.

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

## What's on...

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

### **Sunday 20th February, 2nd Sunday before Lent**

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect

### **Tuesday 22nd February – Community Club**

### **Wednesday 23rd February**

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

### **Friday 25th February**

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

### **Sunday 27th February**

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am The Great Invitation with guest speaker J.John

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

### **Sunday 6th March**

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

### **Sunday 13th March**

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

### **Sunday 20th March**

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect

### **Sunday 27th March**

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship - Mothering Sunday

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

Dear Christ Church,

We are very excited to announce that next **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!

### **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

**Starts 10th March**

Try **Alpha**

*If you are wanting to explore faith, then the Alpha course is an excellent way to start. Over 24 million people have already tried it.*

*At Christ Church the Alpha course involves food (an evening meal), a short video clip and an opportunity to express your views and listen to what others have to say in a relaxed environment. It could be one of the best resolutions you make, to go on an Alpha course.*

*There will be an initial taster session 10th March.*

To find out more, please contact:

[Alpha@ccorpington.org](mailto:Alpha@ccorpington.org) or

call the church office (01689) 871601.

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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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## 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

P.S. Please note that if you are already on the electoral roll and your details have not changed since last year there is no need to complete another form.

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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 26th February** please

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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)

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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**"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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Meina is our GDPR representative and if anyone has any queries relating to GDPR to please contact her on: [gdp@ccorpington.org](mailto:gdp@ccorpington.org)

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