



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News, 30th April 2022

The nature of success

I have been musing on the meaning of victory recently. What does success look like? Does it look different to us as it looks to God? Having just celebrated Easter, we remembered on Palm Sunday how Jesus rode into Jerusalem in the equivalent of a king's victory parade, and yet he rode on a donkey rather than on a warrior horse. Within days, Pilate, Herod and the religious leaders believed they had silenced Jesus by nailing him to a cross. They thought they had won. And yet we know that salvation was bought by the death of Jesus. Just three days later, there was more success in spiritual terms when Jesus rose from the dead; he had beaten death itself. There are so many contradictions in the Easter story - a humble king, salvation through death, and victory through new life.

Many of us have been transfixed by news of the terrible conflict in Ukraine over the last two months. Western leaders, as well as the political leaders in Ukraine and Russia have been laying out what victory would look like from their perspective. Russia seems to have changed its goals in the country, while national leaders in NATO also seem to have widened their objectives. It's hard to say what success would look like in Ukraine. The war there, just as in conflicts elsewhere in the world, has left behind shattered dreams, damaged homes and broken lives.

And yet, while God weeps with those who weep, and mourns with those who mourn, we also know that the Holy Spirit is stirring in Ukraine. There has been an increased demand for Bibles since the conflict; many have turned to prayer; and miracles have been witnessed. Our Father can bring good out of evil; he can turn things around in amazing ways. We give thanks for all the blessings he's brought out of such a difficult situation in Ukraine, as in other war zones.

Our society is in many ways success driven. We probably all know a young person preparing for the approaching exam season, and we wish all of them well. What does success look like there? Passing a certain number of exams? Finding a well-paid job or apprenticeship? Accepted on to a course at a top university? Our prayer is of course that all students will do their very best, but God's view of success in life is rather different. He asks us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and to love God

with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. God values each one of us and doesn't measure success in how popular we are, in the power we wield, in the wealth we build for ourselves, or in the grades we obtain. Can we be more loving, joyous, peaceful, patient, kind, generous, faithful, gentle and self-controlled? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could view success in the way God views it?

Liesel

Notices for the next issue of CCO Family News

email them to Vernon vandjmapp@gmail.com

by **12noon Saturday 7th May** please

Gospel Choir practice sessions

re-commence **Monday 9th May**

On **Tuesday 10th May**, we look forward to welcoming Pat Blanchard, who is going to come to spend an evening with us updating us on her situation and her ministry in Peru, as well as coming to thank us for our support over the years.

You are most welcome to arrive at 7.30pm for refreshments, ready for an 8pm start.

And then on **Tuesday 17th May**, we look forward to meeting Robert de Berry and Release International, as they invite us to an evening of prayer with them as they embark on a sponsored bike ride in stages from Kent to Land's End. We will begin at 7.30pm and finish at 9.00pm.

If anyone would like to join them on the first stage, getting sponsorship and heading off after breakfast to Sevenoaks or Tunbridge Wells, you would be very welcome to do so. Please speak to me if you would like to so I can pass your details on to Robert.

Hope to see you there, Sharon

Church Work Morning...

Saturday 21st May, 9am till midday

We would love you to come and join us on this work day. You truly only need **enthusiasm** and do not need any special skills.

Jobs on the day will include indoor and outdoor tasks and any time you can give to maintain and care for the church building and grounds will make such a big difference. Even if you cannot stay for the whole morning, just **an hour** is great!

Come pick a task, have some fun, meet new people and enjoy a **bacon sandwich** and coffee for your efforts.

Please put your name on the signup sheet at the back of the church. Thanks, Pieter

What's on...

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

Our 10.30am services are streamed live to our public Facebook page. The camera focuses on the clergy and other contributors only for most of the service. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please do not sit in the front 6 rows.

Sunday 1st May

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday 3rd May

Community Club

Wednesday 4th May

Morning Prayer Meeting, 10am in the Chapel

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Tea and Toys, 1pm to 3pm

Friday 6th May

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Sunday 8th May

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

APCM is immediately after the service

6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 15th May

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion

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>

Sunday 1st May, 3rd Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer

Confession

Worship

Song King forevermore

Song Your grace is enough

Bible Reading

Colossians 1 v 15-23

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

Song When I survey

Holy Communion

Worship

Sing Glory 398 Alleluia, Alleluia! hearts to heaven

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30am Evening Worship



Community Club, Tuesday 3rd May

Our menu is

Vegetable soup

Mince cobbler, mashed potato and seasonal vegetables

Blackcurrant Bakewell sponge and 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.



Join **Heather Kroiter** for zoom coffee after church on Sunday morning from 11.45am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89430581888?pwd=6TMwakdRWWJVMldpb3o2dk51QUFkZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 3058 1888

Passcode: 8kL3N1

Cafe Mosaic

This week's special is

- ▶ Ploughman's platter of cheese, pate, ham, crackers, crusty baguette, salad, grapes, pickles and onions with sliced boiled egg and crisps. £5.50

Desert is

- ▶ homemade Malteser cheesecake



Northumbria Daily Prayer

You are invited to come along to Daily Prayer at 9.00-9.20am in the chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays.

There will be readings from Scripture, a short meditative reading, prayer, reflection and silence.

Dates we are meeting:

May: 3rd, 9th & 10th, 16th & 17th, 23rd & 24th

June: 6th & 7th, 13th & 14th, 20th & 21st, 27th & 28th

July: 4th & 5th, 11th & 12th July.

Emerge: Creative Arts morning

On **Saturday 25th June**, we will be holding a creative arts morning at Christ Church for anyone who has experienced loss - this may be recently or quite a while ago. We will be doing either some creative writing, decorating stones or hopefully creating resin bookmarks. The morning is free, but donations would be gratefully received towards the resources if you are in a position to give. We will meet at 9.00am for refreshments and then the activities will run from 9.30am to 12.30pm, with a break for more refreshments.

Registration is essential so that we have enough resources for everyone. To register, please contact Liesel (see my details below). Please do share this with others if you feel this might be something they would appreciate. Thank you.

Liesel@ccorpington.org 07511 876928

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



Join us at *Cafe Mosaic*

for our cream tea

on **Friday 13th May**

from **12.00pm until 2pm**

Cream tea for two people £18

Enjoy a cake tier with a selection of finger sandwiches, homemade cakes, fruit & plain scones, delicious jam and clotted cream. All served with unlimited tea of your choice or cafetiere coffee.

Cream tea for one person £5.50

Enjoy a choice of two homemade fruit or plain scones served with delicious jam and clotted cream served with unlimited tea choice or cafetiere coffee.

"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."

Don't bin, donate

Last Tuesday Community Club had a talk from a representative of **TWAM (Tools with a mission)**. They are a Christian charity who recondition old tools, sewing machines, computers among other things and send them to less developed countries.

Please could you pray about this and if you feel you have something in your home or shed that is not being used anymore, perhaps consider donating it to them.

For more information speak to Mel Ketchin or see the leaflet on the info desk at the back of the Church.



**TO DONATE TO
US ONLINE SCAN
THE QR CODE**



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- Fruit Juice – Long life
- Milk – Long Life
- Instant Whip
- Sponge Pudding
- Tinned Cold meat
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Vegetables (Carrots, Sweetcorn, Mushrooms)
- Men's Deodorant

PLEASE DON'T GIVE US **FROZEN** OR **CHILLED** ITEMS AS WE DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT STORAGE FOR IT AND IT SPOILS BEFORE WE CAN DISTRIBUTE IT.

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF: PASTA, CEREAL, TEA & BISCUITS

**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**

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.

Children's Ministry – Help Needed

Holiday Club Helpers

This year we are hoping to run our Holiday Club on **26th, 27th & 28th July**, we cannot do this without the wonderful help of our volunteers. It is great fun and a fantastic way to share God's love with the children. We are hoping to join forces again with KICK who provide excellent games and activities and the children to have a great experience learning about Jesus and gaining new skills. If you are free and would like to help, please contact Jo Gavin jo@ccorpington.org for more information.

Messy Church

Messy Church has been a really fantastic opportunity to reach out to new families in our community, in the past we have had to restrict numbers this has been due to COVID and number of volunteers. Our tickets are sold out as soon as they are released and we have lots of people on our waiting list. With restrictions lifted and infection levels reducing we would love to open up and increase our numbers but cannot do that without more volunteers. Messy Church is once a month normally 2nd Saturday (**next sessions 14May & 11Jun**), can you commit to helping for 2-3 hours. If so, Jo would really love to hear from you. Please email her on jo@ccorpington.com

Creche

Creche runs every week (except for Christmas & New Year Day) we have a fantastic facility with soft play and toys for our youngest members. Creche is run by a small dedicated group of volunteers, following COVID due to volunteer numbers parents have to remain with their children. It would be wonderful if we could bless parents and allow them to be in the service whilst their children are in Creche but to do this we need more volunteers. If this is something you could help with once a month, please let either Jo or Veronica know or email

jo@ccorpington.org

OPEN KITCHEN FUNDING BID



OPEN KITCHEN is bidding for a cash boost from the Tesco Community Grants initiative. Tesco works with community charity Groundwork to run its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £1,500, £1,000 and £500 awarded to local community projects.

We are one of three groups in Bromley shortlisted to receive the cash award. **Please go to one of these Tesco stores to vote for us!** Voting is open until the end of June. You can cast your vote using a token given to you at the check-out each time you shop (there is no minimum spend). Please note that Tesco Sidcup (on Edgington Way) is not included in this list. Thanks for your help.

Orpington Extra, BR6 0NH

St Paul's Cray Express, BR5 3AQ

Bromley, BR1 2UE

Bromley High Street Express, BR1 1LF

Bromley Express, BR2 0UJ

Bromley Plaistow Lane Express, BR1 4DS

Elmers End, BR3 4AA

Penge, Royston Road Express, SE20 7QB

Beckenham Chinese Garage Express, BR3 6RH

Anerley Road, Crystal Palace Express, SE19 2AH

Croydon Road, Penge Express, SE20 7TY

Biggin Hill Express, TN16 3BB

Beckenham Express, BR3 4EP

Penge High St Express, SE20 7EX

Orpington Deanery Synod

25 May 2022

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start

**Guest Speaker: Lord Deben
Climate Control**

St Barnabas Church, Rushet Road, BR5 2PU



Lord Deben

Lord Deben was the UK's longest-serving Secretary of State for the Environment (1993 to 1997). He has held several other high-level ministerial posts, including Secretary of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (1989 to 1993).

