



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News, 14th May 2022

Reflection

We are very blessed every Saturday by a thoughtful and grace-filled reflection from Pieter to guide us in our Day of Prayer, so I thought I would share some of them with you over the next few weeks so you can journey with us too.

This week Pieter wrote:

"In the weeks after Easter I can sometimes feel a strange yearning for the celebration that's behind us. Earlier this week I read the following quote that made me think:

"The gospel is not just something we need to preach to non-believers - it's something we need to preach to ourselves everyday."

So to actually accept what Jesus did for me on the cross, I realised (again) is a constant action I need to take.

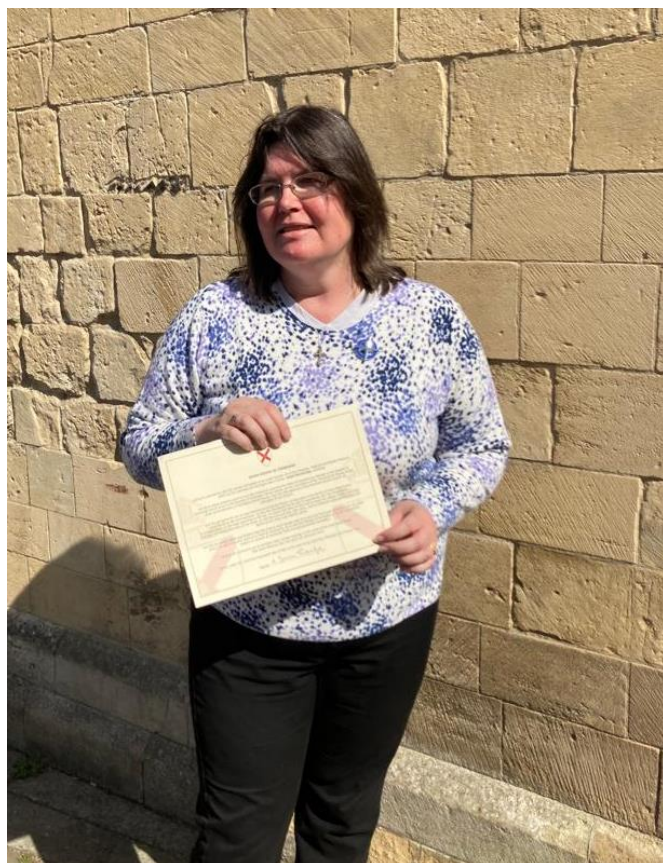
¹³You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all your sins. ¹⁴He cancelled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. Colossians 2:13-15 NLT

Read that again and see what it says in verse 13, forgave ALL our sins; so how then can I to hold onto some of it.

What I need to do every time the accuser (satan) tries to put thoughts in my head of a sinful and guilty me, I can say it over and over again... "It is finished" Amen!!

Let's kneel together before God and thank him for this gift of grace."

Thank you Pieter for this wonderful word of truth. Let us indeed appropriate those beautiful words that if we are in Him then our sins are forgiven, and shout Jesus' triumphant words "It is finished" with joy when the accuser tries to put charges of sin and guilt into our heads. Satan has been defeated and we are free from all condemnation. Thank you Jesus, Amen.



Congratulations and very well done to Liesel on her licensing as a Lay Minister at Rochester Cathedral

Next Church Work Morning is 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.

We would love to add some attractive, but low maintenance plants/shrubs to the front garden of the church and would be grateful to receive donations of plants for the work day on 21st May

If anyone has some spare medium to large containers to house some seasonal blooms next to the bench in the front garden that will be most welcome too!

Many 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 15th May

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion

Monday 16th May

Gospel Choir practice session,
7.45pm until 9.30pm in the Church

Tuesday 17th May

Community Club
An evening with Robert de Berry and Release International.
7.30pm until 9pm. See separate notice

Wednesday 18th May

Morning Prayer Meeting, 10am in the Chapel
Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm
Tea and Toys, 1pm to 3pm

Friday 20th May

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Sunday 22nd May

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

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>

This coming **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

Sunday 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Shine, Jesus, Shine
At your feet we fall
Your grace is enough

**Welcome to Liesel as a
newly Licensed Lay Minister**

Peace

Bible Reading

Isaiah 29 v 13-16
Romans 12 v 1-2 (Message version)
John 4 v 19-24

Sermon

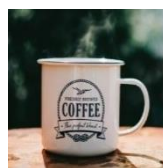
Intercessions

Worship

Good, good Father
Be thou my vision

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Holy Communion



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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81639605053?pwd=pTcPSzmWh_7ryrbt5xvO9Te8w6GPgj.1

Meeting ID: 816 3960 5053

Passcode: AKJiz6

Cafe Mosaic

Specials this week

Salmon Wellington, baby potatoes and garden peas.

Desert is

homemade fresh cream and fresh strawberry Victoria sponge

Community Club, Tuesday 17th May

Our menu is

Vegetable soup
Toad-in-the-hole with potatoes and seasonal vegetables
Rice pudding
Tea or coffee.

Club will be selling cakes on Tuesday to raise funds for Dementia UK. If anyone feels like baking, all donations will be gratefully received.

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

Safeguarding

I would like to say a massive "Thank you" to those who have completed their Safeguarding Training/Refresher over recent weeks. Invitations have been sent out to people who work with those in potentially vulnerable age groups, and I am grateful to everyone who has completed the Basic and Foundation modules and returned the certificate to me.

These modules can be accessed via [Safeguarding Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](https://cofeportal.org) from where you can create your own user account. Once the module is completed, I would be grateful if a copy of the certificate of completion could be emailed to me at safeguarding@ccorpington.org for our records.

If this is still on your "to do" list, please could I encourage you to complete this training soon. If you are refreshing your knowledge after 3 years, then you only need to complete the higher certificate which in the majority of cases will be the Foundation level. I hope that you find the modules both useful and stimulating.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about safeguarding please do not hesitate to contact me at safeguarding@ccorpington.org or speak to me in person.

Thank you for your continuing support
Keith Miller



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

1. **Cooking sauces ****URGENTLY REQUIRED******
2. **Cold meat**
3. **Squash**
4. **Coffee**
5. **Men's deodorant**
6. **Surface spray cleaner**

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**

Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM) have a leadership role serving alongside clergy to support people in faith and enable mission. They are lay people who are trained and licensed by their bishop. LLM ministry looks different in different places depending on the local context. Many LLMs teach, preach, lead worship and are involved in mission. Some also take funerals after additional training. Many LLM carry out their church ministry at the same time as having another job.



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: 16th & 17th, 23rd & 24th

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

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

Sermon Notes for Sunday 15th May

Our current Sunday morning sermon series is using themes and ideas from Rick Warren's book

"The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?"

This week we are looking at the

Purpose #1 You Were Planned for God's Pleasure.

The book offers the following points to ponder

Day 1 Point to Ponder: I was planned for God's pleasure.

Verse to Remember: "The LORD takes pleasure in his people."

Psalm 149:4a (TEV)

Question to Consider: What common task could I start doing as if I were doing it directly for Jesus?

Day 2 Point to Ponder: God smiles when I trust him.

Verse to Remember: "The Lord is pleased with those who worship him and trust his love." Psalm 147:11 (CEV)

Question to Consider: Since God knows what is best, in what areas of my life do I need to trust him most?

Day 3 Point to Ponder: The heart of worship is surrender.

Verse to Remember: "Surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes." Romans 6:13b (TEV)

Question to Consider: What area of my life am I holding back from God?

Day 4 Point to Ponder: God wants to be my best friend.

Verse to Remember: "Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him." Psalm 25:14a (LB)

Question to Consider: What can I do to remind myself to think about God and talk to him more often throughout the day?

Day 5 Point to Ponder: I'm as close to God as I choose to be.

Verse to Remember: "Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you." James 4:8a (NLT)

Question to Consider: What practical choices will I make today in order to grow closer to God?

Day 6 Point to Ponder: God wants all of me.

Verse to Remember: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30 (NIV)

Question to Consider: Which is more pleasing to God right now—my public worship or my private worship? What will I do about this?

Day 7 Point to Ponder: God is real, no matter how I feel.

Verse to Remember: "For God has said, 'I will never leave you; I will never abandon you.'" Hebrews 13:5 (TEV)

Question to Consider: How can I stay focused on God's presence, especially when he feels distant?

Verses are from

TEV - Today's English Version (Good News Bible)

CEV - Contemporary English Version

LB - The Living Bible

NLT - New Living Translation

NIV - New International Version

Emerge: Creative Arts morning

On **Saturday 25th June**, we are 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

"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."

Notices for the next issue of CCO Family News

email them to Vernon vandjmapp@gmail.com

by **12noon Saturday 21st May** please

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).