



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News, 21st May 2022

Reflection

Last Sunday in the 10.30am service we sang the song 'Good Father', which I absolutely love. Another wonderful description of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

The picture of a good shepherd is one that loves his flock, he will defend them at all cost. But yet again Jesus goes further in Luke 15:4-5 where he paints this picture on a whole new level:

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' Luke 15:4-6 NIV

Jesus does not describe my vision of a good shepherd here. I would imagine even a really good shepherd would be a bit irritated that one pesky sheep wandered off, and now made him leave the rest alone in the open fields. I'd imagine when he finds that sheep, he will grab a rope and drag him back to the rest of the flock...

Oh, but not King Jesus; he 'joyfully puts it on his shoulders' (v5) and carries this sheep home, and then invites everyone to make a big joyous fuss over it... now that is LOVE... Jesus is Love!!

He loves each and every one of us so very much that he has done exactly that. He knows our innermost being, our flaws and rebellion and yet, He still joyfully picks us up and carries us home, that is eye watering to me.

During our prayer sessions let us thank Him for being our Good Shepherd and let us pray for those who need His lift today. He wants to find every lost sheep so we need to pray for that!

Imagine a world where people accept Jesus the Saviour, their Shepherd and the gateway to the living God; let's pray for that revival.

Pieter

Sunday 22nd May, 6th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Song Amazing grace (my chains are gone)

Song From the inside out

Song Come people of the risen king

Bible Reading

Ephesians 1 v 3-23

Sermon

Intercessions

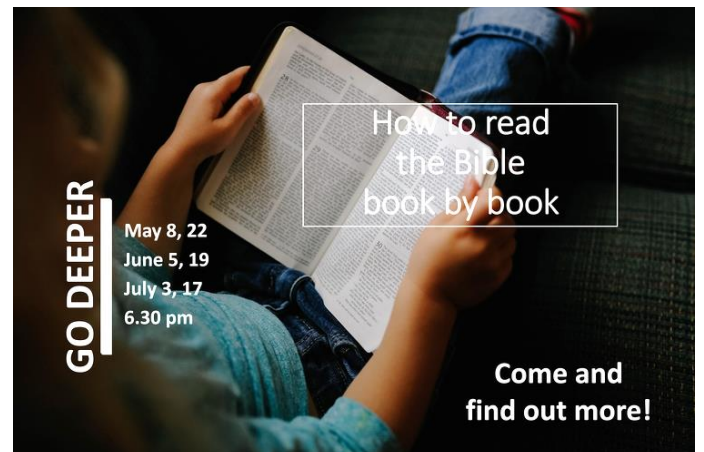
Worship

Song An army of ordinary people

Song Jesus put this song into our hearts

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship



Invitation from Jenny Warrington

All are welcome to the installation of Jenny as the vicar of All Saints Church on **Monday 13th June, 7pm**, at St Paul with All Saints, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham, ME4 5NE. Please let the Parish Administrator at All Saints know if you are able to come: office.allsaintschatham@gmail.com

It would be great to support Jenny as she steps into her new role.

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 22nd May

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

Monday 23rd May

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

Tuesday 24th May

Community Club. See separate notice

Wednesday 25th May

Morning Prayer Meeting, 10am in the Chapel

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Tea and Toys, 1pm to 3pm

Orpington Deanery Synod, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Guest Speaker: Lord Deben on Climate Control
St Barnabas Church, Rushet Road, BR5 2PU

Ascension Day, Thursday 26th May

8.00pm Holy Communion

Friday 27th May

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Sunday 29th 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>

Community Club, Tuesday 24th May

Our menu this week is

Vegetable soup
Roast gammon, roast potatoes and seasonal veg
Cheesecake
Tea and coffee.

Kim and Liesel will be leading our study time at 11am and we'll be looking at Pentecost.

Just a reminder that there is no club next week i.e., 31st May. On the following Tuesday, 7th June, we will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee together.

Café Mosaic

Specials this week

Salmon Wellington, baby potatoes and garden peas.

Desert is

homemade fresh cream and fresh strawberry Victoria
sponge

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 \(cofeportal.org\)](http://Safeguarding Training Portal (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



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81056654474?pwd=eGczb2p1bHAvQnYxci82d0IHTkVvUT09>

Meeting ID: 810 5665 4474

Passcode: V04QXA

WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- Coffee
- Cooking sauces
- Toothpaste (regular size please)
- Washing up liquid
- Cold meat
- Squash
- 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

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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:** 23rd & 24th

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

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

"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

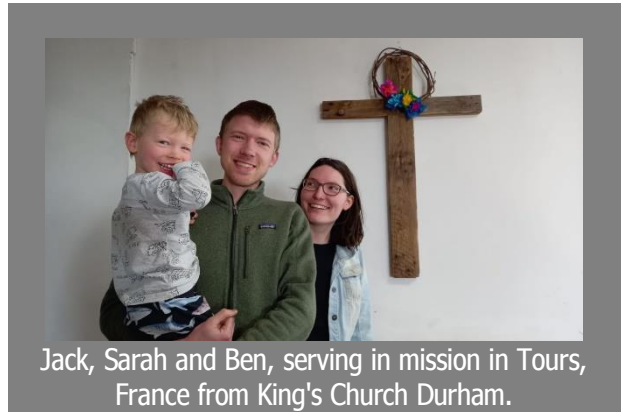
Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity."

Notices for the next issue of CCO Family News

email them to Vernon vandjmapp@gmail.com

by **12noon Saturday 28th May** please

Winterburns in Tours - May update



Jack, Sarah and Ben, serving in mission in Tours, France from King's Church Durham.

As always we're grateful for your support. We'll be in the UK (London and Durham) in June, so do get in touch and we'd love to meet up.

Mission team from King's Church Durham

King's Church in Durham sent us their interns and ministry trainees to serve the church and serve in mission. This was my (Sarah's) first time leading such a week and I'm grateful for their willingness to get stuck in and serve, and to adapt when things didn't go exactly to plan!

Worship on the streets was a highlight for us. We did this in the town centre and various passers-by stopped to chat, including an evangelical Catholic lady with her children who was very encouraging, saying that she has seen Hare Krishna Hindus singing on the streets but very rarely Christians. We were singing 'car Dieu est un Dieu puissant' (Our God is an awesome God) and she said it was the only English language worship song she knew, so she sang in English whilst we sang in French! What a wonderful moment of Church unity, which is in itself a witness. When we got back from the first time of worship on the streets, a lady from the church said that she had done something similar as a child, but people pointed and laughed, so she never had dared to do it again. However, we found that we were well received. On Easter Sunday a group sang with members of the church outside the building, and various people from the blocks of flats opposite stepped out on their balconies to watch.

We also did some prayer walking, some people did some practical work at the community centre, we got a bit painty at the church building trying to help the 'travaux' to progress. We ate various meals with church members and shared communion and testimonies, a couple of the team got involved with the Easter Sunday service with the worship band and with preaching. The team helped run two invitational events - an English language workshop and a creative afternoon. Sadly, the first only had one guest, so felt like a flop, but the second was more lively. I guess a lesson to learn from the event that didn't 'work' is that it's ok to try things and fail. We also attended an inter-church reading of the passion narratives on Good Friday.

We saw and heard from members of our church here how much they were blessed by the team.



Worship on the streets in Tours town centre

What else have you been up to?

I (**Sarah**) am continuing with worship leading once or twice a month and have begun serving in the Sunday schools team with the primary and lower secondary age children. I've also begun to meet to read the Bible with a couple of ladies who have attended the church and are 'seeking'.

I'm enjoying my volunteering at the Maison de la Solidarité more due to getting to know the other volunteers better (and able to call them 'tu' now rather than 'vous!'). I teach an English class there too, the proceeds of which go to funding the community centre. Recently I've been to a couple of inter-church discussion meetings, with a group of protestant churches in the region and another with protestants and catholics together, which were enjoyable. I also like to meet up with other mums in the park with Ben. This week I was on the regional Christian radio, speaking about what we're doing in France.

Jack is preaching for the first time, this Sunday (22nd) in French! He has also just finished his French course (which was 15-hours a week), and is being tutored instead. He's also joining in with a young adults bible study and volunteering at the community center.

Ben has now changed from childminder to creche, and is enjoying it, starting to speak (and even sing!) more in French.

In June, we'll be back in the UK for three weeks, staying with family in the south, going to a wedding in Birmingham and going up to Durham to reconnect with King's and join in with their June project mission week.

We'd love to see you, please get in touch and we can fix a date!



Sarah being interviewed on regional Christian radio



The Sunday service at our church

Please pray to and praise God for these things:

1. Praise God for the team being able to come from the UK. There had been lots of logistical hurdles to overcome, but God has answered lots of prayers! Praise him also for the encouragement and blessing of our time together. Pray that God would use our time together for lasting good to them and the church here.
2. Protection over health. Jack, Ben and I have had a couple of colds, Jack had covid, we had a tummy bug, and a flu in the last month and a half. We'd love to be well for a bit!
3. Jack's transition from language school to being tutored, for more opportunities to practise his French. Praise God for a retired lady from church who has offered to help him practise his French. Pray that he adapts well to no longer having the structure of the language school.
4. Pray for Jack's first sermon in French on the 22nd May
5. Pray for safe travel to the UK and within the UK, for good time with friends and family and with sending and supporting churches
6. For Ben in all the change in his little world, that he would continue to adapt well, especially with the upcoming travel, potty training then school in September.
7. Discipleship of new believers in church.
8. Opportunities to share Jesus with people we meet, and for deeper relationships with friends and neighbours.
9. Praise God for financial provision for us being here. A couple of our supporters have had to stop financially giving, whilst at the same time others have seemingly spontaneously begun or increased giving. This is encouraging for our faith in Him the provider.
10. Our personal prayer lives and relationships with God. We don't want to get too busy 'doing things for Jesus' but instead want to be listening to Him and enjoying his presence, and aware of how much we need Him.

Thanks so much for praying. We'd love to hear from you too! Do get in touch.

Our mailing address is: winterburns@kcd.org.uk

We're trusting God to continue providing the finances we need. To join the financial support team, just get in touch and we can give you the details.

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

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 session is 11th June**), 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

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

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
