



Christ  
Church  
Orpington

## Family News, 28th May 2022

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### Reflection

*"But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from me. I, the Lord, have spoken!"* Isaiah 54:17 NLT

This passage gives us a clear and unambiguous message - fear no more! We are God's own children, adopted into His family. With this status comes a power and an inheritance far beyond our wildest dreams.

So picture the next scene in Mark 4, verses 39-40:

*"When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"*

As God's children we have direct access to our heavenly Dad, just like Jesus did. Yet we often behave as if we are powerless against the world, our enemies and the devil. But we are not; out of the most desperate times we can find that our faith has the best opportunity to grow; but only if we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit that resides within us. We are called to concentrate our minds on miracles in a childlike manner!

Someone once said that we have God's phone number on speed dial, 333, and it's Jeremiah 33:3;

*"Call me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvellous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own" (MSG)*

We may have heavy hearts due to our own difficult circumstances or wars raging across the world; but in this prayer session let us call God's number and be ready and expectant to hear from Him.

Pieter

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## Sunday 29th May 7th Sunday of Easter

### 9.00am Holy Communion

### 10.30am Morning Worship

#### Welcome, Notices

#### Opening Prayer, Confession

#### Worship

Song Give thanks with a grateful heart

Song Here I am

Song Purify my heart

#### Bible Reading

Romans 8 v 1-8 & 28-30

#### Sermon

#### Intercessions

#### Worship

Song King of kings majesty

Sing Glory 663 Come down O love divine

#### Final Prayer & Blessing

### 6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect



### Family News

No Family News next week as Vernon is taking a break

Please send notices for the next issue by

**12noon Saturday 11th June** please

email: [vandjapp@gmail.com](mailto:vandjapp@gmail.com)

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## 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 29th May

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

### Monday 30th May

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

**Community Club and Café Mosaic are closed for Half-Term**

### Wednesday 1st June

Morning Prayer Meeting, 10am in the Chapel

### Pentecost (Whit Sunday), Sunday 5th June

10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Worship

### Trinity Sunday, Sunday 12th June

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

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>

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Join **Heather Kroiter** for zoom coffee after church



on **Sunday 29th May** from 11.45am:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84444336339?pwd=Q3RnckdCcGN3b0RUSFlvGJEa0k5QT09>  
Meeting ID: 844 4433 6339  
Passcode: EJK40w

And then on **Sunday 5th June 2022** from 11.45am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84444336339?pwd=Q3RnckdCcGN3b0RUSFlvGJEa0k5QT09>

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## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As some of you may be aware we had thought about doing something as a church for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, but there are so many excellent community things going on, it would be great if we went to those and blessed them with our time and resources. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out into our community, so let's enjoy it.

These include lots of street parties on different days to go to, and:

### Thursday 2nd June 2022, 10am-10pm, Market Square

"a full programme of entertainment, beginning with a live screening of the Trooping of the Colour. We have a fantastic and varied line-up of live music, children's activities, the Proclamation at 2pm, the national anthem and a toast to Her Majesty. Celebrations culminate with the lighting of Orpington town centre's official Jubilee Beacon and fireworks."

<https://www.orpington1st.co.uk/events/orpingtons-jubilee-celebrations>

These include The Renegade Blues Brothers:

<https://www.orpington1st.co.uk/events/the-renegade-blues-brothers-live-at-orpingtons-jubilee-celebrations>

And if you are into Reggae music:

<https://www.orpington1st.co.uk/events/dread-centre-live-at-orpingtons-jubilee-celebrations>

### Sunday 5th June 2022

The Knoll residents Association has events open to all including a community picnic on Broxbourne common from 12pm: <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/event/the-knoll-jubilee-weekend/>

### Sunday 5th June 2022, 10.30am

As well as bringing our congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen, here at Christ Church we will also be celebrating Pentecost, when King Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit on the first disciples, and ignited the fire of the Spirit in the hearts and minds of believers.

Every blessing, Sharon

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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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# WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned potatoes
- Cooking sauces
- Cold meat
- Squash
- Toothpaste (regular size please)
- Washing up liquid
- Toilet rolls
- Nappies size 6 and 6+

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**



## 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:

**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."

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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### Revival Prayer Meeting

**Saturday 5th June, 9-10am at CCO**

All are welcome to join us as we pray for revival in ourselves, our church and our town. We share words, pictures and dreams from God – what has He been saying to you recently?

We see evidence of the power of individuals in this world, and yet God is far more powerful and He wields His power with justice. Let's pray for God's power to be more and more evident in our lives and in our community.

We meet at Christ Church on the first Saturday of the month, so our next session is on Saturday 5th June from 9am to 10am. I would urge you to make corporate prayer a priority.

Liesel

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### Community Club

There is no community club next Tuesday, 31st May as its half term.

But there will be on Tuesday 7th June, when we will be celebrating The Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Sharon will be leading our communion service at 11am.

Our menu will be  
Vegetable soup  
Gala pie, new potatoes and salad, and  
Ploughman's for vegetarians.  
The Queen's Trifle.  
Tea or Coffee.

Come in your red, white and blue ready to eat, sing and celebrate.

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"Would you like to be involved in a new community project in Orpington? If so, read on. I am hoping to set up a repair cafe in Orpington run along the lines of several other local ones in Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells. In order to get the project off the ground I need to get a small team on board. If you feel passionately about environmental issues and want to reduce the amount of goods going to landfill and would like to be involved, then please get in touch with me. "

There is an international repair cafe organisation who we would affiliate with and their website is

<https://www.repaircafe.org/en/>

Many Thanks

Rev Michael Gentry, Associate Rector

Chelsfield with Green Street Green and Pratts Bottom

Tel: 07854 599512

Email: [revmichael@smasch.org](mailto:revmichael@smasch.org)"

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### 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](mailto:office.allsaintschatham@gmail.com)

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

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## Advance notice

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER QUIET DAY

Wednesday, 6th September 2022, 10.30am-3pm  
at Old Bromley College, London Road, BR1 1PE

“Science and Faith” using Psalms and Ecclesiastes with Cathy Knight-Scott

Cathy (formerly curate at All Saints Orpington) is now Vicar at St John the Evangelist Sidcup.



are a Christian charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into trade tool kits and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation.

**TWAM** was established in 1984 based on the belief

*"The Lord is close to those whose hearts have been broken. He saves those whose hearts have been crushed" Psalm 34 verse 18 (NIV).*

TWAM are based in Ipswich, Suffolk, with centres across the country. We have a mission to empower people in Africa living in extreme poverty to create their own livelihoods. We do this by sending trade kits full of tools that are used in skills training centres, offering the trainees a way to put poverty in the past for good and begin their own sustainable careers.

We send around 16 containers filled with a total of around 225 tonnes of tools every year. These tools range from sewing machines and knitting machines to carpentry tools and mechanics tools.

### **What we do in Africa**

Members of the public generously donate their tools to us, which are collected and brought back to our refurbishment centres. They are then refurbished and packed into trade kits to teach skills such as carpentry and tailoring and sent off to skills training centres in Africa. The kits are often gifted to the trainees when they graduate so that they can begin work immediately.

Our work targets the most vulnerable members of society, those living in extreme poverty and facing terrible hardship. We believe that they don't need a one-off financial handout, they need a sustainable way to generate their own income, put poverty in the past for good, gain their independence, and know that **they will be able to feed their families every single day.**

**That is what tools and training can offer.** They strike at the roots of poverty. Rather than offering a temporary solution, tools are the key to a sustainable career. With tools, they don't need to rely on external support - they are supported by their own hands.

The training courses are often a deep source of comfort and companionship for the trainees. Many of them are orphans, homeless, or stuck at home in abusive relationship. Tools are their key to a brighter future, and that is exactly what we give them.

**We currently send tools to five countries in Africa: Zambia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Malawi, and DR Congo.**

### **What we do in The UK**

Whilst our focus is Africa, we also care deeply about helping local communities and involving local people here in the UK. **Our volunteers are with us every step of the way:** from driving our vans or collecting tools from the public, to refurbishing the tools in our refurbishment centres, and even helping out in the office. In short, **we couldn't do anything without them.**

Many of our volunteers are also with us for their mental health. Coming in to volunteer gives them a space where they can use their skills to make a significant, tangible impact, improving thousands of lives in Africa. They also have a place to socialise, to sit and have a cup of tea and chat with friends. Volunteering with TWAM allows them to make friends whilst making a difference. You can find out more about our volunteering opportunities on our dedicated volunteering website: **timefortwam.uk**

We also support local organisations. For example, offcuts of haberdashery fabric that can't be sent to Africa are sent to other charities, and they are then used in schools and playgroups.

We also send material to prisons, which the inmates use in various craft projects. We're incredibly passionate about helping out where we can, and making sure we use everything that is donated to us well

### **You could donate your old tools to us**

We take a wide variety of tools used by carpenters, mechanics, builders, electricians, welders, plumbers, tailors, and more.

See overleaf for the full list of tools that we take, or head to our website **twam.uk/donatetools**. There, you will also find our postcode checker, where you can find your nearest volunteer tool collector who you can contact to pick up your tools

## Tools Wanted

### Yes please ✓

✓ **Agricultural tools:** Fork, spade, hoe, garden rake, hand fork and trowel, lopper, secateurs and hand shears

✓ **Builders' tools:** Spade, shovel, 3ft spirit level, axe, crowbar, fork, sledgehammer, bow saw, bolsters, chisels, all types of hammers and trowels, pin and lines, tape measures, hacksaws and Stanley and hacksaw blades

✓ **Carpenters' tools:** Bevel, braces, clamps, hand drills and bits, all types of files and hammers, chisels, Stanley knife, all types of planes and saws, pliers, rules, all types of saws and screwdrivers, squares plus screws, nails and bolts

✓ **Electricians' tools:** Allen keys, hand drills and bits, all types of pliers and hacksaws, screwdrivers, spanners, soldering iron, voltmeter

✓ **Motor mechanics' tools:** Allen keys, cold chisels, breast drill and bits, all types of hammers and pliers, punches, metric socket sets, spanners, adjustable spanners, cantilever toolboxes, tyre pressure gauge

✓ **Plumbers' tools:** Basin or tap wrench, wire brush, breast drill and bits, various grips and saws, screwdriver, oil can etc

✓ **Garage workshop:** Hydraulic jack, axle stands, battery charger, ramps and large engineers' vices

✓ **Power tools:** Hand and bench drills, sander, planer, jigsaw, circular, band and chop saws, lathe, cultivator, rotavator, welding machine and generator

✓ **Sewing machines:** manual, electric, treadle and industrial

✓ **Knitting machines:** machine and hand wool, needles and patterns

✓ **Haberdashery:** needles, cottons, large material pieces/rolls, buttons, zips, tapes

✓ **Fully working IT equipment:** Desktop computers and laptops running a minimum of Microsoft Windows 7, tablets, networking switch routers and cables

✓ **Bibles:** in modern English

It's not about what we want, it's about what people can use. What may be useful to us, may not be useful to recipients in our partner countries. If we say we can't take something, we're not being ungrateful, we're just being honest.

### No thank you ✗

✗ All broken tools - we can sharpen and remove surface rust, but can't repair or take tools with woodworm.

✗ Ladders and step ladders

✗ Lawn rakes/long-handled shears

✗ Electric and hand lawnmowers

✗ Printers, scanners, typewriters

✗ Disability aids: walking frames, wheelchairs, medicines and glasses

✗ Clothes and shoes

✗ Bikes: men's, women's and children's

✗ Books

✗ Embroidery materials, curtains and weaving materials

✗ Cooking pots, pans and kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery, household appliances and musical instruments

This isn't an exhaustive list, just the main things we're offered by well-meaning supporters on a regular basis

Please note:

Sometimes people donate tools that are not suitable to send to Africa, either due to their age or because they would not be used. We also have some tools donated in such quantities that we cannot use all of them. On these occasions, we will attempt to sell the items to raise vital funds for our work.