



Christ  
Church  
Orpington

## Family News, 18th June 2022

### Reflection

Having a relationship with God is such a privilege, but how often do I take this direct access to the King of Kings, the Creator of the universe; for granted!?

I want this to change that I am awestruck every time I speak to God - that I know he listens. And not only that - He is pleased to hear from me!

In James chapter 5 the Bible speaks about the power of prayer (see verses 13 to 18). I sometimes feel that I am not 'good enough' to pray in a way that materially changes the world; but thankfully the Bible says differently.

"Elijah was a human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops." - James 5:17-18 NLT

The key takeaways I would like to focus on for today are:

- Elijah was human just like you and me. He wasn't an Angel from heaven, but he allowed God to use him, a mere human to be used powerfully for His purposes.
- Elijah prayed **EARNESTLY!** It wasn't a fleeting interaction with the Lord; he would have eliminated all distractions from his surrounds, he would have cleared his head from his day-to-day activities and prayed earnestly. I believe God requires that from us. I'm sure he also loves a quick check-in from us as his beloved children; but when things get real, I believe He wants us to pray earnestly!

To my mind there is no shortage of things to pray about (and thank God for), but let's use this time powerfully to speak to the living God - our rainmaker!

Pieter

## Sunday 19th June 1st Sunday after Trinity



### 10.30am Morning Worship (All Age)

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer

Confession

Worship

Praise, my soul  
Father Abraham  
Father God, I wonder

Bible Reading

Mark 12 verses 28-31 (Youth)

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Father, your love  
He is the Lord (Show your power)

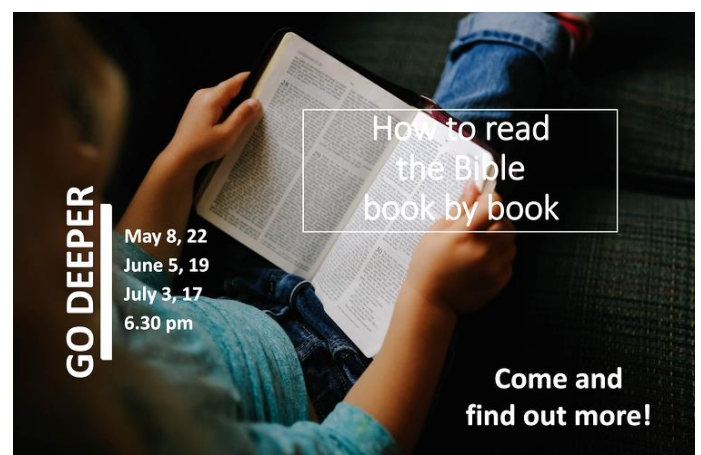
Final Prayer & Blessing

Those online, join **Heather Kroiter** for zoom coffee after church from 11.45am:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82695503351?pwd=d2ZPeG95dGVFeVludndiQTUrSkNqUT09>  
Meeting ID: 826 9550 3351  
Passcode: 5wpyyM

### 6.30pm Holy Communion – Go Deeper



## 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.**

### **Father's Day, Sunday 19th June**

10.30am Morning Worship (All Age)  
6.30pm Holy Communion

### **Monday 20th June**

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

### **Tuesday 21st June**

Community Club

### **Wednesday 22nd June**

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

### **Friday 24th June**

*Café Mosaic*, open 9.15am to 2pm

### **Sunday 26th June**

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

### **Sunday 3rd July**

10.30am Holy Communion  
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>

## Family News

Please send notices for the next issue by

**12noon Saturday 25th June** please

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

## Café Mosaic

Specials this week:

Homemade steak and onion pie, with  
mash potato and seasonal vegetables.

Dessert:

Strawberries and ice cream or fresh dairy cream

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## Community Club, Tuesday 21st June

for Lunch, we are having:

Vegetable soup  
Beef casserole and dumplings, potatoes and  
seasonal vegetables  
Lemon sponge and custard or ice cream  
Tea or coffee.

We shall be having a talk during lunch from a  
representative of Mission Aviation fellowship.  
All newcomers welcome however please book  
in with Mel Ketchin on 07970 289089.

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## Sheila Wilkinson

On Friday 10 June Roger's beloved step mother, Sheila, died after a stroke and two weeks in Bournemouth Hospital at the age of 91.

Sheila was a very active member of Christ Church for over 20 years. She moved to worship here following her children, who were members of the youth group at the time. Sheila had been a widow for many years. After Roger's mother, Val, died Sheila and his father (Roger Senior) married at Christ Church. They were very happy together for 7 and a half years until Roger Senior sadly died. Later Sheila moved to Poole to live near one of her daughters. She has lived there for over 20 years.

A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Sheila will be held at St Mary's Church, Longfleet, Poole on Friday 24 June at 12 noon.



## 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:** 20th & 21st, 27th & 28th

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

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## 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-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



# WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- **TINNED SOUP**
- **MILK long life cartons please**
- **TINNED TOMATOES**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES**  
no tinned potatoes please
- **BLEACH**

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: 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**

"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."

## Exhibition to celebrate the New Church at All Saints being 65 years old this year



The exhibition will comprise original photos of the building process, a film of memories by members of the congregation who were in the church at the time including HRH Duchess of Kent, Princess Marina of Greece and Denmark speaking at the Laying of the Foundation Stone Service.

**Saturday 2nd July 2022, 10am to 4pm**

**Sunday 3rd July 2022, 12noon to 3pm**

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Bark Hart Road, BR6 0QD



Prints of paintings by Richard Rayner painted between 1887 and 1908 of Old Orpington will be available and orders can be taken for prints.

Of course, refreshments will be available and there will be children's activities!



Orpington, White Hart Meadows, showing new houses in Moorfield Road on the left



## Children's Ministry – Help Needed

### Holiday Club Helpers

This year we are planning to run our Holiday Club on **26th, 27th & 28th July**, but 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 - 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)

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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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## 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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## OAKONSULT DISABILITIES OUTREACH

**Direct Help for Children and Young People  
with Special Needs and Disabilities in  
Western Nigeria:**

### **APPEAL FOR SUPPORT**

TOOMORE School in Ilorin, Kwara State, in Western Central Nigeria was founded by a Reverend Samuel Ajayi in 2006 to respond to the desperate need for children and young people with special needs or disabilities. It currently provides for 60 children aged 5-18 and 27 young adults aged 19-30. About 28 of them (18 males and 10 girls) live in the school hostel all year, either because they have been abandoned or have very aged parents.

Towards OAKonsult's continued efforts as an organisation to support the school, we scheduled a 3-day virtual training in May 2022. It was a very humbling experience. **They identified specific needs which would have an immediate impact on the children and young people** which are listed and costed over the page. What stood out about Toomore School is the crop of people made up in its workforce! There are 16 staff, who work tirelessly to provide care and education under extremely pressurised conditions with very limited resources but with **absolute passion and dedication** to the wellbeing of the children/young people with disabilities under their watch day in, day out.

There is a palpable cohesion among staff. We saw their total commitment to the cause which some described as a 'calling'. Their salaries range from **₦12,000 to ₦35,000 (i.e., roughly about £20 - £50)** monthly, yet they were far more concerned about what would be the plight of these children/young people if they were to go elsewhere than about their own personal wellbeing. In addition to the permanent members of staff at TOOMORE School, there are also 4 members of the National Youth Service Corp members on posting for their one-year youth service to the nation. They have also imbibed the positive culture of this institution towards children/young people with disabilities. They are changing attitudes through their work.

### **Background Information**

Persons with disabilities in Nigeria persistently face stigma, discrimination, and barriers to accessing basic social services and economic opportunities. Today, they face even greater barriers brought about by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. They usually experience negative attitudes at family and community levels, including name-calling, negative beliefs, and misconceptions surrounding the causes of disabilities (usually associated with religious or cultural norms, and beliefs). This leads to rejection, neglect, loss of respect, denial of identity or self-worth, and often to low self-esteem, depression, and isolation<sup>i</sup>. This, along with structural limitations and challenges, also reinforces barriers for persons with disabilities in accessing basic services such as education, health, public transport, and social safety nets. For example, ***Research shows "Only one in every ten children with disabilities gets access to education in Africa"***<sup>ii</sup>.



Fig A: Toomore School compound

With such a dire overview therefore, we deemed it highly worthwhile to support TOOMORE School as they demonstrate tremendous passion and willingness to educate the children and young adults in their care.

We held a complimentary strategy session as part of our capacity building effort for the staff of this institution and they highlighted the following as the immediate needs for the school. This, therefore, forms the basis for **OUR APPEAL**.

<sup>i</sup> *Social inclusion of persons with disabilities in Nigeria: Challenges and opportunities*

<sup>ii</sup> *The African Report on Children with Disabilities*

NEEDS	JUSTIFICATION	**EST COST (£)
<b>Borehole (100m depth/ 15m overboard and water distribution around the premises)</b>	Staff currently source for water during the dry season as the school's well totally runs dry during this period. This adds to the pressure of caring especially for the students in the hostels, and others who are doubly incontinent among the students.	<b>£2,448</b> <b>(N1,811,520)</b>
<b>20 Bunk Beds and 40 Mattresses</b>	All the ones currently available are quite worn and needs to be replaced. (Please refer to Fig D & E below)	£68 per bed = £1,360 £51 per mattress = £2,040  <b>Total £3,400</b> <b>(N2,516,000)</b>
<b>Block of 3 Additional Classrooms</b>	The school would love to promote independent living and vocational courses for the older students (ages 19-30). TOOMORE currently holds a temporary license to operate a Technical College from the Nigerian Government but would need to have additional 3 classrooms before this could be ratified as a permanent license.	<b>£25,305</b> <b>(N18,725,700)</b>
<b>A school bus (preferably a 14-18 seater)</b>	Parents would rather keep these children/young people hidden at home instead of bringing them to school, so staff pick up and drop the day students during school term. Currently they use the founder's personal vehicle to transport some of the children/young people to and from school, but unfortunately, the vehicle has developed so many faults overtime and breaks down very frequently.	<b>£38,714</b> <b>(N28,648,360)</b>
<b>Financial Support to improve the staff earnings</b>	Although the staff listed this as the last point on the agenda, we would like to have this as a priority and need to be met for obvious reasons.	Kindly refer to staff welfare below

\*\*Depending on rate of exchange

### STAFF WELFARE (OAKONSULT PLANNED CONTINUING SUPPORT)

TOOMORE's total salary for the 16 members of staff at the institution is about £4,777 **(N3,534,980)** per annum. We are proposing a bonus of 30% across board for staff yearly as part of the staff welfare package. This will be an average cost of £1,433 **(N1,060,420)** per annum and we are seeking for support in this area also.

### CONCLUSION

Our ethos at OAKonsult is founded on **John 10:10b** which states: **"...that you may have life and that more abundantly"**. We strongly believe children and young people as well as the workforce of Toomore Primary and Secondary School can be better supported with resources and facilities that would enable them to have an abundant life; matters of disabilities notwithstanding.

We are hoping to receive support to change the situation at this institution between **June – December 2022** for the different needs itemised and we will also welcome ongoing support in relation to the proposed yearly bonus scheme as specified.

Many thanks for your anticipated assistance.

### OUR BANK DETAILS

**\*\*Please make Donation Reference:  
TOOMORE PROJECT**

Account Name:

**OAKONSULT DISABILITIES OUTREACH**

#### **NIGERIA**

**Bank:** STANBIC IBTC BANK

**Account No:** 0038756837

**Bank:** Guarantee Trust BANK (GTBank)

**Account No:** 0655572966

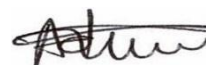
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#### **Blessings**



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**About OAKonsult Disabilities Outreach**

We are a faith-based organisation with a mandate to introduce the disability community to the Gospel of Christ. We introduce parent carers to the possibility of living a purposeful and fulfilled life despite facing the challenges of raising children/young people with disabilities. OAKonsult also raises awareness about disability matters and promote inclusion in churches as well as other organizations.

Towards this appeal, OAKonsult will ensure that there is robust monitoring and evaluation of the funds given and will endeavour to provide reports on how funding has been used for this project.



Fig B. School's Well



Fig C. Current Classrooms



Fig D. School Hostels showing the Bunk Beds



Fig E. School Hostels showing more Bunk Beds



Fig F. Poultry Pen towards Independent Skills Training