



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News, 25th June 2022

Lightning strikes!

"The evening of Saturday 18th June was quite eventful for Christ Church Orpington. Our buildings became the landing point for a particularly large bolt of lightning. It was spectacular, both in terms of the brightness of the light and its noisiness! You may be wondering what the consequences of the storm have been and what is happening now as a consequence of it.

The summary is that some systems and resources have been damaged quite badly, but that most of our physical property, facilities and premises have survived without a scratch. Our lightning conductor seems to have spared the buildings and everything installed in the 20th Century. However, our more modern electronics installed in recent years have taken quite a frying from the power of the electricity generated by the storm.

The main casualties are our fire alarm system, our tech desk and IT system, the computer networking, some of our lighting features and a control panel. This operates things such as our boiler and the gas supply to the kitchen. So, what do we not have in the short term? Well, we have no heating, no hot water, no linked sound system nor other IT systems and not much hot food cooking capacity.

On the positive side, what do we still have? We have electricity and the use of anything that just needs to be plugged in, such as kettles and microphones. We have lights, we have a warm time of year and long daylight hours. We have running water. We have a grill and a warming oven, fridges and freezer. Teas and coffees remain available. Salad and ice lollies are possible, as are bacon sandwiches! Most importantly, everything that we need for our Sunday services to go ahead remains intact.

Our hall hire will recommence on Monday, following a week off to take stock of the damage.

All other ministries will continue too, such as our Community Club, Open Kitchen, Youth and Children's work, including our excellent annual Holiday Club.

We are already working with our insurers to process a claim for the storm damage. We are also already seeking quotes for repairs and replacements to our most damaged systems. We are aiming to have most

things back to normal before the need for our heating returns.

In the meantime, please bear with those doing their best to provide us with worship, with tech support, with access to song sheets and with lighting. They are doing heroic work! Please also give your attention and support to our sidespeople who will be making frequent patrols of our premises, on the look out for any signs of a problem whilst our fire alarm is not working. The substitute fire alarm system we have agreed with our insurers is a handbell!"

So, despite a direct hit, Christ Church Orpington is getting on with everything that Christ Church Orpington does!

Dave Humphries

Cafe Mosaic

Come and support Cafe Mosaic while lightning damage is being repaired to Christ Church.

Our display cabinet will be full of tasty snacks. We still have soup, Quiche, Jacket potato, panini and chips. Don't forget Wimbledon is coming up so pop in for our Strawberries and cream or ice cream cornets this summer.

Our breakfast will be limited but pop in for our bacon or sausage butties or muffins too

Community Club, Tuesday 28th June

Community Club are having an outing to The Saville gardens at Windsor Great Park.

Prayers appreciated for a lovely safe day

Claire Wilkinson

Our daughter Claire will be licenced and installed on Monday 4th July as the Team Vicar of North Hinckford Benefice which is on the Suffolk/Essex border.

Claire grew up at Christ Church so some of you who were in the congregation many years ago may remember her.

She will be working in an all-female Team with a Rector and Curate. The Benefice includes 15 Churches and Claire will be responsible for 6 of them. Needless to say, this is a very rural community.

Please will you remember Claire at this exciting time as it will be her first experience of being a Vicar.

Roger & Yvonne Wilkinson

Sunday 26th June

2nd Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Magnificent Trinity
Here I am
King of kings majesty

Bible Reading

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 'The Ministry of Reconciliation'

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

God so loved

Sing Glory 596 Go forth and tell!

Final Prayer & Blessing

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



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86167044948?pwd=gInUpvkOBYC0tgNHHvfBjHqmzYAzpr.1>

Meeting ID: 861 6704 4948

Passcode: Ek2kVa

6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect



What's on...

Sunday 26th June

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

Monday 27th June

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

Tuesday 28th June

Community Club Outing

Wednesday 29th June

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

Friday 1st July

Café Mosaic, open 9.15am to 2pm

Sunday 3rd July

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 10th July

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



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:** 27th & 28th

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

Spinnaker Trust 35 for 35

We at Spinnaker Trust have set ourselves the target of raising £35k for our 35th Anniversary to help us step up to meet the growing invitations to visit schools, speaking to children who may not otherwise hear about Jesus. On Saturday 9th July Caroline Rous will be joining the team to do a sponsored walk of 35,000 steps around Bewl Water as part of our fundraising. If you would like to sponsor her, you can use this link

https://www.spinnaker.org.uk/donation_invoices/new/campaign/7

Thank you, Caroline

WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- **TINNED SOUP**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES**
no tinned potatoes please
- **TINNED COLD MEAT (CORNERED BEEF)**
- **TOILET ROLLS**
- **SWEETS**
- **CARRIER BAGS**

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."

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Meina is our GDPR representative and if anyone has any queries relating to GDPR to please contact her on:
gdpr@ccorpington.org

Family News

Please send notices for the next issue by

12noon Saturday 2nd July please

email: vandjmapp@gmail.com

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, our Holiday Club runs from **Tuesday 26th to Thursday 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 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

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 do 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

Dear friends!

It is June 2022 and we just had LBC graduation and the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the LBC ministry.

A few highlights from LBC life:

- February 24th changed our peaceful and relatively calm life for us. On day 3 we started receiving refugees from Ukraine. Over the period of 4 months of war, LBC received more than 100 families - the majority from Mariupol and Donetsk areas where the war hit hardest. We fed them, accommodated them from 1 night to 2 months, took them from the Ukrainian border, and entertained them. It was overwhelming at times, but we are glad that we did it. We made about 15 trips to the Ukrainian border delivering tons of food, medical supplies, and personal hygiene. We managed to raise around 60,000 Euros from friends and missions. It was an incredible time.



Meanwhile, the life of LBC went on and we had different groups graduating this year - the School of Preaching, Theology and Ministry, Counselling group. We had altogether 49 graduates on different programs. On top of this, we celebrated 30 years of God's favour to LBC as a ministry. We, Ester and myself, consider it to be of an enormous privilege to serve the Lord @ LBC. We enclose the link to the article from the online source "Evangelical Focus", which was written by Prof. J. Reimer who led the Counselling program together with his wife Cornelia. (<https://evangelicalfocus.com/features/17417/latvian-biblical-center-lbc-celebrates-30-years-of-gods-grace>)

As I (Victor) write these lines, we prepare for our move to Portugal early next week (28-29th of June). Please pray for us as we plan to move all the way to Portugal by car. I, Victor, still stay as LBC director until July 2023. Ester's replacement has already come.

Soli Deo Gloria!!!

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