

Reflection

I love reading the Bible; it never fails to reveal more and more every time I read it. I am by no means an expert, nor am I great at memorising verses and where they are written, but when I do read the Bible, I always try and hear what God is saying to me.

When I was a child, I remember loving the story about Solomon where God granted him one wish, almost like the genie in Aladdin (may I encourage you to read 1 Kings chapter 3 again). What happened next was so spectacular that it could easily have been straight out of a Disney film:

"The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies - I will give you what you asked for! I will also give you what you did not ask for - riches and fame!"

1 Kings 3:10-13 NLT

How cool is that, our God is the best script writer!

I want to suggest we use the following verses from the New Testament as a guide for our prayers today, as we ask God for the amazing wisdom too.

"But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favouritism and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."

James 3:17-18 NLT

Lord we want to ask you to purify our hearts and in so doing we can be ambassadors for the Prince of Peace.

We pray for peace in war torn areas of the world, especially at this time we ask for Your Divine intervention in Ukraine.

We ask that you make us lovers and instigators of unity and equality, and that we mirror the heart of Jesus in putting the needs of others ahead of ourselves.

We pray that you show us, and make available to us, the opportunity to demonstrate this Divine love to others on our paths, and in so doing, be clear signposts to your Kingdom.

We pray this in the name of Jesus!

Pieter



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Family News
15th October 2022

Sunday 16th October
18th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Sing Glory 93 Praise my soul the king of heaven

Song Blessed be your name

Song Cornerstone

Bible Readings

1 Peter 3 v 1-17

Sermon

Intercessions

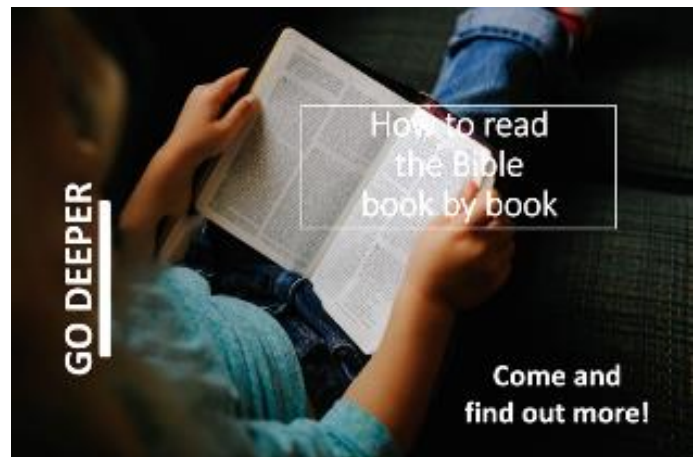
Worship

Sing Glory 657 For the joys and for the sorrows

Song Living hope (How great the chasm)

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Holy Communion – Go Deeper



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**
(Sunday 16th October)
join **Heather Kroiter** from 11.45am:



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1q4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWb1FLUDVuZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

Family News: notices for the next issue by

12noon Saturday 22nd October please

email: vandjapp@gmail.com

Community Club, Tuesday 18th October

Kim is leading our worship/study time at 11am with a session just entitled 'Faith'.

Lunch Menu

Minestrone soup

Roast pork and apple sauce, roast potatoes and seasonal veg.

Cheesecake with fruit sauce

Tea or Coffee.

What is a Warm Bank?

"Warm banks are safe places with the heating on, where people can go to get warm in the winter if they cannot afford to heat their homes. They will be run by local councils, charities, museums, libraries and NHS services across the country."

The Church of England has asked its churches to think about taking part in this scheme, and we have decided at Christ Church, that we would like to be one of those that take part. Other churches across Orpington are also hoping to take part, and between us, we may be able to find somewhere open every day to offer warmth to people.

One of the times we have our heating on is for the Sunday services, so we would love to open our café area doors to people seeking some warmth, and maybe a cup of hot tea or coffee, between 10am and 12noon Sundays.

We can only do this if we have volunteers to serve those who come in, who are willing to stay out of the service to be in the café to do this. If you would like to be part of this offer your time to help, can you email the office on ccorpington@talktalk.net

Thank you 😊

Christmas Choir

All are welcome to join the Christmas Choir as we rehearse on Friday evenings for the Carols by Candlelight service on 18th December.

Rehearsals will begin on **Friday 18th November from 8pm to 9.30pm**. You don't need to be able to read music, as recordings of the parts will be available.

Please do consider joining us even if you've not done so before! If you have any questions about what's involved, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Christ Church Orpington services...

Sunday 16th October

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion - Go Deeper

Sunday 23rd October

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Sunday 30th October

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9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Sunday 6th November

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Sunday 13th November

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Remembrance Day Service

4.00pm Service of remembrance for the life of a loved one

Sunday 20th November

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect

Sunday 27th November

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

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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



Sat 12 Nov 2022

9am-12.30pm

HOPE

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OF CHARGE

Christ Church Orpington, Charterhouse Rd, BR6 9EP

To register, contact: Liesel@ccorpington.org
or 07511 876928



WANTED
OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Fruit Juice (long life)
Sponge Pudding
Tinned Ham
Sweets
Tin Openers
Shaving foam or gel

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**

"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."

Sleep Out for Bromley Homeless

A big thank you to all those of you who sponsored us for our sleep out last Saturday evening – we have raised to date £1,086.25 and the total raised so far by the 22 of us is over £14,000. The JustGiving page doesn't close for a while so there is still time to sponsor us if you wish.

It was a rather cold night but we were well prepared so didn't get cold – however, not much sleeping was done (the church clock strikes every hour, very loudly!)

Thank you again, with 97.9p of all donations going directly to people suffering or at risk from homelessness, you can know that your support for our local charity has really made all the difference.



Alan and Andy

Operation Christmas Child 2022



Christ church would like to support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child again this year.

Operation Christmas child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, run by the Christian relief and development organisation Samaritan's Purse. Their mission is to demonstrate Gods love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to support this project by filling a shoebox with gifts; please pick up a shoe box and leaflet on your way out from Church today and find out how to send a box of gifts to some of the world's most disadvantaged children. Your shoe box could be the first Christmas present they have ever received in their lives. Please bring your filled shoe box back to Christ Church on Sunday 14th November. Alternatively, you may wish to fill an online shoebox. Samaritans Purse has made giving a shoe box online a very successful way of supporting this project - details are available on their website:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

With many thanks for your support

Coming up at Christ Church Orpington

Saturday 29th October

Messy Light Party 4-6pm

Sunday 13th November

Remembrance Day Service 10.30am

Remembrance of the departed 4pm

Saturday 10th December

Messy Christmas & Christingle 4-6pm

Sunday 18th December

Crib Service 10.30am

Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve Mass 11.15pm

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day Service 10.30am



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 in October:

17th, 18th, 24th and 25th

