



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News 22nd October 2022

Reflection

I am currently busy with a book by Craig Groeschel called *Dangerous Prayers*. He starts off by describing his own prayer life as a young Christian, and one day his Christian friend called him out on how 'lame' his prayers were. His friend spoke from a place of love and sincerity, with maybe a little bit of banter thrown into the mix based on their friendship. But it got him really thinking on how he approached prayer, both privately and also publicly as a youth leader.

Although I am not finished with the book, I get a feeling it is one I will almost certainly go back to after I've been through it once, I want to share some of the overall themes he tries to convey. He highlights how often, for many, prayer becomes predictable, repetitive and regrettably quite dull. For example, 'please bless this food', 'please protect us on this journey', 'please help me through this health or financial crisis' etc. What would the conversation look like if God was actually sitting in the room, at the table or next to us on the train? God may be a bit bored because he knows what we want even before we ask for it (Matthew 6:8). Although there is nothing wrong with scripted prayer, Craig suggests that to break away from safe prayers is when we really connect with God, the Creator and Maintainer of the Universe! In fact, he urges us, if we dare, to open to God (mirrored by how Jesus prayed to his Abba) and pray dangerous prayers!

The book is broken into three parts which challenges us to lift our prayer lives to levels that will change our own lives, the lives of others and even change the world. The three parts are:

1. Search me - am I willing to open my heart to God and invite Him to search my deepest thoughts, my most private places in my head and my heart. What will God find and how will I respond to what God finds there.
2. Break me - in the same way Jesus prayed 'not my will but Yours be done' (Luke 22:42), how willing am I to say to God that I will put the needs of others before my own, regardless of the discomfort it may cause to me or those I love; what if the consequence was death!? It is easy to sing in a song during

Sunday worship. When I sing 'Refiner's fire', am I truly ready to be purified and set aside like Jesus was!?

3. Send me - again I may easily sing (as a prayer) for God to send me, but I have plans for my life; there are things I really to want to do and see. Am I willing to turn my back on my own agenda in order to glorify God in the way Jesus did? What if I pray 'send me' and the call will completely go against where I am aiming or I feel totally ill-equipped for the task before me; what then!?

So, as we pray together this week, let us start this journey of praying dangerous prayers together. As we are representing Jesus on this side of heaven, we should expect to find it hard, we should not be surprised when we fail or encounter opposition. But the reward will be good; an enhanced faith in Jesus Christ and encounters with the living God that we have not yet experienced.

Pieter

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 😊

Family News: notices for the next issue by

12noon Friday 28th October please

email: vandjmapp@gmail.com

Sunday 23rd October

Last Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

- Song You broke the chains
- Song Magnificent Trinity
- Song Hallelujah

Bible Readings

1 Peter 3 v 18 - 4 v 6

Sermon

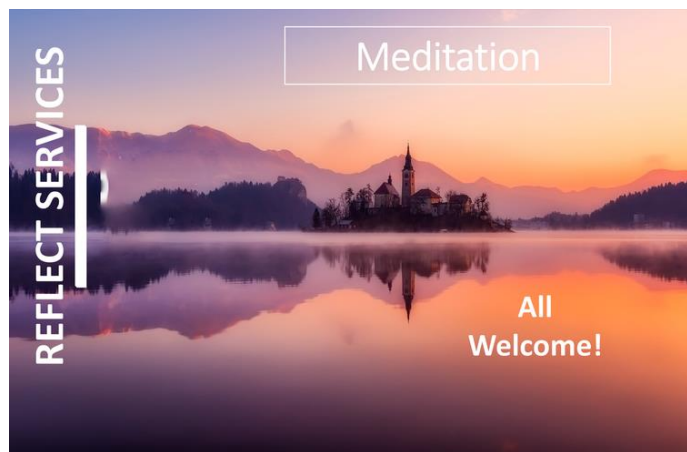
Intercessions

Worship

- Song There is a truth
- Song Lead us heavenly Father lead us

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**

(Sunday 23rd October)
join **Heather Kroiter** from 11.45am:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWb1FLUDVuZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My



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.

Liesel, 07511 876928

liesel@ccorpington.org

Christ Church Orpington services...

Sunday 23rd October

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

Sunday 30th October

clocks go back ONE HOUR

- 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

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



Sat 12 Nov 2022

9am-12.30pm

HOPE

**FREE
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
Sugar
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."

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 shoebox could be the first Christmas present they have ever received in their lives. Please bring your filled shoebox back to Christ Church on Sunday 13th November.

Alternatively, you may wish to fill an online shoebox. Samaritans Purse has made giving a shoebox online a very successful way of supporting this project - if you would like to fill an online shoebox, then please use the link below which has been set up to record the number of online boxes filled by Christ Church:

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/2e8d37bf>

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: 24th and 25th

[Safeguarding from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team](#)

Last week, the Church of England published the national **[Past Cases Review 2 \(PCR2\) report](#)**.

The purpose of PCR2 was to identify both good practice and institutional failings in relation to how allegations of abuse have been handled, assess any identified risks and respond to these where appropriate, and to provide recommendations to the Church that will lead to improvements in its safeguarding work.

The following statement of intent and direction is contained within the review:

Safeguarding needs to be part of our DNA, as an expression of our love for one another and our commitment to the Gospel. This means not just putting in place rigorous and professional processes, it also means that as a church we need to understand this and teach it as a core part of our faith and practice. Our aspiration is for a church where children, young people and the vulnerable can worship, learn, socialise and develop in a safe and caring environment, with the knowledge they have a voice and can confidently raise concerns.

Local overview published

Alongside the national report, the Diocese has published an overview of its independent review; it is one of 45 independent reviews which contributed to the national report.

The overview details some of the key findings of the independent reviewers, as well as recommendations to improve safeguarding practice and culture across the Diocese.

[Read the Diocese of Rochester PCR2 overview](#)

[Safeguarding Training at Christchurch](#)

Following on from Safeguarding Sunday, we will be running a face to face awareness session on Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse on Saturday 12th November 2022 and on Saturday 19th November 2022. The sessions will run in the church at the following times with light refreshments available between the sessions:

Saturday 12th November

Safeguarding Foundation Level 1330-1500 hours
Domestic Abuse Awareness 1530-1630 hours

Saturday 19th November

Safeguarding Foundation Level 0930-1100 hours
Domestic Abuse Awareness 1130-1230 hours

These sessions are available for anyone on the PCC, those working with our young people and those who lead small groups and pastoral visitors. There are 24 places available and they should be booked via Anna Carey at anna@ccorpington.org You can book for one or both courses on this date.

The option to complete by e-learning is still available and these modules can be accessed via [Safeguarding Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](https://safeguardingtrainingportal.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



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

Family life

Benjamin has started school! Schooling has recently become compulsory in France from a young age - all children born in the calendar year 2019 start this September. He's currently in for half days and will be moving to full days between October and Christmas. The first week and a half were fairly rocky but it seems to be on the up. Jack will be having his wisdom teeth out soon, do pray for that to go well.



Winterburns enjoying a walk

Youth and children- and hopefully inter-church youthwork!

The first youth social in August went well - we had lots of fun eating pizza and playing board games together. Another lady from church helped run it with me. We'll have another on the 15th of October. The plan is for every other meet-up to have some christian content, so next time we'll be having a discussion on 'What is church?'. A couple of leaders from other churches in Tours have expressed interest in doing youth work together at some point-hooray! God has also answered prayers to add to the team of adults for helping with this work.

The *pastorale protestante* (group of Protestant churches in Tours) are putting on a *spectacle des*

enfants (show for children) with a christian drama group called the *paraboleurs*, please pray for planning to go smoothly and for it to be fruitful.

Worship music - departures and beginnings

One member of the worship team (who was one of the 3 worship leaders) has moved house with his family. They will be missed very much. At the same time, someone else in church has expressed interest in learning to worship lead.

A church member has started a choir, which I'm helping to transcribe music for. He hopes it will be a way for church members to get to know one another better and also perhaps a way for doing outreach together such as in residential homes or at the <<fête de la musique>> in June.

A few months ago, a lady from church, a friend of hers and I gathered to put melodies to some lyrics she had written (Christmas songs for church). Last weekend we had the joy of being able to record them together. This is especially lovely as there isn't nearly as much worship music written in French as in English, and particularly Christmas songs are nearly all translated. The idea is that the songs can be sung in churches. Once they're ready I'll send you all the recordings :-)



A potential venue for future youth socials - the basement of a family from church.

Preaching, teaching and theology

Jack is continuing to preach once a month, and has worked on the sermon series on 1 Samuel for this Autumn. Jack also led a men's breakfast on the theme 'How should we do theology?', the first in a series giving an overview of Christian theology.

Jack is considering doing further study in theology, and is currently exploring options. Do pray that he comes across something that would be useful.

I might be participating in teaching on the book of Romans on a Saturday morning, open to people from the church denomination.

Community

Jack and I are continuing to volunteer at the Maison de la Solidarite (community centre).

Jack has recently joined a volleyball club and has been going to the <<café des langues>> in the centre of town - a place people can go to chat and practise languages.

A group of ladies from church are going to pray together about potentially starting a midweek group in the church building for the community, such as a mums and toddlers group.

I've been participating in an ecumenical group that is planning an event together called <<la journée de la création>>. It's a day on the theme of God creating the world and looking after the environment. It's nice to see Protestants and Catholics working well together in spite of some differences. Through this group I met some people who are part of a <<chemin neuf>> prayer group, which is a charismatic ecumenical movement in France and overseas. Hopefully I'll make it to one of their meetings.



Jack preaching on Acts 28 in August
(spot the spelling mistake!)

Prayer points:

1. Our walks with Jesus
2. Jack's operation on his teeth on the afternoon of the 30th September
3. Next youth social on the 15th October (with discussion on what is the church) and for the prospect of doing joint youth work with other churches to come to fruition. Also for good male role models for the teenage boys in the church and for them to grow in their faith.
4. Praise God for unity amongst Christians in Tours, for both the protestant churches getting on well together and the work with the catholic church. You can pray for the spectacle with the Paroleurs on the 11th December (organised by the protestant churches) and the Journée de la création on the 8th October (joint organisation between protestants and catholics).
5. Jack to continue to grow in preaching and to find the right theology course
6. Vision for a outward focussed midweek group in church, and the right team to run it
7. Praise God for the chance to help a songwriting project, for the outcome to be useful to our church and other churches too.
8. Still praying for tech people in the church!

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

You can also sign up to receive future updates here:

<https://kcd.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=9a7fc40583aec2019a2e31b6e&id=ff5b0dbfe7>

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