



Christ  
Church  
Orpington

## Family News 5th November 2022

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### Reflection

If a prayer audit was done on our prayer lives and an analysis published with the findings, what sort of reading would that make?

- how often have I prayed for my own needs and desires?
- how often have I petitioned the Lord with righteous anger over injustices in our world?
- how often have I prayed out of sheer desperation because I simply couldn't figure matters out by myself?
- how much of my prayer time has been crying out to God because he has not (yet) answered my prayers?
- how often have my prayers just been quiet time with God listening for his still small voice?
- how many of my prayers have been centred around thanking God for answers to my prayers?
- how often have I thanked Him for delivering answers to things I didn't even ask for (or know how to ask for)?
- if there was a pie-chart of the types of prayers how much of the chart would be simply praising Jesus for who he is?

I am ashamed to say that my own audit would probably make for very poor reading. There will be a lot of 'me, me, me' and will be overweight in 'Lord will you please...' and underweight in 'Thank you Jesus' and outright praise to the living God!

God has no problem with us asking, in fact we know that he wants us to ask:

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."*

Matthew 7:7 NIV

But, if we are so very consumed by our own circumstances and feelings we risk only approaching God with our shopping list, however justified and well meaning. Where we can grow in our relationship with God is praising him for

who He is, regardless of how we feel or the situation we find ourselves in:

*"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them."* Acts 16:25 NIV

Now remember this is after they have been stripped, beaten with rods, flogged and thrown into prison. I suspect my prayers would have revolved around my release and easing my pain and shame. I am afraid that worship and praise would probably not have crossed my mind and I would have probably tried to suck up to the guard so that we can expect slightly better treatment...

Lord I want to pray that you change my heart, so that when I come before you it is with an attitude of praise and adoration for who You are and what Jesus has done for me. Amen.

Pieter

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### 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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**Family News:** notices for the next issue by

**12noon Saturday 12th November** please

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

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# Sunday 6th November

## 3rd Sunday before Advent

### 10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome

Notices

Opening Prayer

Confession

Worship

Here I am  
You unravel me  
What a beautiful name

Bible Reading

1 Peter 5 v 1-14

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

He is our peace

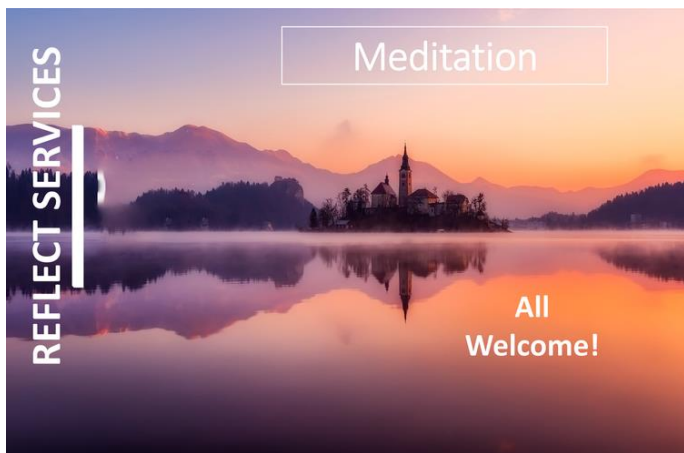
Holy Communion

Worship

Servant King

Final Prayer & Blessing

### 6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**  
(Sunday 6th November)

join **Heather Kroiter** from 11.45am:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWbFlLUDVvZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

## Café Mosaic

### Specials this week are

Cornish Pastie, Chips and Beans

### Dessert

Strawberry and White Chocolate Cheesecake

### Christ Church Orpington services...

#### 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

### Coming up at Christ Church Orpington

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 9-9.20am 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 November are:  
14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th November.

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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](mailto:gdpr@ccorpington.org)

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"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

## 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](mailto:ccorpington@talktalk.net)

Thank you 😊

## Community Club, Tuesday 8th November

Sharon will be leading our communion service at 11am as it was postponed from last week.

Teas and coffees served from 10 30am.

## Lunch menu

Vegetable soup  
Cottage pie and vegetables  
Fruit crumble and custard  
Tea or Coffee.



Hi Kent hearing services should be in attendance.

## 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



Creative arts  
for spiritual wellbeing

# Emerge

Sat 12 Nov 2022  
9am-12.30pm

# HOPE

**FREE  
OF CHARGE**

**Christ Church Orpington, Charterhouse Rd, BR6 9EP**  
**To register, contact: [Liesel@ccorpington.org](mailto:Liesel@ccorpington.org)**  
**or 07511 876928**

