



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News 12th November 2022

Reflection

Being part of a community like we are, means that we get to do life together, which is a true blessing. It also means that we are there to pray for one another and also to pray together. Quite often prayer requests are shared and we ask for God's presence and intervention during periods of suffering. What I also find is that it highlights the amount and the persistence of suffering amongst God's people.

Being a follower of Jesus Christ certainly does not mean we will be spared pain and suffering, sometimes I think quite the opposite. But as believers we can look at how Jesus, and subsequently His disciples, did not shy away from pain & suffering; it was in Jesus' acceptance of pain and suffering that we are saved. The cross becomes the ultimate symbol for us, of love and suffering intertwined so beautifully.

As the psalmist puts it:

"For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning." - Psalms 30:5

So as a result, we can have hope for a better tomorrow, knowing that He remains the constant in our lives; overflowing with love for us, as demonstrated by Jesus!

It is so very reassuring that we can cling to this verse that Paul wrote to believers:

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."

Romans 8:28 NLT

Lord, we ask that you reveal yourself to us during our suffering. Lord as we bring the pain and suffering of others to your throne, we ask that you show up in ways so profound, that those who are yet to commit to following you would be drawn in by your irresistible love. Amen

Pieter

Operation Christmas Child 2022



A big thank you to everyone that has filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Filled shoeboxes need to be returned to Christ Church on **Sunday 13th November** please. The shoeboxes will be collected and taken to Samaritan's Purse on Monday 14th. If you have a box but are unable to return it this Sunday, please drop it into 'The Entertainer' shop in the Walnuts before 19th November, alternatively you can still fill a shoebox online using the following link.

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

With many thanks to everyone who supported this project again this year.

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 start this **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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Community Club, Tuesday 15th November

Jo Gavin and Kim Curle will be jointly leading our worship/study time at 11am. Teas and Coffee served from 10 30am. All welcome.

Lunch menu

- Pea and ham soup (vegetarian option available)
- Sausages with onion gravy, mashed potato and vegetables.
- Tania's apple pie and custard
- Tea or coffee.

Sweet harmony will be singing for us during lunch.

Family News: notices for the next issue by

12noon Saturday 19th November please

email: vandjmapp@gmail.com

Sunday 13th November Remembrance Day

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome and Notices

Introduction

Hymn

Act of Penitence

Absolution

Hymn

Prayers

Song

Poem

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

THE ROLL CALL

ACT OF COMMITMENT

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Hymn

Bible Reading

Sermon

Hymn

Blessing

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



Photo by Sandy Millar on Unsplash

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

(Sunday 13th November)

join **Heather Kroiter** from 11.45am:

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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My



Café Mosaic

Specials this week are

Cottage pie and seasonal vegetables

Dessert

Pancakes

Christ Church Orpington services...

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

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.

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

"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

Thank you 😊

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 19th November 2022**. The sessions will run in the church at the following times with light refreshments available between the sessions:

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://cofeportal.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

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

We will remember them!

Christ Church Orpington's Role Call of those who died in the Second World War

Thanks to Roger Wilkinson for his input in locating the information below about the names we read out on Remembrance Sunday:

Alfred Leslie Ansell

Son of Alfred & Edith Ansell of East Preston, Sussex. He was a 1st Class Aircraftman with the Royal Air Force. He died on 24th June 1944 aged 23 and is remembered at the Kranji Memorial in Singapore

Gerald Francis Boxwell

Son of William & Lilian Boxwell of Orpington. He was a Sergeant in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment and his name is shown on the Kohima War Cemetery in India. He was just 25 years old when he died

Edgar William Buckley

Son of Stanley & Grace Buckley of Orpington. He was a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Air Bomber). He died on the 11th April 1944 and is buried at All Saints Churchyard.

Arthur Norman Bulpitt

Son of Charles & Celia Bulpitt. He was a Flying Officer with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 139 (Jamaica) Squadron. He died on the 3rd March 1943 aged 27

Leonard Harry Chalice

Son of Harry & Elsie Chalice of Orpington. He was a member of 602 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and was just 20 years old when the Spitfire he was in was shot down by fighters over Normandy on 4th July 1944. His name is on the Runnymede War Memorial

Norman Clark

Son of William & Louisa Clark of Orpington. He was a member of the King's Royal Rifle Corps 1st Battalion. He died on the 13th September 1944 aged 39

Noel Douglas Sinclair Forsyth

Son of Douglas & Maude Forsyth of Orpington. He was a Squadron Leader with 61 Squadron and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He died on 3rd September 1941 aged just 28. He is remembered at the Runnymede Memorial

Edmund George Gray

No information found

Reginald Green

No information found

Alec Stanley Hammond

Son of Hubert & Miriam Hammond of Orpington. He was a Gunner in the Royal Artillery 97 (The Yeomanry) Field Regiment. He died on the 9th December 1944 and is mentioned at the Faenza War Cemetery

Cyril Charles Thomas Hawkins

He was a Captain of the Royal Tank Regiment. He died on 26th March 1944, aged 31

Frederick Valentine Francis Lane

Son of Charles & Ester Lane of Orpington. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 82 Squadron. He died on 12th October 1941 aged 22

James Rowntree Priestley

Captain of the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey). He on 30th September 1942 aged 33

Edgar Shrubsole

Adopted son of Louisa Shrubsole of Orpington. He was a driver in the Royal Army Service Corps. He died on 29th May 1940 aged 21 and is remembered at Lille Southern Cemetery

Maurice John Ware

Son of Hubert & Evelyn Ware of Berrynarbor, Devon. Chief Steward Merchant Navy, he died on 3rd March 1943 aged 36, and is remembered at the Tower Hill Memorial

Leslie Whiting

Son of William & Sarah Whiting of Bromley. He was a Lance Bombardier in the Royal Artillery 118 Field Regiment and died on 11th September 1943 aged 23

