

Waiting on God - what good can come from it?

Let's face it, we live in a world where waiting is not the thing to do! Modern life is about speed and getting things done, sharpish! I have a coffee in the morning to get me going, and I will confess I love a good coffee, but it's got to be quick.

In society, waiting is not what spells success or importance. People pay extra for 'speedy boarding' when they fly, flying is quicker and therefore more desirable than a train, and going one step further, by bike that's pure desperation.

Waiting is sometimes portrayed as a form of punishment or inferiority. I am a huge supporter of the NHS, but people get private medical insurance so that they can 'skip the queue', often receiving treatment by the same NHS professionals.

So how come God so often makes us wait? Could there be something in the waiting that God makes us do this with predictable regularity. I believe, like in all things, God's wisdom yet again comes with the answers, He has a plan. I believe the thing that keeps our human spirit alive is hope, and we breed this hope when we learn to wait!

"For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."

Romans 8:24-25 NIV

So, what if we retrain our hearts and our minds to embrace waiting, to expect it, and when it takes us to the waiting room, we expect to grow. I believe that it's the things God does inside of us whilst we are waiting that gives the colour to our lives, often more than the things we are waiting for. Waiting can feel dark and lonely, painful and frightening; but if we take that time of waiting to focus on what God is doing inside of us; if we ensure that we can grow our capacity for Hope during those periods, we will eventually see His will in all circumstances!

Let's pray these Psalms together:

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."
Psalms 27:14

"May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you."
Psalms 25:21

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Family News 19th November 2022

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 are on **Friday, 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

Community Club, Tuesday 22nd November

Liesel will be leading our 'Well prepared' session at 11am looking at near death experiences.

All welcome whether you're staying for lunch or not. See flyer.

Lunch menu

Soup
Roast gammon roast potatoes and vegetables
Fruit crumble and custard
Tea or Coffee.

Family News: notices for the next issue by

12noon Saturday 26th November please

email: vandjmapp@gmail.com

"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

Sunday 20th November

Christ the King

10.30am Morning Worship – Gift Day

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Bible Reading

2 Corinthians 9 v 6-13

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect



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:
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:

gdp@ccorpington.org

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

(Sunday 20th 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

Spaghetti Bolognese

Dessert

Pancakes with lemon and sugar

Christmas church flowers

The flower arranging team would like donations of foliage on **Saturday 17th December**.

Please bring to church from **9.30am**. We would also welcome volunteers to help with arrangements as we have fewer helpers than previously.

No experience needed!

Coming up at Christ Church Orpington

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

Sunday 4th December

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Saturday 10th December

Messy Christmas & Christingle 4-6pm

Sunday 11th December

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Sunday 18th December

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Crib Service - All Age

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th December

11.15pm Christmas Eve Mass

Sunday 25th December

10.30am Christmas Day - All Age

CTO Carol Sing



Churches
Together
IN ORPINGTON

Saturday 10th December 1.30pm

outside WHSmith on the High Street

We need around 30 singers + 8 people to hand out chocolates and a CTO Christmas greeting

Please let us know if you can help:

mptravers@aol.com

07891 259 195

Glory to God in the High Street!



O come, let us adore Him!

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 😊



C Christ Child
H Hope of life
R Radiant light
I Immanuel
S Stable poor
T Tender love
M Mary's babe
A Angel's praise
S Star so bright

C Come to rescue
H Humble King
R Risen Saviour
I Immortal Son
S Suffering Love
T Trespass cleansed
M Mighty God
A Always true
S Sweet surrender

C Christ the King
H Heaven's glory
R Righteousness
I Infinite
S Spirit come
T Turn our hearts
M Make us new
A Amazing grace
S Saving Peace

C Christmas Day
H Hope of Life
R Raise your head
I Ignite our souls
S Songs of love
T Thankful heart
M Meaning true
A Adore the Son
S Shine for Him



WELL PREPARED

PREPARING FOR BIG LIFE AND DEATH EVENTS

Tuesday 22nd
November at 11am
Session 1: Near
death experiences

Tuesday 29th
November at 11am
Session 2: How
other faiths and
cultures tackle
dying, death &
grief

This term we
will cover
2 of 8 sessions

Run by Liesel Stanbridge
& Helen Musson

Some of the
topics we'll
discuss:

Life, plans &
choices

Palliative care

Power of attorney

Departing in peace

Planning your
eulogy & funeral

Visualisation
of heaven

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT AND DISPEL ANY FEARS

Come have Christmas lunch with us!
At the Vicarage...

...after the Christmas Morning service



11.45am – 3pm

Roast Gammon & Turkey

Christmas pudding & cream to follow

Please RSVP to Sharon or Andi

Cafe Mosaic Christmas Buffet



On Friday 16th December, Cafe Mosaic will be holding a Christmas Buffet for only £20 per person

Help yourself to Homemade Carrot & Coriander Soup with Fresh Rolls & Butter or our Brussels Pate and Toast for starters

For the Christmas meal enjoy Roast Turkey, Stuffing with Pigs-in-Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Honey-glazed Parsnips, Brussel Sprouts, Carrots, Garden Peas, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

For Dessert enjoy our Christmas Puddings with Fresh Dairy Cream or Brandy Sauce or why not try our Homemade Sherry Trifles

All followed by After Dinner Mints and unlimited Tea and Coffee

Vegetarian Options Available

Please see our friendly staff to book your space.
Only £5 deposit required and pay the rest on the day

If you need assistance on the day our staff will be there to assist you.