

True and False:

What is truth, where can we find it and how can we be certain it is actually TRUTH.?

We all encounter this searching question many times in our lives and a range of spheres with varying consequences. I would suggest that it's even more frequent than we care to imagine:

- on the sports field; is that in or out, a try or no-try? And even after serious slow motion video analysis there is often still too much doubt to know either way.
- when I am asked to do something and I do it wrong; could it be that I heard wrong, understood wrong or could the instruction have been a little bit unclear? Sometimes it depends on your vantage point and with what baggage I enter a conversation to what I understand was actually communicated.

I have heard a brilliant quote that says: "The biggest problem with communication is believing that it has actually happened", now let's ponder that for a second.

I was having this conversation about truth with one of my dearest friends this week. I love him and respect him and to be able to wrestle with topics like these in a safe environment is such a privilege.

As we pray together and search together, may I encourage you to read the account of Jesus' trial before Pilate in John 18:28-40. Pilate is in a position of immense power. When he makes a decision, that decision becomes the law. He has the ability to set Jesus free and what he decides will be deemed final. Pilate interviews Jesus to try and get to the truth, and Jesus (like only Jesus can) tells this man, who has Jesus' life in his hands, the truth!

"Pilate said, "So you are a king?" Jesus responded, "*You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognise that what I say is true.*" "What is truth?" Pilate asked. Then he went out again to the people and told them, "*He is not guilty of any crime.*"
John 18:37-38 NLT

And if the Saviour of the world needed to make it any clearer for us as believers:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Prayer: Lord as I come before you, I ask for a double dose of the Truth, the truth that is Jesus; so that I can walk in this world knowing I have eternity with You. Amen!

Pieter



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Family News 26th November 2022

Operation Christmas Child

A huge **THANK YOU** on behalf of the children who will receive a shoebox of gifts this Christmas through the mission of Operation Christmas Child. Your support will let them know that they are loved and not forgotten and together with the local church worldwide, to hear and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

42 shoeboxes from Christ Church were gratefully received and are now with Samaritans Purse. Please pray for the safe delivery of the shoeboxes and for the child who will receive your box of gifts this Christmas.

Community Club, Tuesday 29th November

The 11am session will be led by Rev. Hilary Fife, retired hospital chaplain and we will be looking at how other Faiths and cultures approach dying, death and grief.

All welcome. Refreshments served from 10.30am.

Lunch menu

Tomato and bean soup
Chicken pie and mashed potatoes with seasonal vegetables
Fruit sponge and custard
Tea or Coffee.

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.

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Sunday 27th November

Advent Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship/Baptism

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

O come O come Emmanuel
We bow down
I see the king of glory

BAPTISM

Bible Reading

Matthew 24 v 36-44

Sermon

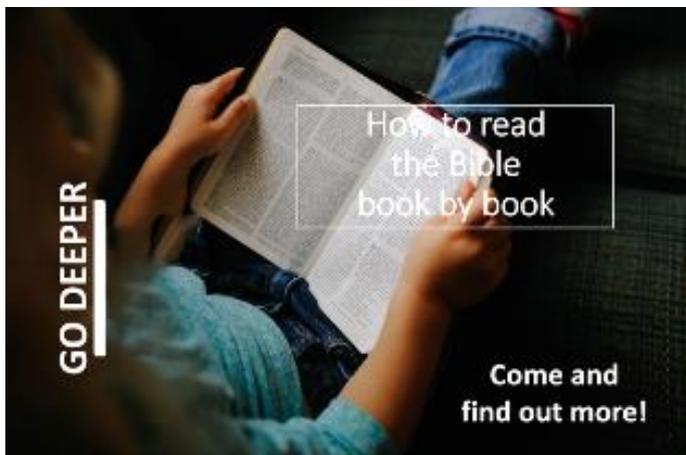
Intercessions

Worship

Waiting here for you
Sound the trumpet

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm – Go Deeper



Family News: notices for the next issue by

12noon Saturday 3rd December 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

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

(Sunday 27th 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:

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 27th November

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Wednesday 2nd December

10.00am Holy Communion, in the chapel

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

Dear friends of LBC!

You will be pleased to know that we delivered a new (second-hand) minibus for LBC. After 2-days of driving it from Germany via Poland and delivering some humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian border, we finally arrived to LBC on 17th November, having driven around 2200 km.

We want to thank everyone who took part in this need - either by donating some money or by praying for us and this need! We've done it again - the need has been met!!! May it will serve for many years to come!!!

God is good!!!

In Christ,

Victor Petrenko



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:

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

CTO Carol Sing



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!

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.

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