

Hope and Expectation

Who are we trusting in our lives and where do we put our hope and expectations?

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him." Psalm 62:5 NIV

When we truly believe that something good will happen, be it:

- healing from illness
- restoration from a broken family relationship
- advancement of a career

Is our hope and expectation truly with God, or are we relying on:

- medicine? (not that there is anything wrong with seeking medical advice; quite the contrary)
- the intervention of someone wise or caring? (again a good place to go).
- our intellect, contacts or resources? (certainly something we should explore)

"I lift my eyes up to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Psalms 121:1-2 NIV

Now I will be the first to admit that my expectations are quite often misplaced. Starting with myself, I have rather high expectations of myself, and surprise-surprise I so often let myself down which leaves me depressed and being very vulnerable to the lies of the enemy! Furthermore, I expect so much from my two wonderful girls, because I know how awesome they are. But often these unrealistic expectations result in tension and relationship strain that can so easily be avoided. I seem to be in a similar trap with my beautiful bride, my work colleagues, the government, advisors... the list goes on. As a new believer I met this great Christian businessman who I admired and put on a pedestal; only to later be bitterly disappointed in him. The fault was not his, it was mine for putting him on the pedestal in the first place.

So, as we come before the Almighty in prayer, let us first confess our sins, that we have failed to fully trust God with our heart's desires. Let's ask for forgiveness in placing expectations on those around us (and ourselves) where only the Lord could be trusted.

And once we have done that, let us intercede for the world, our loved ones and ourselves and step aside so that God can get to work. Amen.

Pieter



Family News 3rd December 2022

Volunteers for Christmas Hampers

I'm writing from Bromley Borough Foodbank to see if Christ Church Orpington would be up for helping Foodbank on **Saturday 17th December**.

There are 50 Christmas hampers which need distributing from All Saints Church to people in the nearby community. It will be from 10am-12pm and we were wondering if you would be able to gather some volunteers who drive to help us deliver them to our clients.

We would be most grateful for your support and if you could get back in touch as soon as you can that would be great!

Kind regards

Abigail Steven, Seasonal Coordinator

If anyone would like to volunteer, please can you email Anna on ccorpington@talktalk.net



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

UHT Milk

Jam

Toilet Rolls

Cooking Sauces

Custard & Evaporated Milk

Men's Shampoo

Razors

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**

Sunday 4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome, Notices

Wedding Banns

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Our God Saves

Prepare Him Room

Bible Reading

Matthew 3 v 1-12

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

Remembrance

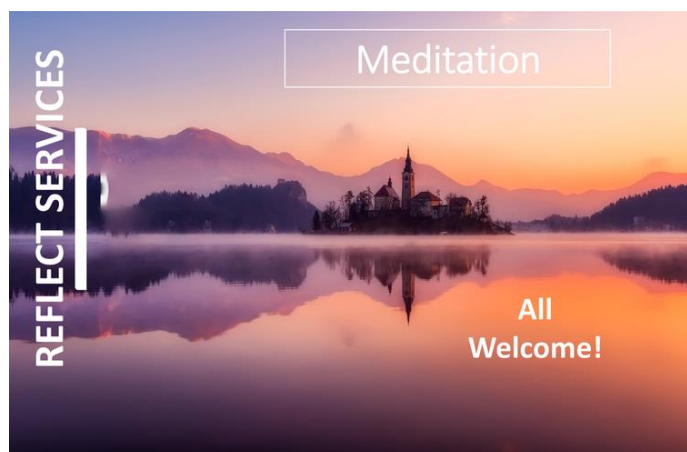
Holy Communion

Worship

Come O Long Expected Jesus

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Reflect



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**
(Sunday 4th December)

join **Heather Kroiter** from 11.45am:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1g4TzIvWFVtcEUxeGRWbIFLUDVuZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My



Mince Pies & Cake request for Christingle and Carols by Candlelight Service

Dear Christ Church,

We have our Messy Christingle service
(Saturday 10th December)
and Carols by candlelight service
(Sunday 18th December) fast approaching.

At both these services we will be serving mince pies and cakes, therefore we would be very grateful for any cake donations!

If you would like to make a donation of mince pies/cakes for either service please bring them along either this Sunday 4th December ready for Messy Church on the 10th, or on Sunday 18th December at the morning service ready for the Carols by Candlelight service in the evening.

Thank you in advance, Anna

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Family News: notices for the next issue by

12noon Friday 9th December please

email: vandjmapp@gmail.com

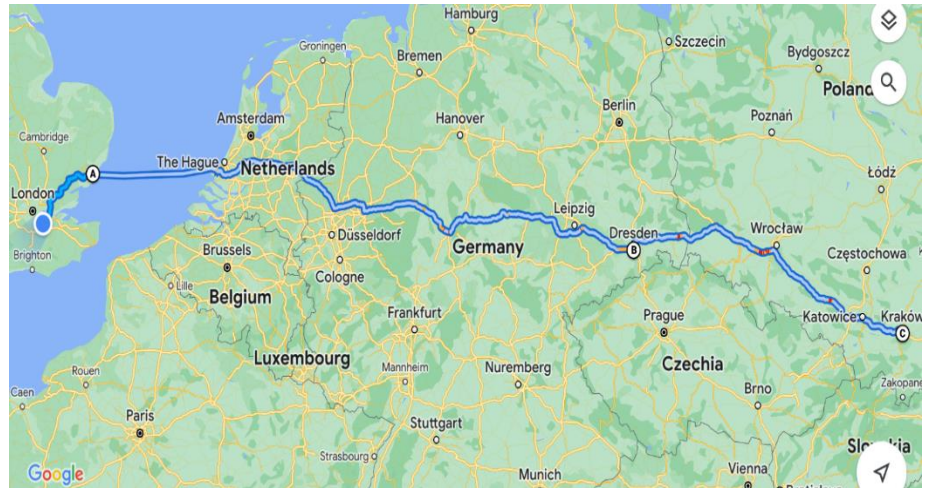
Support and Supplies for Ukraine

Now that it is not headlining on our daily news channels, it is easy to think that the situation surrounding the Russia/Ukraine war is behind us and the Ukrainian people's needs are now met.

This could not be further from reality. Ukrainian people continue to suffer and be displaced from their homes and separated from their families. The refugee crisis is still enormous and with winter looming we are looking to provide supplies where people need it most.

It is a great privilege for me to be helping by driving a van full of supplies to a refugee center in Krakow, Poland. We will be leaving Orpington on Saturday the 10th of December and arrive in Krakow late on Monday the 12th. We aim to be back in the UK on Wednesday the 14th of December.

Planning our route:



Below are things they really need. **Warm clothes, blankets & sleeping bags would be greatly appreciated.**

If you can assist, please call/WhatsApp Pieter on 07949 031183.

items needed

- First Aid kits
- Vitamin supplements
- Paracetamol/Ibuprofen
- Antiseptic wipes
- Nappies including for the elderly
- Sanitary products
- Canned food - protein
- Rice
- Pasta
- Flour
- Batteries and torches
- Food for children - long-term and dry
- Warm blankets
- Warm children's clothes
- Warm adult's clothes and shoes
- Sleeping bags/roll mats



Above are our friends that run the refugee center, Andre & Sergei, helping to sort out and distribute the supplies received in Krakow earlier this year.

With gratitude and thanks,

Pieter

Community Club, Tuesday 6th December

Sharon will be leading our communion service at 11am. Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am.

All welcome whether staying for lunch or not.

Lunch Menu

Pea and Ham soup
Beef casserole, mashed potatoes and vegetables
Fruit and profiteroles
Tea or coffee.

We will be celebrating
Elizabeth Mingay's 100th Birthday

Next week (13th December) is our final meeting this year and our Christmas party. Guests are asked to arrive for 12 o'clock.

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 December:
5th, 6th, 12th and 13th December.

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

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!

Coming up at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 4th December

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Wednesday 7th December (correction)

10.00am Holy Communion, in the chapel

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

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