



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News 21st January 2023

Jesus the Word

"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God."
John 1:1 NLT

The Bible never changes. We live in a world where one of the only constant factors, something we can be pretty certain of; is change! Change is not always easy to adapt to nor accept, and our resistance to change can make our lives and those around us, miserable... But let's reimagine change as something that we can be instrumental in, rather than passive bystanders... change that is God-breathed and inspired by the Holy Spirit!

On a business course some time ago, I learned the following formula as to how change happens:

$D \times V \times F > R$ where

D = dissatisfaction with the current state

V = vision of how things could be or what is possible

F = first steps towards the vision

R = resistance to change

So, if we are to be instruments of change, change for good, change for a better world;

- then we need to ensure that in our prayers, we bring to God's feet how dissatisfied we are with some of the things around us,
- we need to have a clear vision of a world that is inclusive, filled with love and compassion for those who are on the fringes of our society,
- and then we must take the first steps to be part of the solution and be the hands, feet and mouths of those who can't! We must, by God's grace, be the bridges between opposing sides and strive for unity.

Only when $D \times V \times F$ is bigger than the world's resistance to change (Godly change), will things change. But I hasten to add it starts and ends with Jesus.

"Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me". John 14:16 NLT

As we pray together let us worship Jesus as the only one that matters in our lives. Let us ask Him to make us the instruments of change for His glory and help us be His light in the world - Amen!

Pieter

Sunday 22nd January 2023 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

My lighthouse

Guardian

I cast my mind

Bible Reading

Isaiah 9 v 1-4

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Even though I walk

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Final prayer & Blessing

6.00pm Prayer for Christian Unity at the Methodist Church

Note: No 6.30pm service at Christ Church

For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**
(Sunday 22nd January 2023)

join **Heather Kroiter** from 11.45am:



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWbFlUDUuZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

Cafe Mosaic

Cafe Mosaic is in need of more volunteers to keep providing a good service to our customers. Can you help between 9.00am–2.30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays during term time.

If you can't do an entire shift an hour or two would be great or even be on a reserve list to cover illness or holidays. Our team has got smaller and we will lose another person if not more in 2023

For more information, contact Jeanette on 07445477710, email jeanettexox@hotmail.com

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 January are:
23rd and 30th January.

Community Club Tuesday 24th January 2023

Our Lunch Menu is

Lentil soup
Roast gammon, roast potatoes and vegetables
Fruit crumble and ice cream
Tea or coffee.

We will be celebrating Thelma Kings 90th birthday.

Happy birthday Thelma.

Tuesday 31st January

Community Club have an outing to
Brick Lane music hall.

Tea and Coffee will be served from 11am in the café space. Coach will be leaving no later than 11.45am.

Mavis Grimwade

The Funeral Service and Celebration of Mavis' Life is being held at Christ Church on **Thursday 26th January** at **12:00 noon**, with a brief service of interment at 1:30pm at Bluebell Cemetery (also open to those who would like to come), and refreshments at Christ Church. David and the family warmly invite you to join them on that day

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

Electoral Roll

- Do you consider yourself to be a member of the congregation of this church?
- Would you like to enter more fully into the life of the church?
- Why not make 2023 the year you put your name on the church Electoral Roll as a commitment?

Application forms can be found at the back of church together with an explanatory leaflet 'Belonging and the Electoral Roll'. Complete the form and return it via a church officer or Roger Wilkinson



WANTED
OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

>Carrier Bags/Long Life Bags

>Tinned Potatoes

>Sponge Puddings

>Angel Delight

>Jam

>UHT Juice

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**

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

Next issue of **Family News** is
Saturday 28th January 2023

Can you please send notices etc to
Vernon by **12noon** that day **please**
for inclusion in Family News
Email is 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

Children's Minister

Available until 26th January 2023

Key Features

- £16,700 to £19,800 (£23,000 to £26,000 annually full-time equivalent) subject to demonstrated skills and experience
- School term time only, plus an annual "Holiday Club" in late July.
- The number of paid hours is 25 hours per week all worked in term time and later in July, plus a further 5-weeks paid annual leave.
- A job share possibility is available.
- Interviews are anticipated to be in February 2023.



Christ Church Orpington is a medium-sized, evangelical church which is looking to appoint an experienced and talented Christian to lead our Children's Ministry.

Do you love growing relationships with children and encouraging them to develop their awareness of God in their lives? When you pray, is God calling you to do so at Christ Church Orpington, either for the full role or even in some part? If so, please read on!

Various Children's Ministry groups for children aged from 0-11 years old meet on Sundays and some other days of the week. A significant part of the role is working with, leading and motivating a fairly large team of adult volunteers. Effective inter-personal skills to work with children and adults alike will be necessary to fulfil this role.

The contract is for three years initially and is subject to a six months' probationary period.

It is a genuine occupational requirement that the person will be a practicing Christian and we are looking for someone who will embrace our Christian ethos and values. This post will require the successful applicant to undergo an enhanced DBS check and to complete the required safeguarding training.

If you are feeling drawn to this post and wish to receive an information pack and an application form, please contact Anna Carey via email at ccorpington@talktalk.net Completed application forms should be back with Anna

by 26th January 2023.

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 22nd January

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 29th January

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Sunday 5th February

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Sunday 12th February

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Cream Tea



Come and join us on **Friday 27th January 2023** for our end of month Cream tea special from 12pm (last orders will be taken at 1.30pm)

Enjoy either our Cream Tea for one with 2 freshly made Fruit or Plain Scones with Clotted Cream & Jam or try our Savoury Cheese Scones all with unlimited tea for £5.50

Or

For two people try our selected Mini Sandwiches, Mini Cakes, freshly cooked Scones with Clotted Cream and Jam plus unlimited tea for £18

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ADVANCE NOTICE!

World Day of Prayer - focusing on Taiwan

Friday 3rd March

10.30am at St Mary's, Worlds End Lane.

Please put the date in your diary and take a friend too.

Dear friends and family,



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! It is a pleasure to write following my first Christmas spent as Outreach Worker at Collinwood Road Church, Oxford! It was a busy term but I am settling well in my new role, home and City! I am enjoying my ministry and getting to know the community.



One of the outreach initiatives we have started at Collinwood Road Church has been to open a **Warm Welcome Space!**

We currently open 10AM to 4PM on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with free light refreshments and soup and a roll provided at lunch time. People who come to us enjoy coming for cuppa, a chat and companionship.



We have an **arts and craft club** on a Thursday morning! This is becoming a fun creative space for people to find gifts they didn't know they had!

GET INVOLVED

There are two main ways I'd love you to consider supporting me in:

PRAYER (Please pray...)

- As I continue to settle in. For the contacts I have made, and the new friendships I am forming.
- As I continue my training with Church Army.
- It would be a privilege to pray for/with you. Please do let me know how I can x

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



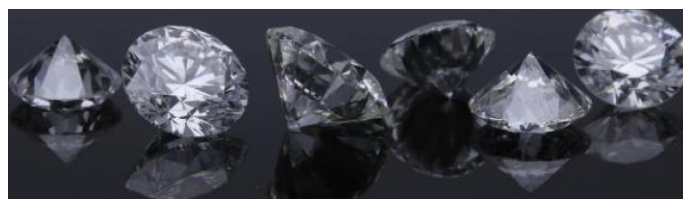
I am now in the final year of my training as an Evangelist with Church Army! I would love you to continue to journey with me, or even begin to support me if you don't already. If you would like to make a regular or one-off gift, please visit churcharmy.org/donate - quoting ref. 2019APA.

With love and best wishes - Andrena

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CCO Women's Ministry



Christmas is over. New Year shout outs are done, now back to work. Whatever that means. For some of us, it is a sigh of relief, back to normal, after endless catch ups, meet ups, hosting, you name it.

And now it's time for you. You are invited to a Ladies Evening of Chill.

Date: 11th February 2023

Time: 6.30pm — 9.30pm

Venue: Christ Church café

We'll order Pizza (£5 each)

Optional: bring desert, bring a bottle — your shout.

CCO Women's Ministry –

God's Diamond" beautiful mild unbreakable.

A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th January

Monday 23rd 12:00noon - Prayer @ Orpington Baptist

Tuesday 24th 12:15pm - Healing Eucharist @ All Saints

Wednesday 25th 10:00am - Prayer @ Green St Green Baptist

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