



Christ  
Church  
Orpington

## Family News

### 28th January 2023

#### Reflection

I heard the South African evangelist, Angus Buchan, say the following:

"When men work, they work; but when men pray, God works" - how cool is that!

We are so fortunate that throughout the Bible we can see numerous examples of what amazing miracles prayer is able to unlock. If we look at the time when Peter was imprisoned:

*"But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him."* Acts of the Apostles 12:5

This was the night before Peter was to stand trial, but the believers decided that God needs to intervene and they got on their knees. And as if by 'magic' in verse 7...

*"Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an Angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The Angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, "Quick! Get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists."*

I would really encourage you to go and read the verses that follows, it is so amazing and could easily be the scenes from a children's fairy tale! Yet that is the power of God when people pray together.

So, as we come together in prayer today let us bring before the Lord the seemingly impossible prayers:

- illness that cannot be healed
- finances that are impossible to balance
- relationships in tatters and beyond repair
- mountains that cannot be scaled
- wars that cannot be won.

When Billy Graham was asked what he will change if he can live his life again, he answered "I would pray more and speak less"...

and that from Billy Graham!

Pieter

## Sunday 29th January 2023

### 4th Sunday of Epiphany

#### 9.00am Holy Communion

#### 10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Bless the Lord oh my soul  
Hungry I come to you  
Purify my heart

Bible Reading

Matthew 5 v 1-12

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Blessed be your name  
Living hope

Final prayer & Blessing

#### 6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**  
(Sunday 29th January 2023)  
join **Heather Kroiter** from 11.45am:



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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

## Mavis Grimwade

David and family would like to express their gratitude to all those, seen and unseen, who helped in any capacity at the funeral for Mavis and the celebration of her life on Thursday. It was much appreciated. Thank you all.

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## Gift Day

I can now report the final figure for the  
**November Gift Day.**

This is an amazing £22,967.50 which includes the Gift Aid we are claiming from HMRC.

Your generosity in difficult financial times continues to demonstrate how lucky we are to be members of such a loving and supportive church.

Thank you  
Derek Foxen

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## 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.

Next meeting is on 30th January.

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## Community Club 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.

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## 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

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## 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](mailto:jeanettexox@hotmail.com)

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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](mailto:gdpr@ccorpington.org)

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Next issue of **Family News** is  
**Saturday 4th February 2023**

Can you please send notices etc to  
Vernon by **12noon** that day **please**  
for inclusion in Family News  
Email is [vandjmapp@gmail.com](mailto:vandjmapp@gmail.com)

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"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

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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.

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# Children's Minister

Available until 6th February 2023

## Key Features

- > £14,625 - £17,925 annually (£23,000 to £28,190 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 5.6 weeks paid annual leave.
- > A job share possibility is available.
- > Interviews are anticipated to be in late February or early March 2023

Christ Church Orpington is a medium-sized, evangelical church which is looking to appoint an enthusiastic 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, such as our Messy Church sessions, which are great fun! 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.

As a church community, we are committed to Children's Ministry, viewing this as vital area of what we do as a church. The Children's Minister will enjoy excellent support not only from the vicar and the church leadership, but from everyone who is part of our church. Training and development in the role will be available. You will not need to be perfect on arrival nor later on!

There will also be scope for developing this role further, as the successful candidate hears guidance from the Lord.

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](mailto:ccorpington@talktalk.net) Completed application forms should be back with Anna by **Monday 6th February 2023**.

## 2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

### 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

## 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





Have you joined us in the last couple of years?

You are invited to a  
**Newcomers  
Welcome Afternoon  
Tea**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
3.30pm  
at  
Christ Church

RSVP to Greta via  
[ccorpington@talktalk.net](mailto:ccorpington@talktalk.net) or  
01689 871601 answerphone

## Jim and Katie's New Year's News 2023

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Preaching the Good News, healing the sick and setting the captives free!

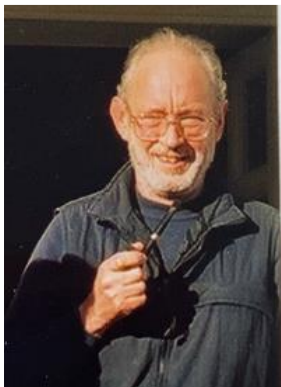


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## Dear Christ Church family

We hope you had a merry Christmas and wish you much blessing for the coming year! Here is a look back at our year - a year mixed with joy and sadness.

### A final farewell...



Last Christmas we got a phone call saying that Jim's dad, Mike, was in hospital and not doing well. Within a few days Jim had flown over to Devon and met up with his mum. His brother, Jon was also able to fly over from Sydney. In total Jim spent six weeks there - the longest time ever away from the family. His dad passed away peacefully at the end of January at home in his own bed with his dog at his side and a glass of wine in his hand. We are thankful that Jim's dad was able to live fully independently right up until his final illness shortly after his 85th birthday. Also, to be able to spend so much time together with his mum and brother was a real silver lining. The last moments were quite dramatic though and it left us wondering whether Mike had taken his last chance to make things right before he went.

**His word to us starts to be fulfilled...**

Four years ago we moved down south to Freiburg following a prophetic word we received - 'Hop, step, jump!' The hop was the move, to be followed by regular steps into France, before eventually a jump there in one shape or other. This last year has again seen some exciting steps - in June Jim took a team of ten to work with YWAM Provence to reach out on the streets, parks and lakes. It was truly an incredible week. One of the highlights was as a group of three of us walked through a park. As we passed by a café I had an impression where I saw myself walk into the café, order an orange juice and ask for a Melanie. So, we walked in and ordered drinks before doing exactly that. The girl behind the bar said that Melanie wasn't there yet. We shared that we prayed for healing for people. Well Melanie certainly needs that she replied! To cut a long story short we could pray for both that girl and for Melanie when we finally met her the next evening. What an encounter! On another occasion we were walking around a lake and met three groups of people. Almost all had pain and everyone was healed when we laid hands on them and prayed. In all 9 people got healed that afternoon and we were able to share the good news with them. During the week several people also gave their lives to Jesus. This coming year we hope to treble the number of steps into France and are excited to see what develops.



### Top marks....



It's been a big year of finals for our eldest two kids with Amy successfully completing her psychology degree from Exeter, and Rick also getting excellent grades in his equivalent of A-levels. We are enjoying having Amy back home living with us again. Neither know exactly what's coming next but both have internships planned in the New Year and will be applying for various degree courses here in Germany starting next Autumn. Mark has settled into his secondary school and is doing well. Susi is in her last year at her school finishing off with GCSE equivalents in the summer. She is thinking of applying to do a graphic designer training next year.



### On the road again...

After the restrictions in the last two years because of Covid, it has been great to travel more normally again. We visited family and friends in Spain, and the UK for the first time since summer 2019. Also, we had teaching and outreach trips to France, Holland, Switzerland and various places in Germany (Altensteig, Bad Blankenburg, Berlin, Hamburg and Hurlach).

### Base life..

Both of us taught on our current DTS (Discipleship Training School). Katie also cooked once a week for 35 people and mentors one of the students. The school is our biggest one yet in Freiburg with 20 students from 8 different nations and 8 staff. They're currently on outreach in three teams in Africa, South America, and Asia.





## Local Church

This year has seen us feeling well integrated into our local church. Katie has preached a number of times now since her debut last year. She has been taking parts of her "Hearing God's Voice" teaching and adapting them into 30 minute messages. It's definitely more challenging doing it in German but it always goes down well. She is also leading a children's Sunday school group. Both of us are also in the prayer team. Jim has preached too and recently joined the leadership team.

## Rick in Hawaii

Having finished school in July, Rick has spent the last three months helping out practically on the YWAM base in Kona, Hawaii. He's had a great time whilst the rest of us have been freezing in Europe, and at the end of November he got baptised.

## Thank you....!

A special thank you for all your friendship, prayers and support. We do hope that we will finally be able to catch up again in the coming year. Much love and blessings from us all.



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Amy, Rick, Susi & Max

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