



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

18th February 2023

Reflection

Earlier this week I did a short Bible reading plan with a few friends and this stirred up so many relevant points that I would like to share. One of the readings was from Psalms 46:1-11 and it is as relevant today as it was when it was first written.

As we come before the Lord in prayer join me in using this Psalm as a guide:

"So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea." v2 (NLT)

Lord we continue to bring before you the destruction and misery experienced by the people of Turkey and Syria. We ask for your mighty hand to be seen in the disaster relief and humanitarian aid. We pray that as an outflow of this calamity people will show love, compassion and inclusion, so that what is rebuilt will be a beacon of hope for all to witness.

"The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God's voice thunders, and the earth melts!" v6 (NLT)

What an absolute mess the world is in! It is hard to think of a nation, our own included, that is not in a mess... politicians without morals or accountability, businesses that profiteer from the rise in energy costs whilst the vast majority of individual households are making cutbacks because of the cost of living, and systems and factions divided and pointing fingers which only divides people further as love is flushed down the drain!

And while all this is unfolding around us and on our television screens, war remains a reality for so many innocent people around the world. We are acutely aware of Russia's onslaught on the Ukrainian population, but let's not forget Myanmar, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Mexico (drug war), Yemen, the list unfortunately goes on (see www.worldpopulationreview.com).

"He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; he burns the shield with fire." v9 (NLT)

This is the Word of God! So, we can pray into these situations and God will intervene, because He is faithful and true.

So, as we unpack all these things in our minds it can be overwhelming and we can feel completely lost, until we read a bit further:

"Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honoured by every nation. I will be honoured throughout the world." v10 (NLT)

And still after all that we can be forgiven for crying out: But how Lord, how will this even happen!?!?

"The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress." v11

Amen

Pieter

Bring-and-Share Goodbye Lunch for Jo

As you probably know, we are losing our lovely Children's Minister Jo Gavin at the end of this month as she goes on to bigger things at Southwark Diocese. So next Sunday (26th Feb) will be her last Sunday with us. We would love to give her a great send-off, so we are planning a bring-and-share lunch for her immediately after the service.

So please come prepared to stay after the service and bring something to share. It's possible we may have lots of cakes so savoury dishes would be very welcome too.

Please pass the message on to those who know Jo but may not hear otherwise.

Every Blessing, Sharon

Easter Leaflets

Our Easter Leaflets are now ready for delivery and have been left at the back of the church separated into piles for each road in the parish.

If you are able to help with the distribution of these, it would be most appreciated, just pick a pile which is most convenient for you.

Thank you so much!

Sunday 19th February 2023 Sunday next before Lent

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Magnificent Trinity
This is the place
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Bible Reading

Matthew 17 v 1-9

Sermon

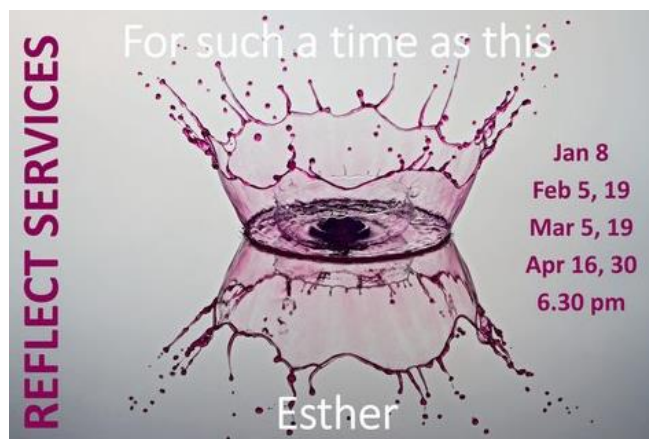
Intercessions

Worship

I am who you say I am
What a friend we have in Jesus

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Holy Communion – Reflect



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**
(Sunday 19th February 2023)
join Heather from 11.45am:



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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

Warm Space

can anyone please volunteer to help with
'warm space' on a Sunday at Christ Church?

if anyone would like to know more about what is
required when helping out, or any other questions,
please contact Mandy Callaghan

Lent

We're beginning Lent with a service of Holy Communion at 8pm on Wednesday 22nd February.

Our Lent course is starting on Wednesday 1st March at 8pm in church and will be running for 5 weeks.

The course will be based around Bishop Emma Ineson's 2023 Lent Book 'Failure'. You can find out more at Failure - The Big Church Read

<https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/failure/>

If you would like to attend there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church or, alternatively please let us know by emailing the church office at ccorpington@talktalk.net so that we can get an idea about numbers.

If you would like a copy of the book copies are available from Amazon at £10.11. If you are unable to get a copy from Amazon, please contact the office and ask Anna to get one for you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

STARFISH MALAWI

The next container headed out to Africa from Unity Church is going in May. They are asking if we have any bibles (or theological works) we might wish to donate. If you have any, please will you put them to one side and I'll let you know when in April to bring them to church for collection.

Thank you so much –
a bible is a gift of life to someone.

Community Club

Worship/study time is at 11am.

Lunch menu:

Lentil and carrot soup
Roast Pork and apple sauce, potatoes and
seasonal vegetables
Lemon and sugar pancake
Tea or Coffee.

Café Mosaic

We will be doing Cream & Afternoon Tea
this Friday, 24th February, 12-2pm



Have you joined us in
the last couple of years?

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

Sunday 19th February
3.30pm
at
Christ Church

RSVP to Greta via
ccorpington@talktalk.net or
01689 871601 answerphone



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Canned Vegetables
Canned Tomatoes
Fruit Juice
Squash
Cooking Sauces
UHT Milk
Canned Vegetarian

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**

"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

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 19th February

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion – Reflect

Ash Wednesday, 22nd February

8.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 26th February

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

Sunday 5th March

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect

Sunday 12th March

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

Next issue of **Family News** is

Saturday 25th February 2023

Can you please send notices etc to Vernon by
12noon on that day **please**

for inclusion in Family News

Email is **vandjmapp@gmail.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 February are:
20th and 21st February

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

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.

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

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
