



Christ  
Church  
Orpington

## Family News

### 4th March 2023

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#### Reflection

I have been struck recently by how many of us have needed to have someone come alongside us in times of both sorrow and joy. I read the following devotional by Angus Buchan that I would love to use as our prayer guide this week.

The rest is by Angus and not from my pen:

*"Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship." Acts 20:37*

That was a sad time. They loved Paul so much.

They knew they would never see him again in this world because he was on his way to Rome and there he would die for his faith. Many times, we only realise how much we love someone when they are no longer there. G K Chesterton said, "The way to love anything is to realise that it may be lost." That is quite a powerful word. In other words, do not take that friendship or that relationship for granted.

Visit that person while you can, phone that person, or write to them because you don't know if they will be there tomorrow. We need to appreciate the time spent together. Do not waste time arguing or bickering about trivial things which do not matter in the long term.

I went to New Zealand to preach the Gospel. I took my wife, Jill, with me and we went for 6-weeks. It was a very, very tiring trip. I was preaching almost every single day. Jill came with me for the first 3-weeks and then she went back home because the children were still at school. I remember I was very tired. I had been so busy with a hectic itinerary. I took her to the little airport and the plane taxied up to the top of the runway, turned around to take off and then there was a mechanical problem so it taxied back to the terminal and all the passengers got off the

plane again. I was able to spend an extra 2 hours with my wife and I want to tell you, I have never forgotten how precious those 2 hours were.

Don't waste time. Today visit, phone, go and be with that person who you love so much.

Don't forget to spend time with Jesus.

God bless you and goodbye.  
- Angus

Let's enjoy praying for our friends, our beloved family, our neighbour, our work colleagues, our challengers, our leaders, our enemies and ourselves.

Pieter

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#### Children's Minister

"We are delighted to announce that we have a successor to Jo Gavin as our Children's Minister. In fact, we have not just one, but two! The Children's Minister role will be a job share between two people. Pip Allen is known to many of us at Christ Church already, not least because of her being in our music and worship group on Sunday mornings. Naomi White is joining us from Orpington Baptist Church, where she has been active in children's and youth ministries for many years. Naomi is also a primary school teacher. Both are enthusiastic about helping children to discover the God who loves them.

Pip is planning to be in church this coming Sunday, so there will be a chance to congratulate and encourage her then. Naomi will join us the following week on Sunday 12th March and I am sure that there will be a warm Christ Church welcome for her.

Thank you for praying about this recruitment process. It has produced an exciting outcome.

Dave Humphries"

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#### Churches Together in Orpington

Please can I remind you of the Churches Together AGM and Vision meeting which is happening this **Wednesday 8th March at 8pm** at **Holy Innocents Church**.

All are welcome to come.

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## Sunday 5th March 2023 Second Sunday of Lent

### 10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Bible Reading

Genesis 12 v 1-4

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

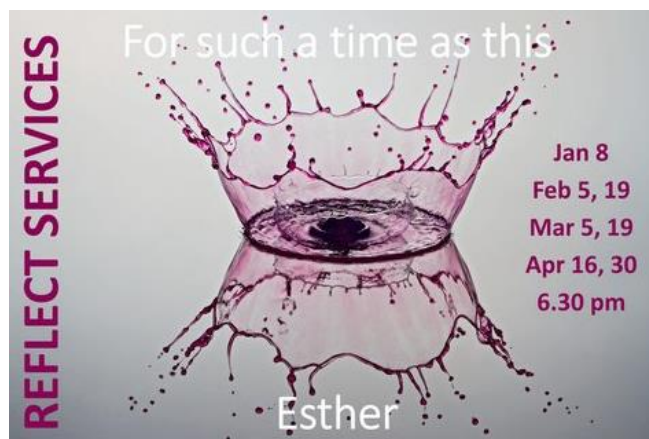
Worship

Holy Communion

Worship

Final Prayer & Blessing

### 6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**  
(Sunday 5th March 2023)

join Heather from 11.45am:



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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

### **Mother's Day, Sunday 19th March**

The flower arranging team are meeting in the large hall at about 10am on **Saturday 18th March** to make posies for Mother's Day – if you would like to help, please do along and join them. This year they have need of small leaved and ferny type foliage to go in the posies – if you can help with this, please drop off between 9.30am and 10am that day.

## A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Joy Holt

The family would like to warmly invite all who knew Joy to her Thanksgiving service at Christ Church on **Thursday 23rd March at 1pm**, with refreshments afterwards.

Joy was a much-loved member of our church, who will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

*"Jesus said ... 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'*

*John 11:25-26*

### **Community Club, Tuesday 7th March**

Communion service at 11am

Lunch Menu:

Leek and potato soup

Chicken casserole, potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Bread and butter pudding

Tea or Coffee.

### **evangelistic concert**

St Mary's are putting on an evangelistic concert on the Green near Green Street Green High Street on **Saturday 17th June 2023**, and are appealing for volunteers and help to run this event. There will be a covered stage for the performers and will run from 12noon until 6pm. GSGBC choir will lead the start and there will also be Andy Mayo and his band supplied by Ministry for Music.

There will be a marquee for messy church, food, and prayer and healing lead by Mike Ruffhead from GSGBC. There will be a preacher, not sure who at the moment.

It is a free event and everyone is welcome. If you would like to help or get involved, please let St Mary's know through [arjcservicesltd@gmail.com](mailto:arjcservicesltd@gmail.com). It should be a good day, and it needs a good number of volunteers to make it safe and enjoyable

### **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 March are:

6th, 13th & 14th, 20th, 27th & 28th March.



# WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- Canned Vegetables**
- Canned Hot Meat**
- Cold Meats**
- UHT Milk**
- Bleach**
- Desserts**

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**

## 2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

### 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

### Sunday 19th March, Mothering Sunday

- 10.30am Morning Worship – All Age
- 6.30pm Holy Communion – Reflect

### Sunday 26th March

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

## 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!

## Newcomers Welcome Afternoon Tea



On Sunday 19th February we had a really lovely afternoon tea to properly welcome those who have joined our fellowship since Covid, and what a good time we had! There was lots of fun, laughter and friendship, as well as teas and coffees, sandwiches, cakes and crisps to enjoy. We even had two surprise visitors from Open Kitchen.

It was great to sit and relax with those that sometimes we don't get time to chat with on a Sunday. Every person enriches us and adds to the fellowship in a way that makes us all feel blessed that they have chosen to come and be part of us. The Lord is very keen on unity:

### Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Thank you to all our newcomers who came to bless us. If you are a newcomer and weren't able to make it, please let Greta or Sharon know and we will make sure you are on the invitation list to our next one.



## Leadership Conference

Alpha (HTB) are running a Leadership Conference in May at the Royal Albert Hall, and here at Christ Church we are going to be showing their streamed conference highlights on May 25th at 6.30pm for refreshments for 7pm start. All are welcome, and if you would like to have a look before you sign up, you can check it out on:

<https://www.leadershipconference.org.uk/book-now>

If you are interested, please let Sharon or Anna know. Again, all are welcome to come and hear their insights on leadership.

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## Café Mosaic

Café Mosaic is still 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](mailto:jeanettexox@hotmail.com)

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Next issue of **Family News** is

**Saturday 11th March 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](mailto:vandjmapp@gmail.com)

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## 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

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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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## WELL HILL MISSION CHURCH

in the Parish of Chelsfield, Kent

founded 1893



## 130th ANNIVERSARY FLOWER FESTIVAL, 24th & 25th JUNE 2023 "FARMING THROUGH THE AGES"

In June Well Hill Mission church is celebrating its 130th anniversary.

It is one of a series of mission churches built in the late 19th century to serve the large numbers of seasonal hop and fruit pickers, usually coming from the East End of London and staying in the area from early summer to autumn. It is, we believe, the only one of these churches that remains in regular active use.

We hope to fill the church with flower displays for our celebration weekend in June and invite you to join us by creating a display.

We have identified a number of sites in the church. A list of locations is available, giving an idea of sizes, together with photographs of the interior of the church and a few of the displays from our centenary flower festival in 1993.

If you would be interested in creating a flower display for our festival, please email [wh130th@gmail.com](mailto:wh130th@gmail.com) or phone Anne on 07767 783189 or Barbara on 07593 857447

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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?

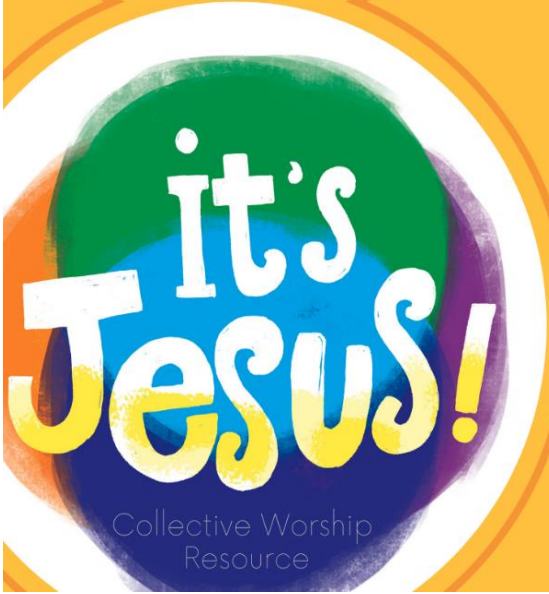
Application forms can be found at the back of church together with an explanatory leaflet 'Belonging and the Electoral Roll'. Complete the form and return it via a church officer or Roger Wilkinson

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Could your local church  
or small group

## SPONSOR A SPINNAKER ASSEMBLY

and help us inspire children  
through the life of Jesus?



### WHAT CAN SPONSORS DO?

**DONATE:** each assembly (collective worship) comes with a suggested donation amount. However each Sponsor, whether an individual, church or small group, can contribute as they are able.

**PRAY FOR YOUR SPONSORED ASSEMBLY:** details of your chosen assembly will be sent to you so you can pray as this is being delivered in schools.

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Find out more and become a Spinnaker Sponsor by visiting:  
[www.spinnaker.org.uk/sponsor-an-assembly](http://www.spinnaker.org.uk/sponsor-an-assembly)



### *Loving by Listening*

Gail will lead a practical workshop on being a better listener, sharing questions and tools to help our family, friends and colleagues, without feeling we are trying to 'fix' them.



Date: **Saturday 25th March 2023**  
Time: **6.30pm – 9.30pm**  
Venue: **Christ Church**

This is a bring-and-share meal event. Please sign up and state what you will bring so we can plan.

CCO Women's Ministry –  
God's Diamond, beautiful and unbreakable.

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