

Family News

11th March 2023

Reflection

Hope - may I suggest we use this together time in prayer to focus on hope.

Hope seems to me to always have positive connotations; it seems hard to hope for something negative. However, I also feel that the word hope and the idea of hope has been overused to a point where we may not fully appreciate its awesomeness!

- I hope my team wins
- we hope to arrive on time
- I hope you enjoyed your meal

I know we have reflected on this before but I remain more convinced that as time goes on there is so much more waiting for us in the word HOPE!

Please join me in prayer as we reflect on the amazing power and directional drive of hope:

"Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him." Psalm 62:5 NLT

"And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you." Psalm 39:7 NLT

So, once we declare and internalise these truths about hope; how then does it change the way we walk:

"And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation."
Romans 5:4 NLT

I think when David walked up to Goliath with such immense strength of character, those stones in his pouch was his only Hope; and we all know how that ended!

In the same way, hope therefore is not a feeling or an emotion, it is the essence of what flows through your veins and gives its purpose and strength for another day.

"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and ensures through every circumstance."
1 Corinthians 13:7

Love is Hopeful

"We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them." - 1 John 4:16 NLT

With promises like these how can we not pray to God for more hope, more love and more of Jesus in us.

Pieter

STARFISH MALAWI

The deadline for bibles to be shipped to Malawi by Unity Church is March 19th, so if you have any bibles or scholarly theological books that you would like to donate, then please can you bring them in to church from Sunday 12th onwards, and we will store them at the back of church.

Please note, it is only BIBLES AND THEOLOGICAL WORKS that are being requested this time, NOT CHRISTIAN BOOKS. It may be that "popular" Christian books may be requested another time, but please don't bring them this time.

Thank you for supporting this mission, helping to bring Christ to our world.

Bring & Share lunch for Jo Cuthbertson – Sunday 12th March (this Sunday!)

Jo will be joining us on **Sunday 12th March** which means we can also go ahead with her leaving Bring & Share lunch too!

Jo's leaving lunch also coincides with Naomi White and Pip Allen starting as our new Children's Ministers, so it will be lovely to welcome them at the same time.

Please do come along and bring something to share.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Next issue of **Family News** is

Saturday 18th 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**

Sunday 12th March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Light of the world
Jesus, lover of my soul (It's all about you)
Come as you are (All of your questions)

Bible Reading

John 4 v 5-42

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

All who are thirsty
Men of faith

Final Prayer & Blessing

Followed by Jo's Bring & Share lunch

6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**

(Sunday 12th March 2023)

join Heather from 11.45am:



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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

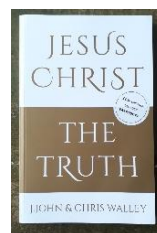
J JOHN'S EASTER BOOKS

As you approach Easter, I wonder if either you would like to have a good Easter book to read yourself, one to give to your children, or one for your friends or their children? Because J John has kindly offered us an excellent deal on three of his Easter books.

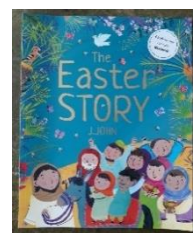
J John writes "The season of Easter provides us with a sacred opportunity to sow the good news of Jesus and the hope that we have into the lives of our friends, neighbours, colleagues and relatives, and those who visit our churches."

What better time to sow the good news than Easter? I know in my own Christian journey that clearly written resources like these helped me more fully understand the mystery of Easter, so this may be a good opportunity to help someone on their journey.

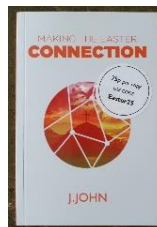
The books J John is offering us at reduced prices are:



"Jesus Christ – The Truth" £2.50
(£6.99 on Amazon and £3 on his website)



"The Easter Story" (4-8 year olds)
£2.50
(£4.99 on Amazon and £5 on his website)



And for someone starting out in faith:
"Making the Easter Connection"
75p (£1 on his website)

You can either use the sign-up sheet on the welcome desk until Sunday 19th March or let us know what book you would like by contacting the office on

ccorpington@talktalk.net or phone on 01689 871601

Please note that the discount is only available to us as a church on orders of 10 or more, not on individual orders

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

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

Community Club, Tuesday 14th March

Andy will be leading our worship time at 11am.
All welcome

Lunch Menu:

Carrot soup
Roast gammon, potatoes and seasonal vegetables
Banana sponge and custard.
Tea or Coffee.

Mother's Day, Sunday 19th March

The flower arranging team are meeting in the large hall at about 10am on **next 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

"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



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Milk UHT

Rice Pudding

Custard

Desserts, such as sponge pudding, Jelly

Canned Hot Meat

Canned Cold Meat

Juice

We would also like to start receiving gluten-free and reduced-sugar products if possible

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 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

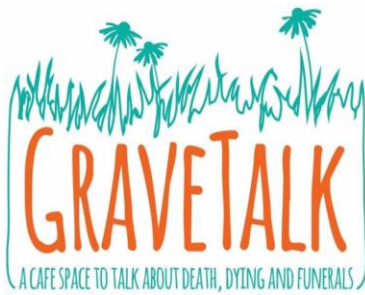
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Easter Leaflets

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!



13 May 2023
All Saints Church
Bark Hart Road
Orpington
BR6 0QD
2.30pm to 5.00pm
Refreshments provided

Death comes to us all and the thought can be scary. This free Open Day is for you to explore the various options. It is for everyone regardless of faith tradition or lack of faith. The afternoon consists of a number of speakers, covering subjects such as legal issues, what funeral directors can offer, Palliative Care and Chaplaincy at hospitals as well as Hospice-care.

There is no need to book but if you would like to tell us that you are coming, please contact our Parish Office –
01689 832031

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 Thursday 25th May 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.

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

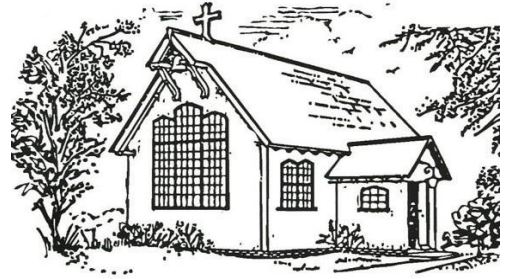
Warm Space

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

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 or phone Anne on 07767 783189 or Barbara on 07593 857447

Electoral Roll

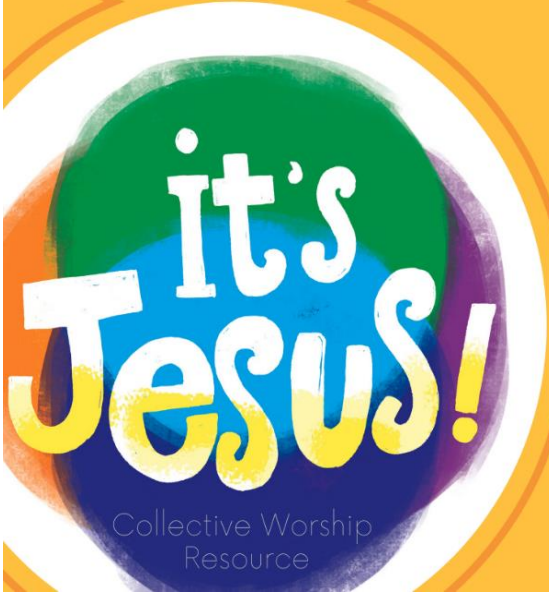
- Do you consider yourself to be a member of the congregation of this church?
- Would you like to enter more fully into the life of the church?
- Why not make 2023 the year you put your name on the church Electoral Roll as a commitment?

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

Could your local church
or small group

SPONSOR A SPINNAKER ASSEMBLY

and help us inspire children
through the life of Jesus?



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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.

PRAY FOR YOUR LOCAL SPINNAKER SCHOOLSWORKER: find out from us when the assemblies are being delivered in your area so that you can pray as they are happening.



Find out more and become a Spinnaker Sponsor by visiting:
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.

Help!

There's no (few!) children in my church!

Many of our churches face the dilemma of not many children coming along to worship, or no children at all...

Laura Webster, Children and Young People Mission and Ministry Adviser for Bromley & Bexley Archdeaconry will be helping us think through these challenges on **Saturday 1st April** starting with coffee and croissants at **8.30am**, quality input from Laura from **9-11am** then chat over coffee for those who can stay a bit longer. We'll be meeting at the Church Rooms, St Paul's Crofton, Crofton Rd, Orpington BR6 8JE.

Please come along if you a vicar, lay minister, churchwarden, PCC member, part of children's work in your church, prayerfully considering what to do if you have no children's work, or just interested in finding out more.

To help with catering numbers, please let ree Dean John Musson know you are planning to come along – vicar@pcd.org.uk



Come and join us for our St Patrick's
day special at Café Mosaic
(you don't have to be Irish!)

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

11.45AM – 2.00PM

IRISH STEW

OR

GUINNESS PIE

WITH MASHED POTATOES

& CABBAGE

~

BAILEY'S IRISH CREAM

CHEESECAKE

Last orders at 1.30pm – bookings
preferred but not essential