

## Family News

25th March 2023

**Don't forget the clocks  
go forward one hour tonight**

### Reflection

I have been thinking a lot this week about \*worry\* and \*rest\* and how these two things clash with one another. At times in my life it almost seem that worry feeds off the need for rest, and somehow it creates this vicious cycle...

Fortunately, the Bible has so much to say about these two conflicting states of mind. If God is love, and I know He is, then He surely wants me to have abundant rest and be free from worry, but how do I achieve that..?

Rest: *"It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones."*  
Psalm 127:2 NLT

### VERSUS

Worry: *"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."* Isaiah 41:10 NLT

And then again...

Rest: *"Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat."* Mark 6:31 NLT

### VERSUS

Worry: *"This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9 NLT

So let us pray that we can rest in a God's love, trust in God's strength to quell our fears, follow Jesus' example and learn to be quiet, and obey the Lord's command and be strong and courageous. Amen!

Pieter

### Message from Jo

'Thank you all so much for all the cards, presents and good wishes from everyone, it has been a wonderful 11 years and I will certainly miss working with the children and everyone. Wishing Pip and Naomi all the very best in their new roles and pray that the Children's Ministry at Christ Church grows and flourishes. Blessings Jo'

### To all our Friends at Christ Church,

We would like to say a huge heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped towards the Thanksgiving service for Joy on Thursday, as we gave thanks to God for her life. So many people gave of their time and gifts to make the service and hospitality afterwards so special, for which we are very grateful. We have been overwhelmed by all the kindness and love we have received.

With many thanks Alison and Gillian.

### *Loving by listening*

Gail is leading 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

### Easter Church flowers

The flower arranging team would like donations of foliage on **Saturday 8th April**. Please bring foliage to church from **9.30am**. We would also welcome volunteers to help with arrangements from 9.30am - no experience needed!

# Sunday 26th March 2023

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### 9.00am Holy Communion

### 10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

#### Worship

All hail the power  
All my days  
He is the Lord

#### Bible Reading

John 11 v 1-45

#### Sermon

#### Intercessions

#### Worship

What a beautiful name  
Living hope

#### Final Prayer & Blessing

### 6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**  
(Sunday 26th March 2023)  
join Heather from 11.45am:



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1g4TzIvVfVtcEUxeGRWb1FLUDVuZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

### Community Club, Tuesday 28th March

Liesel is leading our worship time at 11am.  
All welcome.

Lunch Menu:

Pea and ham soup  
Sausages in onion gravy, mashed potatoes,  
seasonal vegetables  
Cheesecake and fruit  
Tea or Coffee.

### Café Mosaic

This week in our display cabinet is

Homemade Minced Beef and Onion Pie  
Homemade Deluxe Sausage Rolls  
Homemade Lemon Drizzle Cake

### 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:

**27th & 28th** March.

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)

### Warm Space

volunteers required 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

"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**

**Desserts, such as Sponge Pudding, Jelly**

**Canned Hot and Cold Meat**

**Fruit Juice UHT**

**Shaving Gel**

**Razors**

**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**

## REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

At its meeting on 20 March, the PCC approved the accounts for 2022. Thanks to an unexpectedly large number of legacies amounting to £45,000, Christ Church ended the year with a surplus of £21,500.

The PCC welcomed the appointments of Naomi White and Pip Allen as joint children's leaders.

The Fabric Committee are still working hard to rectify the damage caused by last year's lightning strike.

The PCC also discussed the draft Prayers of Love and Faith recently approved by the General Synod, and will discuss it again once the final prayers have been decided upon at General Synod in July.

This was the last meeting of the current PCC before the Annual General Meeting on 30 April, when there will be elections for up to 12 PCC members and 3 Deanery Synod representatives. Nomination forms are available from the PCC Secretary, Don Bower, or the Church Office. Nominees must be at least 16 years of age, actual communicants and on the Christ Church Electoral Roll for at least six months.

🎉 "Save the date?!" 📅 🖋️

🙌🙌 Yaaaaay!! 🙌🙌

It's that time of year again already!!

I am **Philippa Allen**, one half of your new Children's Ministers at Christ Church Orpington, and I am so excited to start planning our **annual Holiday Club** this summer!

I would love all you possible volunteers of all ages to double-check your calendars at the usual "first week after Summer Term school break-up".

**Please can you let me know as soon as possible if, hypothetically, you might be free, willing and able to join me in some way on the Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings, 25th to 27th July 2023?**

I want to send out a similar "Save the Date" message to our potential families and children as soon as I can this week, when I have a rough feel of how many lovely helpers we might have for those 3 days, and for the planning or prep beforehand!

**We LITERALLY cannot do this without you**, so please do check, pray, and ask our wonderful Father God how He might use you this year?!

Also, I would love to meet as many of you new/old helpers as possible at a church meeting in April, just after Easter. Come and meet the team, and share your thoughts and ideas about all the roles and the fun we can share with the kids and Jesus –

so **watch this space!**👁️👁️

I look forward to hearing from you all - you can email, text, ring or WhatsApp me, catch me after a service or leave me a little note with Anna in the Church Office, whatever you like!

Thanks so much for everything you do, keep praying, and **RSVP about 25-27th July**?!

God bless,

**Philippa/Pip Allen**

[holidayclub@ccorpington.org](mailto:holidayclub@ccorpington.org)

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For next issue of **Family News**

can you please send notices etc to Vernon by

**Midday** on **Saturday 1st April** please

Email is [vandjmapp@gmail.com](mailto:vandjmapp@gmail.com)

## 2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

### Sunday 26th March

**Clocks go forward**

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

### Sunday 2nd April, Palm Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion – All Age

### Sunday 9th April, Easter Day

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship

### Sunday 16th April

10.30am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Holy Communion – Reflect

### Sunday 23rd April

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

### Sunday 30th April

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship – APCM  
6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect

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## Baptism?

### Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows? Confirmation?

Are you thinking about being baptised? If you would like to be baptised, then no matter what age you are, we would love to talk with you about baptism. Baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime commitment to follow Christ as your Lord and Saviour, and if you would like to know more, then we would love to speak with you.

If you would like to re-affirm your baptismal vows and make a fresh commitment to Christ, then we would love to speak with you.

If you would like to be confirmed, which involves a short course taking you deeper into discipleship of Christ and is the traditional way of being admitted to Holy Communion in the Church of England, then we would love to speak with you.

If you are interested in any of these, then please contact the office on [ccorpington@talktalk.net](mailto:ccorpington@talktalk.net) and someone will get in contact with you. Thank you, Sharon

Rev'd Dr Sharon Smith  
Vicar of Christ Church Orpington

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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 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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## 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 Area Dean John Musson know you are planning to come along – [vicar@pcd.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pcd.org.uk)

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## 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.

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Churches Together in Orpington  
present

# GET CONNECTED

SATURDAY, 22ND APRIL

A fun afternoon  
of activities for  
Primary Aged  
children.

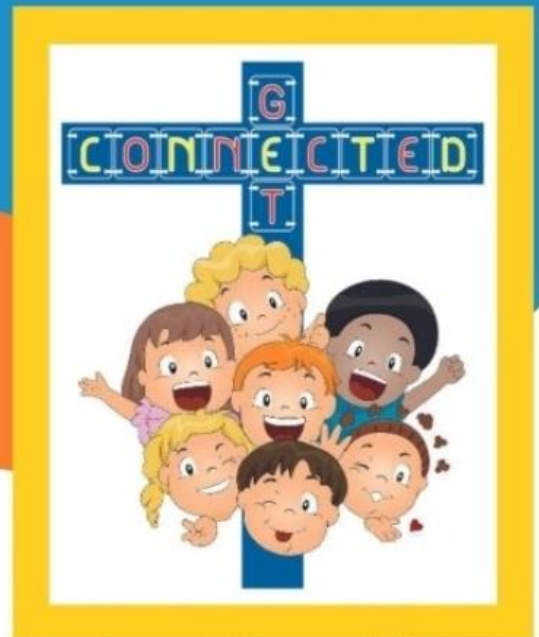
Green Street Green Baptist Church  
2.00-4.00pm

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£3.50  
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**BOOK ONLINE**

Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/get-connected-tickets-559463860467>

Bookings close - Saturday 15th April