

Family News

22nd April 2023

Parking Problem Warning!

On Sunday 23rd April, Westcombe Park Rugby Club are holding their Annual Mini Rugby Festival in Goddington Park, attended by 1,000+ mini rugby players and their families.

It could cause parking problems around the church area. Please allow plenty of time to park, car share or walk.

REMINDER: National test of the UK Emergency Alerts service on Sunday 23 April at 3pm



The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live.

A UK-wide test of the life-saving public Emergency Alerts system will take place on **Sunday 23 April at 3pm.**

The system gives the government and emergency services the capability to send an alert directly to mobile phones when there is a risk to life, such as severe flooding.

Alert systems such as this are already successfully used across the world and save lives.

The alert and church services

The alert itself will take the form of a message on mobile phone home screens, accompanied by a loud, siren-like sound and vibration that will last about 10 seconds, even if the device is set to silent.

For the nationwide test on 23 April, the public does not need to take any action – the sound and vibration will stop automatically after 10 seconds.

Reflection

I have been pondering the concept of doing everything we do as if we do it for the Lord. As a standalone sentence it seems to be great but working that into my everyday life; now that's another story.

For starters, and I have confessed this before, I so often fall into the trap of yearning for acceptance by others. I wouldn't say I am necessarily seeking the approval of others, but I am acutely conscious of what others may think of me, my actions and my inactions. I don't believe I live in fear of their perceived judgment but for some reason that I struggle to explain or understand, it is almost always there in the back of my mind.

I have made a conscious decision to fear the Lord only, which has helped me tremendously; but I still fall victim to my 'instincts', where I at least try and conform to some human standards. I find this incredibly annoying in myself because for some years now I have had a recurring entry in my diary every fortnight which reads:

"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

It is a permanent entry in my diary because I need to hear it and read it and internalise it; over and over again!

As we pray together today may I suggest three verses from both the Old and New Testaments for us to pray into and let His words speak into our hearts. As these verses speak to us let these thoughts turn into actions so that we can live the lives Jesus had planned for us all along!

Loyalty to our audience of One:

"Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do."

James 1:8 NLT

Walking in authority that can only be bestowed by God:

"Yes, I have given him the land of Egypt as a reward for his work, says the Sovereign Lord, because he was working for me when he destroyed Tyre."

Ezekiel 29:20 NLT.

Our thoughts, our actions and our inactions:

"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you." Psalm 37:5 NLT

Pieter

Sunday 23rd April 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Come people of the risen king
Open the eyes of our hearts Lord
Resurrection Day (Rend Collective)

Bible Reading

Luke 24 v 13-35

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

God has spoken by his prophets
Cornerstone

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper



For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**
(Sunday 23rd April 2023)
join Heather from 11.45am:



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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

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

Closing date for applications is Sunday, 23rd April 2023

NB It has been necessary to change the day of the week for this course which started last week and to continue for another 11-weeks omitting half-term week.

The Big Picture



12 Week Discipleship Course @ Christ Church

Tuesdays
7pm coffee,
7.30pm start

18th April to
11th July

(excluding half-term
30th May)

Sign up at Welcome Desk.

Course book £10.70

For more info, email ccorpington@talktalk.net

"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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Starting Wednesday 3 May 10:30-13:00

Book your free place, contact:
Graham - 07341 369 943

Rye Crescent, Orpington, BR5 4NH
Hosted by Unity Church - includes free lunch

Find your nearest course at capjobclubs.org

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 and someone will get in contact with you. Thank you, Sharon

Rev'd Dr Sharon Smith
Vicar of Christ Church Orpington

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



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Hot and Cold Meats
Squash/Cordial
Fruit Juice UHT
Canned Tomatoes
Cooking Sauce
Washing Up Liquid

PLEASE **DON'T** GIVE US **FROZEN** OR **CHILLED** ITEMS AS WE DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT STORAGE FOR THEM AND IT SPOILS BEFORE WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF:
PASTA, CEREAL & 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**

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.

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 for April and May are:

24th and 25th April; 9th, 15th and 16th May.

Community Club resumes, Tuesday 25th April

Lunch Menu:

Leek and potato soup
Cottage pie and vegetables
Bread and butter pudding
Tea or Coffee.

Reminder that the Church's annual meeting (APCM) will take place next **Sunday, 30th April** immediately after the morning service

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can you please send notices etc to Vernon by

Midday on Saturday 29th April please

Email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 30th April

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

Sunday 7th May

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Sunday 14th May

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

Sunday 21st May

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion - Go Deeper

Sunday 28th May, Pentecost

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

Deanery Synod membership

Would you like to be a part of great parliament of the church?

Deanery Synod elections are happening this spring, but what's it all about? What's a deanery synod?

Deaneries are groups of Anglican parishes in a geographical area. Orpington Deanery stretches from St Barnabas in St Paul's Cray in the north to Biggin Hill in the south, and from St Francis Petts Wood in the west to St Marys in St Mary Cray in the east.

The Deanery Synod is part of the way the Church of England gives people at different levels a chance to have their say. It sits between the parishes with their Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) and the full diocese, with its Diocesan Synod.

Deanery Synods are formal meetings for conversation, discussion and decision-making on matters relating to mission and ministry, not just in the local area, but also Diocesan-wide. It is expected, for example, that any change in doctrine following the recent motion accepted recently by General Synod after the 'Living in Love and Faith Report', will come down to Deanery Synod to vote upon. They meet three or four times a year, visiting a different church in the Deanery each time.

Any healthy church is a church where everyone feels they have a voice. Deanery Synods need your voice, because we need all the voices to create that bigger picture. If you have ever felt frustrated or wondered why certain decisions were being made, then now is the time to take action and make your point heard. Put yourself forward and make a difference. The lay members serve for three years. Members are also invited to attend Christ Church's PCC meetings, which occur about six times a year.

If you would like to find out more, speak to Sharon or Andy Goddard (our only Deanery Synod rep at the moment and Lay Chair of Orpington Deanery Synod) who will be able to give you more information. Nomination forms are available from Don Bower.
