

## Family News

29th April 2023

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**Sunday 30th April 2023**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship – APCM**

**Welcome, Notices**

**Opening Prayer, Confession**

Worship

Higher than the mountains that I face  
All who are thirsty

**Youth's report**

**Children's report**

**Bible Reading**

Acts 2 v 42-47

**Vicar's report**

**Intercessions**

Worship

God so loved  
I will walk

**Final Prayer & Blessing**

***Short break to collect children/young people,  
collect teas/coffees & return***

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect**

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For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**  
(Sunday 30th April 2023)  
join Heather from 11.45am:



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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

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## Directions please

As each one of us walk our path on this earth it is so incredibly reassuring to know that God is with us. He is inside of us as the Holy Spirit and guides us during the intimate time we spend with him and through his Word. For many of us the journey is often not straightforward and the 'satnav' doesn't always alert us to what may be ahead. In fact, a journey that does not come with obstacles and one that does not require frequent readjustments are infrequently part of our personal stories.

So, as we pray together, I would like us to spend some time focusing on how we deal with curveballs en route;

- Unexpected things that will come across our path, can easily unsettle us. Sometimes they are from the Devil but other times they are merely 'obstacles' for us to traverse. Whatever and for whatever reason they are there, our response needs to be prayer. Prayer should not be a last resort or an emergency escape hatch, but our very first port of call. God is ready to listen and to guide us no matter how insignificant or insurmountable the matter ahead of us appears.

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."* Philippians 4:6 NLT

- Along our journey we have a zillion choices to make, every day, constantly. Some choices are rather immaterial (what shall I wear); others much more life impacting (what job shall I do); other life altering (who shall I marry) and finally life-saving (what do I believe).

Furthermore, the inability to make a decision can also be such a debilitating thing that to grow and progress we HAVE to make decisions, big and small. Fortunately, yet again, we have the miracle of prayer; a direct line, that never has poor reception, and is always available on speed dial! All we need to do is 'be' with God and he is ready to listen and guide - Amen!

*"Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by Your truth and teach me, for You are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in You."*

Psalm 25:4-5 NLT

So, as we pray together, may we pray wild and reckless prayers, not looking at our own satnav, but listening to God, like a rally driver listens to their co-driver, never in doubt! Amen

Pieter

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## Café Mosaic Coronation Special

**Friday 5th May** we are celebrating the Coronation. Alongside our normal menu we are making the Kings Quiche and a Coronation Quiche both made with double cream. £3.50 a slice

Also come along and try our Kings Cakes, all home-made. £1.00 cupcake

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### Revival Prayer Meeting, Saturday 6th May

We have decided to meet as usual for the prayer meeting on the first Saturday of May. This being Coronation Day makes it even more important for us to pray for God to do a new thing in our midst.

We will be meeting from 9am to 10am here at Christ Church. All are welcome to join us.

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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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## WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- Desserts
- Tinned Cold Meat
- 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

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**TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS LIST  
WITH YOUR PHONE TO  
REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!**

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**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FOOD SUPPORT  
PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0800 9 20 23 24**

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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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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)

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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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*WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME AND WATCH  
HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III'S  
CORONATION ON THE BIG SCREEN*

*Saturday 6th May*

*@ Christ Church,  
10.15am to 2.15pm*

Bring your own packed lunch and drinks to enjoy



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## 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 May are: **9th**, 15th and 16th May.

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## Orpington Gospel Choir (OGC)

Do you love singing? Come and join us at Orpington Gospel Choir! No audition and no prior experience is necessary. Just a love of singing gospel songs. Harmonies are simple.

Mondays 7.45pm-9.30pm, at Christ Church, Orpington, 165 Charterhouse Road, Orpington BR6 9EP.

Next session starts 15th May

(not meeting 1st or 8th as Bank Holidays)

Interested? Email us for more information or just turn up! Everyone is welcome.

 [Orpingtongospelchoir@gmail.com](mailto:Orpingtongospelchoir@gmail.com)

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## Orpington Gospel Choir (OGC)

### Musicians Needed

Do you play the piano or guitar or drums? OGC is now looking for musicians who can play by ear and improvise. If you have been looking for an opportunity to accompany a gospel choir/group, this could be for you. There will be an audition for this, but nothing too stressful.

Get in touch.  [Orpingtongospelchoir@gmail.com](mailto:Orpingtongospelchoir@gmail.com)

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can you please send notices etc to Vernon by

**Midday on Friday 5th May please**

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

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## Community Club, Tuesday 2nd May

Communion service at 11am. All welcome

Community club will be marking the Coronation.

### The menu will be

Pea and ham soup  
Quiche, new potatoes and salad  
Meringues, strawberries, blueberries and cream.

**If you are joining us, don't forget your crown!**

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## Holiday Home near Aberystwyth

Margaret Ball owns a 3-bed house in Llannon about 8 miles south of Aberystwyth, Wales, which she is willing to make available to people from the Church who wish to holiday there. The house was built by her great grandfather in the 1800s, as was the Methodist Chapel just round the corner. There is a double bedroom, a twin-bedded room and a single room, a large upstairs bathroom, a modern kitchen, a couple of reception rooms and a good-sized garden. There is free parking in the road and in a car park opposite.

It is situated next door to a pub which serves delicious meals and is about 100 yards from a general store. It is about a 10-min walk to the beach and the Llanon Coastal Walk.

Anyone wishing to take up the offer should speak to Margaret or make contact through the Church Office on 01689 871601 or [ccorpington@talktalk.net](mailto:ccorpington@talktalk.net). You are invited to make a contribution to Church funds.

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## 2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

### Wednesday 3rd May

10.00am Holy Communion

### Sunday 7th May

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

### Wednesday 10th May

10.00am Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 14th May

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

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