

Family News

6th May 2023

Sunday 7th May 2023 5th Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome, Notices

Wedding Banns

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Sing of the Lord's goodness
Jesus, lover of my soul
Holy Spirit we welcome you

Bible Reading

Acts 7 v 55 to 8 v 3

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

Hosanna (I see the king of glory)

Holy Communion

Worship

Be thou my vision

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper

For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**
(Sunday 7th May 2023)
join Heather from 11.45am:



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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

The Coronation

On this Coronation day, which is such a significant event, not only for British history, but also with a global audience, it really got me thinking about 'Kingdoms'; now and through the ages. The Bible, specifically looking through the Old Testament, has numerous stories about Kingdoms. For us as believers in Jesus, the Kingdom of God, that we have been adopted into by grace, is by far the most important and everlasting Kingdom! So regardless of what your views are of the British monarchy, please bear with me whilst I paint this picture.

Imagine today, you are invited to the palace. You had a personal invitation to come early so that you do not miss a thing! You are asked to come and join in the drinks reception, sit at the main table with the King, the Queen and all the dignitaries. Seriously try and picture this scene!

You think, naturally, wow this is incredible, I am a guest at the King's coronation... until the King turns to you and says, "Welcome home"...

Wow, just wow.

When we commit our lives to Christ, we automatically become MEMBERS of the Royal household! Adopted into the inner circle of the Creator God. We have access to every Royal privilege; miracles, healing, peace, rest, you name it!

"So, you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father.""

Romans 8:15 NLT

As we spend time, on our knees, today in front of God; let us thank Him, over and over again, for including us in His Royal household; no caveats, no qualifications, just merciful adoption! Amen.

Pieter

For next issue of **Family News**

can you please send notices etc to Vernon by

Midday on Friday 12th May please

Email is vandjmapp@gmail.com



Church.

But not as you know it...

ALL AGES VERY WELCOME!

Join us for **Messy Fun**
once a month

4-6pm on a Saturday afternoon!

Enjoy creative activities, Bible stories,
puppets, songs & food together

NEXT Messy Church is on 13th May
"King of Kings"!

Christ Church Orpington
Charterhouse Road, Orpington, BR6 9EP

**Everyone is welcome - children must bring
their grown-ups!**

Please book using the Eventbrite link
available on our website:

<https://www.ccorpington.org/messy-church>

£1.50 per adult & £1 per child
(or £5 per family)

Donations would be gratefully received

For more details, please contact

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Meina is our GDPR representative and if anyone has any queries relating to GDPR to please contact her on: gdp@ccorpington.org

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

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

Community Club, Tuesday 9th May

Alan Goddard will be talking at our 11am session on the topic of 'Power of Attorney' and we will also be discussing 'letting go of possessions'.

Our Meal for 9th May

Butternut squash soup
Roast Gammon, roast potatoes and vegetables.
Blackcurrant sponge and custard
Tea or Coffee



Hi Kent hearing services will be in attendance.



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- Milk UHT
- Tinned Cold Meat
- Tinned Hot Meat
- Fruit Juice UHT
- Tinned Vegetables
- Cooking Sauce
- Tinned Potatoes

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 refrigerated storage for them and they spoil 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**

"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

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. You are invited to make a contribution to Church funds.

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.

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

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

Sunday 21st May

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30 m Holy Communion - Go Deeper

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost

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

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 8th as Bank Holiday)

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

 Orpingtongospelchoir@gmail.com

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



**FINDING
HOPE
IN
DARK TIMES**

Managing Depression for positive change

at Orpington Baptist Church
Station Road BR6 0RZ
Up the hill between Tesco and the station
Car park off The Drive

Wednesdays from 7th June for 6 weeks
With Orpington Christian Counselling Service
10.30 - 11.45am

Book your place:
Church Office 01689 877 265
or
office@orpingtonbaptist.org.uk

It was meant to be forever!!!



All relationships can be difficult at times. Sometimes, with that one special person that we have committed ourselves to for a lifetime, we can find it is not always the eternal happily ever after we dreamt of. How do we relate and continue to enjoy the wonderful life that God has planned for us when relationships change direction?

Come listen to Rev (Dr) Sharon Smith who has walked this walk and found God in the midst of the pain. Hear what our Father God's heart for a time like this is. You may be able to bless someone, even if you are not personally affected by difficult relationships.

There will be opportunity to ask questions and for those who may feel concerned, we will offer a secret/ anonymous question box, but it will have to be handed in beforehand. PS, depending on volume and context, not all questions may be appropriate to address in public

Date: Saturday 27th May 2023

Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Christ Church



- £5 donation suggested for cost of Pizza and drinks.
- Please sign up so we have a rough idea for catering purposes

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