

Family News

13th May 2023

Sunday 14th May 2023
6th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Wedding Banns

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Bible Reading

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect

For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**
(Sunday 14th May 2023)
join Heather from 11.45am:



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWbFlUDVUzZ09>
Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627
Passcode: R4V5My

Notices for next issue of **Family News**

can you please send to Vernon by

Midday, Friday 19th May please

Email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

Can I look forward to death?

Today I was reading Galatians chapter 2 entitled:
'The Apostles Accept Paul'.

It is beautifully written in a gentle yet confident way, like just Paul could. I would encourage you to read it also, just to get a feel for where Paul was in his journey with Christ. He speaks about meeting with the Apostles, to confirm what he has been preaching to the Gentiles is in alignment with what they have been preaching to the Jews; and he even confronts Peter on matters of principle when he disagrees with his actions.

I read the New Living Translation and I just love how bold he puts it in verse 6 when he says "*By the way, their reputation as great leaders made no difference to me, for God has no favourites.*" - how cool is that!

As we go on our knees before God today, I want to focus on the climax of chapter 2 in verse 20: "*My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*"

Lord Jesus, I want more of you in me and less of myself:

- less self-reliance
- less self-importance
- less self-conscious
- less self-centred

From your Word it is clear that I can only have more of You if I die to myself; please help me to pursue that with earnest! Amen

I read the newspaper this week on my way back from work (something I don't do very often and I realised why); the world is sick, corrupt, warped and crying for more Love! I couldn't wait to get to the fashion or pets or cars or sports - anything but actual news... it was depressing! So, whilst the world is hurting, we can start with ourselves and be crucified with Christ so that there may be more of Jesus in the world.

Pieter



Hey everyone!

In association with Churches Together in Orpington, Youth Together in Orpington are running a brand-new youth service called 'Summit!' This is going to be an amazing event with special guests, and filled with worship, relevant talks and prayer ministry. We want to equip young people, helping them reach new heights in faith and meet the love of God.

Summit will be on **Saturday 20th May**, 19:00-20:30 at Orpington Baptist Church, with snacks, treats and refreshments before and after the service. We are really looking forward to this event and what God has instore for the young people of 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

Community Club, Tuesday 16th May

On the Menu:

Tomato soup
Beef casserole, potatoes and seasonal veg
Lemon cheesecake
Tea or Coffee.



Bromley Borough Foodbank are holding their AGM on **Tuesday 16th May** at Bromley Methodist Church. 7pm for refreshments for a 7.30pm start.

Do join us to learn about the way the Foodbank is helping people in Bromley. And discover ways you can get involved.

If you intend parking in the church carpark, please register your car registration number inside the church if you want to avoid a fine!

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

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: **15th** and **16th** May.

Holiday Home near Aberystwyth

Margaret Ball owns a 3-bed house in Llannon about 12-miles south of Aberystwyth, Wales, which she is willing to make available to people from Christ 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 14th May

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

Wednesday 17th May

10.00am Prayer Meeting

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

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.

"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

Fundraising for Kharkiv need

Dear friends, please see below. This person is known personally to me and she leads the work of the LBC Crisis Centre since last August. She is right now in the city of Kharkiv, where nearby there is heavy fighting going on. She went back to Kharkiv to help in the way she can to alleviate the suffering of many people. Her husband and her son are also in Ukraine. Please read and respond the way the Lord puts it on your heart. If you choose to help her via LBC, please notify me in time and everything will be passed on to her. Thank you for your attention.

Blessings of the Risen Christ!!!

With much love Victor & Ester

My name is Anastasiia Haidabrus.

I am a Christian counsellor and crisis psychologist from Ukraine, Kharkiv. I have been providing psychological help for many years. Since the beginning of the war, I have been serving Ukrainians affected by the war: displaced people, people who have experienced loss, trauma, and are in crisis. I work both with groups and individually and online/offline. Since the outbreak of hostilities in Ukraine, many people have passed through our Crisis centre at Latvian Biblical Centre in Riga, which we opened in August 2022. Now we are starting the work of a Crisis centre directly in the city of Kharkiv (Eastern Ukraine).

To carry out this service, there is a need to have a car. This is due not only to the specifics of this ministry, but also to the current problems with transport in Kharkiv. There is a need to visit people, deliver them after consultations and visit groups, go to places where it is impossible to reach without a car, take food, aid, etc.

There is a great need now in the face of heavy fighting in the city of Bakhmut and surrounding areas. I personally even know people from our church who are fighting at the front and some of them were already wounded, and shell shocked with all subsequent needs of assistance. I believe that the Lord will bless our ministry.

We need to buy a second-hand car and we can buy it within Ukraine. The appropriate second-hand car would cost us around 8,000 USD (approx. £6,500). We would like to ask you prayerfully to consider this need and to help us the way you can. On the next page you will find some pictures of Anastasiia and the local church in Kharkiv where they want to open a crisis centre.

If you want to join us in this need of purchasing the car, the details are listed below. If you have any questions or clarifications, please write to Victor Petrenko, veriga28@gmail.com. The funds can also be sent via LBC account for donations for Ukraine: Swedbank, Swift: HABALV22, Account: [LV48HABA0551042576915](https://www.lbc.com.ua/ua/transfer/ukraine), purpose: 'Donation for Ukraine for Anastasiia Haidabrus.'

Swedbank:

ANASTASIIA HAIDABRUS

LV71HABA0551052620754

"Swedbank" AS, Balasta dambis 15, Riga,
LV-1048, Latvia

BIC/SWIFT HABALV22

Purpose of Payment: **Donation for Ukraine**

PrivatBank(ПриватБанк):

5168 7554 5375 7904 ANASTASIIA HAIDABRUS

(Гайдабрус Анастасия)

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(В назначении платежа указывать

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