

## Lean into the Spirit

As we prepare our hearts and minds for prayer today, may I suggest we spend a few moments to clear our heads of the busyness of our lives. Whilst we are still spending time on 'things of the world' it's hard to really spend time with God.

This does not mean that what we are thinking about is wrong or a problem for God, it's just that to really enter into His presence we need to lift the weight we carry and focus on Jesus. You may find complete quiet helps, or music (probably instrumental only) or another meditative action, like running (not for me) or walking. Importantly, it will get us in a state where we can lean into the Holy Spirit.

I love how, in the Old Testament, the prophets often seemed to have God on speed dial!

*"Then he said to me, "This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies." Zechariah 4:6 NLT*

This immense power of the Holy Spirit now lives inside of us, thanks to King Jesus. So, as we pray, let us not forget that we are fighting with spiritual weapons that are far greater than the weapons of this world.

Now as we kneel before God let us pray prayers that will wow us into belief:

- restoration in relationships where all love seems lost.
- healing in bodies where human solutions have drawn a blank.
- abundance in situations where there seems nothing but anxiety.
- gushing hope and enthusiasm where there is only darkness.

Pray to Jesus to make himself known in each and every situation we lay before Him - and he will show up like we never expected!

Pieter

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## Family News 17th June 2023

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### Sunday 18th June 2023 2nd Sunday after Trinity



#### 10.30am Morning Worship – All Age

**Welcome, Notices**

**Opening Prayer, Confession**

**Worship)**

Father God I wonder  
How great the Father's love for us  
Good, good Father

**Bible Reading**

**Sermon**

**Intercessions**

**Worship**

The Father's song  
God of angel armies

**Final Prayer & Blessing**

#### 6.30pm Holy Communion – Go Deeper

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For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**

(Sunday 18th June 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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**Notices** for next issue of **Family News**

please send to Vernon by

**Midday, Friday 23rd June please**

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

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## Community Club, Tuesday 20th June

Naomi will be leading our study time at 11am.

All welcome to join us.

Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am

### On the Menu:

Tomato and lentil soup

Chicken casserole, new potatoes and vegetables

Fruit salad and ice cream

Tea or Coffee.

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## Café Mosaic

**Wednesdays & Fridays, 9.15am to 2pm**

This week's special

will be Cottage Pie and green beans

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## Starts September

Try

Alpha

If you are wanting to explore faith, then the Alpha course is an excellent way to start.

Over 24 million people have already tried it.

At Christ Church the Alpha course involves food (an evening meal or afternoon cake and coffee), a short video clip and an opportunity to express your views and listen to what others have to say in a relaxed environment. It could be one of the best resolutions you make, to go on an Alpha course.

There will be an initial taster session in September.

To find out more, please contact:

Alpha@ccorpington.org or  
call the church office (01689) 871601.

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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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## Support and Supplies for Ukraine

As many of you will know; Will Bisley & I are doing another trip to Poland to support Ukrainian refugees. The war is far from over and the circumstances of those displaced by the war are incredibly tough.

So, we are taking further supplies as we did in December 2022, and we will be leaving Orpington on **Saturday 24th June** and arrive in Krakow late on Monday the 26th. We aim to be back in the UK on Wednesday 28th June.

We are planning the same route as before:



**Things we really need are clothes, blankets & sleeping bags; as well as the items listed below 😊**

If you can assist, please call/WhatsApp Pieter on  
07949 031183.

### items needed

- First Aid kits
- Vitamin supplements
- Paracetamol/Ibuprofen
- Antiseptic wipes
- Nappies including for the elderly
- Sanitary products
- Canned food - protein
- Rice
- Pasta
- Flour
- Batteries and torches
- Food for children - long-term and dry
- Warm blankets
- Warm children's clothes
- Warm adult's clothes and shoes
- Sleeping bags/roll mats

There is a collecting box for **Paracetamol & Ibuprofen** at the back of the church, so please let's see if we can fill it.

With gratitude and thanks, Pieter

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**Tinned Potatoes**

**Tinned Cold Meat**

**Desserts, such as Sponge Pudding,  
Jelly and Angel Delight**

**Mens Shaving Gel**

**Ladies & Mens Deodorant**

**Nappies size 6**

**Shampoo & Conditioner**

**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 & 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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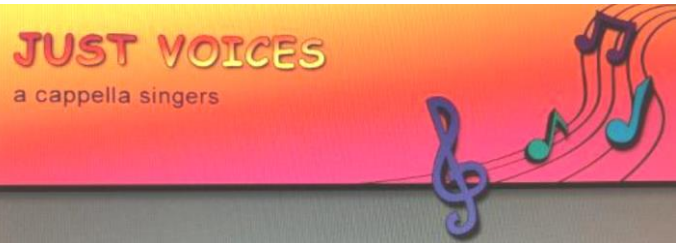
**Rochester Cathedral** will be hosting a Thanksgiving Service on **Thursday 22nd June** to celebrate the **75th anniversary of Windrush**. This will be held at **5.30pm** and will seek to be intergenerational. Bishop Simon will preach and the service is being planned as a service with music, readings and prayer, which we hope will appeal to young and the older and we hope will attract a truly diverse congregation.

We would love you to come along that together we may pray, celebrate and give thanks for the blessing that the Windrush generation has been, appreciate their legacy and lament our failings in offering generous hospitality.

There is no expectation for anyone to robe. If robing however please just wear your cassock.

Kind regards **The Reverend Belinda Beckhelling**  
Acting Precentor & Chaplain to the French Hospital

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**Cray Valley Parish** invites you to join them in welcoming **Just Voices** performing at  
St Andrew's Church  
Lower Road  
Orpington, BR5 4AL

**Monday 19th June 8.15pm (doors open 8pm)**

£8 per Adult, £2 per 12-18 years (under 12's free)

Tickets include entry to a 45-minute performance,  
followed by light refreshments.

To purchase your tickets please contact  
**Cheryl 07766 543 125**

or

The Parish Office [crayparish@outlook.com](mailto:crayparish@outlook.com)

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## 2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

**Sunday 18th June**



10.30am Morning Worship - All Age  
6.30pm Holy Communion - Go Deeper

**Wednesday 21st June**

10.00am Prayer Meeting

**Sunday 25th June**

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

**Sunday 2nd July**

10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

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## \*Getting to know you\*

Date: Saturday 24th June 2023

Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Christ Church

So what was your name again?

Have you been here long?

Didn't want to ask you name again  
because I was embarrassed.

Awkward silence.....

NO, NO, NO ... we will have none of that! Come join us as we get up close and personal (but not too personal). We have a thriving community of ladies. We have lots to learn and give to each other if we only take the time to know each other. This is a relaxed environment to get to know each other.

How good and pleasant it is when [sisters] live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

£5 donation suggested for hot and cold buffet finger food and drinks.

Please sign up so we have a rough idea for catering purposes



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



## Northumbria Daily Prayer

You are invited to come along to Daily Prayer at 9.00 to 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 June are: 19th, 20th and 26th.

Dates for July are: 3rd, 4th, 17th and 18th.

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 please contact her on:

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

Join Spinnaker  
Orpington for

# Coffee and Cake

Friday 7th July  
Orpington Baptist  
Church cafe  
10.30 - 12.00



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FUN Mornings!

Craft, Games,  
Bible Stories,  
Songs & more!



Christ  
Church  
Orpington



**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, games & food together

**NEXT : Saturday 1st July ~ *Messy July is the last this term!***  
**New School Year : 9th September ~ "New year, new names!"**

at **Christ Church Orpington**  
Charterhouse Road, Orpington, BR6 9EP

***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!

Any questions? Contact **Pip Allen** [messychurch@ccorpington.org](mailto:messychurch@ccorpington.org)

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