

God inside of me:

- He has released me
- He affords me freedom from sin, yes it is behind me
- Because of Jesus I can live without fear

As we spend time with our Abba Father today may we declare these liberating truths over our own lives. These are indeed truths because the Holy Spirit lives inside of us.

I have been sharing with the Men's Group in church that it's been on my heart that guys are hurting. Anxious thoughts are weighing us down. I know this from one-to-one conversations as well as a general feeling I have in my heart. This is definitely not confined to the men in our church only, but I know it goes across each and every person from time to time. However, we have the power of prayer, individual coaching and counselling with God as our weapon against these negative forces.

Let's use a few verses from Psalm 23 as we internalise their powerful declarations over ourselves and those we love.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need."

- Yes Lord, you bless me beyond what I need, beyond what I ask for, I lack nothing!

"He renews my strength."

- Lord when I feel run down, weak or even defeated; you fill me with energy so that I can get up again, and again, and again; to His glory.

"I will not be afraid."

- The power that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside of me. It doesn't matter what I face; His power is stronger!

"I will live in the house of the Lord forever."

- Because of Jesus I am now Royalty; and there is a place ready for me in my Father's house; no questions asked or qualification required.

Pieter



Family News 24th June 2023

Sunday 25th June 2023 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Give thanks to the Lord (His love endures forever)
The lion and the lamb
If faith can move the mountains

Bible Reading

John 14 v 1-14

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

I believe in Jesus
You were the word

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect

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

(Sunday 25th June 2023)

join Heather from 11.45am:



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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

Notices for next issue of **Family News**

please send to Vernon by

Midday, Friday 30th June please

Email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

Art Room

We have a new afternoon hirer for the Art Room, who joins us on Monday. If you have any items in the Art Room that you would like to keep, please could you take them today if possible. Thank you!

Community Club, Tuesday 27th June

Liesel will be leading our morning session at 11am. Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am. All welcome

On the Menu:

Carrot and coriander soup
Roast Gammon, mashed potatoes and
seasonal vegetables.
Chocolate and cinnamon swirl with
chocolate ice cream.
Tea or Coffee.

Café Mosaic is open as usual on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.15am to 2pm, but owing to lack of volunteers will be offering only the standard menu with no 'Special Lunch'

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.

"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

Flower Arranging

The Flower Arranging team are trying to be more sustainable, reducing or avoiding use of floral foam which forms microplastics.

We are also using some good quality artificial flowers, especially in very hot weather when fresh flowers don't last long.

We would welcome any donations of artificial flowers you may wish to rehome. You can leave them in a vase in the church cloakroom near the front church door or give to Mel Ketchin or Judith Motto

Thank you

Holiday Club 2023

"Our primary children's **Holiday Club 2023**

"Life to the MAX!"



is on the mornings of Tuesday 25th

to Thursday 27th July this year!

It would be great to see you – book via Eventbrite on our church website page link!

NB. There will be 2 Holiday Club Team leader/helper meetings this week! ... including chocolate biscuits!
Bring your tea/coffee with you!

1. For **any young people** wondering about helping? – **find out more at 12pm-12:30 THIS SUNDAY, 25th June in the large hall at church**
 2. **A Leader/adult helpers' Update Meeting – 7-8pm this THURSDAY 29th, in the Café** – for anyone who can come & share their ideas/thoughts/comments: **come and get a world-preview of the draft Briefing pack, including the Themes this year!**
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Messy Church is for **EVERYone**, including families with kids, who want to try "doing church" in a more relaxed, active, creative way!

Next Saturday, 1st July, 4-6pm is our last one this term! So if you don't want to miss it till **9th September**, **please book your Messy July Church place on our website link to Eventbrite ASAP!**

Any questions, please contact me!
Many thanks!

Pip Allen

Children's Minister for
Holiday Club & Messy Church

07989 389469, holidayclub@ccorpington.org



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Canned Hot Meat

Canned Cold Meat

Canned Potatoes

Sweets

Shampoo

Conditioner

Ladies Deodorant

Shaving Gel

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

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

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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: gdp@ccorpington.org



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.

Next one is Monday 26th June.

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

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 25th June

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Wednesday 28th June

10.00am Prayer Meeting

Sunday 2nd July

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Sunday 9th July

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30 pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Sunday 16th July

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Sunday 23rd July

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Praise & Worship



Holiday Club

Tuesday 25th to Thursday 27th July

Sunday 30th July

10.30am Holy Communion

SUMMER FESTIVAL CONCERT

HAYDN - NELSON MASS

VAUGHN WILLIAMS - 5 MYSTICAL SONGS

PLUS A SELECTION OF ANTHEMS BY VARIOUS COMPOSERS

Soprano	Helen Eastwood
Alto	Christiana Eastwood
Tenor	Niki Zodhi
Bass	Paul Bonter
Organist	Jack Stone
Conductor	Nick Wibberley

SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2023, 7:30pm
ORPINGTON PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS
BARK HART ROAD, ORPINGTON, BR6 0QD

Tickets: £12, Students: £6
BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES: 07879 473802

Retiring collection in aid of Maternity Worldwide
www.asfc.london charity no. 1128850

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

Do you have a story of how you came to faith?

I was regularly taken to church as a child, and I remember quite strongly the day I decided on my faith. I was seven.

I remember thinking – "If God was real and was a God of love, then people would be singing the hymns to Him with happy faces, not the dead-pan faces they seemed to have to my eyes. If God was real, then He was God 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and wouldn't be fooled by people's "Sunday Best" faces and clothes. And if God was real, all-powerful and heard prayers, then everyone would surely be asking Him about how to make every decision of every day, not just make their own decisions. And so, with all the childish wisdom of a 7-year-old, I decided that God wasn't real, He was made up by clever people to make foolish

people and children behave. And I wasn't to be fooled! My disbelief in God was sealed.

Oh dear! In my childhood "wisdom" I had judged whether God was real or not by His people.

It was a bit like choosing your spouse by the way their work colleagues acted. Or judging a book by the colour of its cover. I'm forever grateful that many years later God revealed Himself to me for the wonderful, kind, gentle, loving, holy, forgiving, generous, all-powerful, healing, and life-giving God He is.

The church is in the news a lot at the moment, showing a very painful picture of what can happen when leaders (especially) appear to abuse their position and leave their flocks with feelings of pain and devastation instead of life and healing. Can I encourage all who have been hurt by "the church" not to judge whether God is real or not by His followers, but instead go to His bible, speak to Him, and ask Him to reveal Himself to you, and show you who He really is. Please don't judge God by His people as I had.

If you have been hurt or have a concern about anyone in the church, leader or otherwise, recent or non-recent, please can I encourage you to reach out for help. Here are some of the ways you can get support

Our Safeguarding Officer for our church is
Keith Miller on safeguarding@ccorpington.org

The Safeguarding Lead for the Diocese of Rochester is Greg Barry on 07585 952174

The National Safeguarding Team on
safeguarding@churchofengland.org

Thirtyone:eight Safeguarding Helpline on 0303 003 1111 is staffed by trained professionals who provide safeguarding advice and guidance and operate an out of hours service for urgent calls, or email on info@thirtyoneeight.org

Safe Spaces, a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales available on 0300 303 1056 or info@safespaces.co.uk

In an emergency, especially if someone is in immediate danger of harm, you should always call 999 straight away and ask for the police.

Holding in my prayers all those who have been hurt by the Church and commending them for their bravery in speaking out.

Sharon

Getting to know you

Date: Saturday 24th June 2023

Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Christ Church

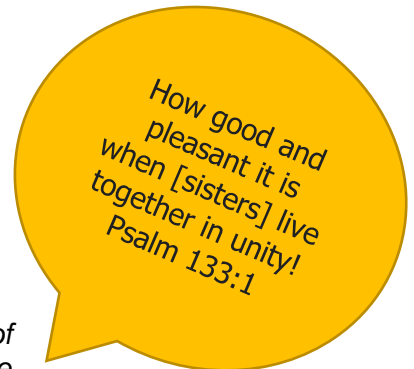
So what was your name again?

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.



£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.

Registration Now Open!

ccorpington.org/holidayclub

Life to the MAX!
HOLIDAY CLUB 2023
CHRIST CHURCH ORPINGTON

Tues 25th - Thurs 27th July

Only £25 for 3
FUN Mornings!

Craft, Games,
Bible Stories,
Songs & more!



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 : Sat. 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



"Ahhh! That takes me back !!..."

**Q: "Where can you have fun, lead kids, share Jesus,
AND learn new CV skills?!?"**

"...Why, Holiday Club, of course!!"

12pm-12:30 THIS SUNDAY 25th June, Large Hall @ Christ Church !!

Discover how YOU could AMAZE some kids this summer !

Dear Younger Person!

I'm emailing you as you have either *been* to one of Christ Church's Holiday Clubs, back in the day, or *helped* in one, you're part of Pathfinders, Juice or Wine, or you're connected with our Christ Church family!

I do hope I'm not disturbing you - and please unsubscribe if you'd like to - but we would really love to catch up with you, and encourage you to join us this summer!

Would you help us to run this year's "Life to the Max!" Holiday Club as one of our young helpers?!

You know the kids of all ages **love** seeing all the teenagers joining in and helping out with their sports, craft, drama and music! It wouldn't be the same without you!

Whether you've just slogged through exams, left school, college or Uni, or are working or holidaying part-time or full-time, please would you consider lending us your skills for three mornings in the last week of July?!

Holiday Club is from **9:10am to 12:30pm, Tuesday to Thursday 25th to 27th July** this year, so meeting at **8:40am** for helpers to set-up.

You have the chance to enjoy helping lead the kids in their groups, or in Crafts, Sport Games or Dance - or even why not join in with some Drama, sing or puppetry?! Where else could you fill some time learning new skills AND potentially affect someone's whole life?! Come and find out how you might help at our information chat this Sunday!

We know it's a big ask, especially when your bed or work beckons! Speaking with my careers service hat on though, it really is a brilliant volunteering addition that employers love on your CV, as well as a "glow proudly at your wondrousness!/ reunite with old mates" kind of thing!

Do pop into our meeting for younger people this Sunday and find out more !

Any questions, do contact me anytime!

Thanks!

God bless,

Pip Allen

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