

Family News

15th July 2023

Reflection

I read a very familiar verse this week, but through a slightly different perspective and emphasis. This verse sits within the famous 'Sermon on the mount' as told by Matthew. In chapter 7, under a heading 'Effective Prayer' we read in verse 8:

"For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

A well-known verse from probably the best known sermon; but this time it just seemed fresh and different to me. So maybe it's me, where I am and what's going on in my life - and now God wants to talk to me in a new way through this familiar verse.... wow the Bible is just so brilliant like that; God's Word... alive today to speak to me.

Never before have I so wanted to be 'everyone'. Jesus here gives some incredible assertions when I ask, when I seek and when I knock; because Jesus says EVERYONE! Amen

I think I have always focused mainly on the 'asking', quite a lot on the 'seeking' and probably not enough of the 'knocking'. To me knocking is quite an active word, more so than asking and seeking. It feels to me knocking suggests some force, just enough to make a noise, just enough that the door will be opened.

As we pray together today; I want to suggest we bring our whole hearts to God; the burdens, the pain, the injustice, the scars that just won't heal properly. And as we pray, let's focus on 'effective prayer'; as we graduate our conversation with the Lord, from 'asking', to 'seeking' and finally to vigorously 'knocking'; because the doors will be opened and on the other side we will find the loving arms of God! Amen

Pieter

Sunday 16th July 2023

6th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul
Spirit of the living God
Holy Spirit, gifts bestower

Bible Reading

1 Corinthians 14 v 1-5 and 26-28

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Waiting here for you
Build your kingdom here

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Holy Communion – Go Deeper

For online zoom coffee after morning church **today**
join Heather from 11.45am:



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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

PCC

Can you please note that the PCC meeting planned for 17th July has been cancelled

Notices for next issue of **Family News**

on **22nd July** will be required by

Midday, Friday 21st July please

Email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

Our nearly new sale last Sunday went really well

A big thank for all the help

We made £120 for Christ Church

Hope to do another sale soon

Registration Now Open!

ccorpington.org/holidayclub



LIFE TO THE MAX! HOLIDAY CLUB 2023

CHRIST CHURCH ORPINGTON

Tues 25th - Thurs 27th July

includes
exclusive T-shirt!

KICK Dance!
(our guests for 2 mornings!)

Only £25 for 3
FUN Mornings!*

Craft, Games,
Bible Stories,
Songs & more!



* **NOW** - Tickets for Single Mornings also available @ £8.50 ; also includes exclusive T-shirt!

Holiday Club reminders & vital dates!

This is your chance, Christ Church to help out with our guests!

1. Our 3 morning Holiday Club starts in less than two weeks time! Please **keep praying** for the children & families who are joining us, and our team Tuesday to Thursday 25th to 27th July!
2. If you are a **teenager** who would like to help, please text/email/see Pip as soon as possible today/this week!
3. **Scenery/decorations/props!** If anyone has anything with a 'tropical island' vibe or anything turquoise, lime green or red that you are willing to lend us for decoration, *please let me know after church today (to avoid me buying stuff this week!)*
- 4) **10:30am to 1pm Cafe on Wednesday 19th or/and 10-4pm anytime pop-in Thursday 20th in the Small Hall**
 - these are your last chances to help with **Craft prep** if anyone wants to do counting, sorting or cutting!
 - Do ask me for a little job to take away, &/OR come and do it in with Creative Coffee team!
- 5) **7:30pm-8:30pm THIS Thursday 20th in Church - our whole Team Meeting!**
 - *please come and meet each other over chocolate biscuits and doublecheck our days' details!*



6) **next Sunday, 23rd - help decorate the Church** after our Morning Service!

7) **Monday 24th - Final Preparation Day from 10am onwards**



Pray for Jesus to be present and gloried!

Thank you so much for your wonderful hard work!

Any questions, please ring or email me

Pip Allen

Children's Minister for **Holiday Club**

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ORPINGTON MARKET SQUARE



SUNDAY SOCIAL

Sunday 10th September
12:30 - 3:00pm

Bring your friends and family to this outreach event

Free BBQ – Live Music – Games



Hi everyone,

We are thrilled to have been given permission to run another CTO Sunday Social in Orpington Market Square on Sunday 10th September between 12.30 and 3pm. The idea is to gather the wider church family in Orpington, plus friends, and enjoy live music (a mixture of Christian and secular music), games for the children and a free BBQ.

The Orpington Gospel Choir will be participating, plus flautists from a local Primary School and the CTO band.

We will also have teams seeking to engage with people as they stop and enjoy the music, food and games and will be offering prayer to anyone who would welcome it – there will be a Prayer Gazebo strategically placed to enable this.

We would love to involve as many churches in this event as possible and have 2 requests:

- Firstly, promoting the event widely amongst the congregation and encourage you to come and join with us (details above); and
- Secondly, ask you to offer to help at the event – whether this is providing or manning one of the games, helping staff the face painting team, being part of the engagement team chatting to guests at the event or offering to be part of the set up/set down team.

This is the first time we have been given responsibility for running the entire event as budget restraints have meant that Orpington 1st have been unable to partner with us this year with the cancellation of the Food Festival week. We are really keen to ensure that this God given opportunity to engage with our town continues to be a successful event and would love your church to join with us as we display God's greatness in the market place.

Any offers of help would be greatly received by
Julian Sanders (julian.sanders@hopechurchuk.org)

Community Club, Tuesday 18th July

**This will be our last gathering for the summer.
We resume again on September 5th.**

We will be welcoming Eniko Benfield from 'Compassion Homecare' to our 11am study time. She will be chatting about care options in later life. All welcome from 10.30am for tea and coffee.

On the Menu:

Leek and potato soup
Roast Turkey, potatoes and veg.
Rhubarb crumble and custard.
Tea or Coffee.

Café Mosaic is open as usual on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.15am to 2pm (term time), 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

Haberdashery appeal



I'm sure many of you will have heard of Tools with a Mission (TWAM) and the amazing work they do sending pre-loved tools to Africa. But did you know they also send sewing machines and haberdashery kits?

TWAM are currently desperately short of the following haberdashery items:

- Bias binding, lace, interfacing, ribbons, elastic, shirring elastic, Velcro, cords, braids and trims, part reels of cottons, pins, safety pins, needles, thimbles, fastenings including hooks and eyes and press-studs, overlocking cottons, buttons, scissors of different sizes-the older ones for sharpening, buttons and toggles, patterns.
- Fabric – all sizes, as any not suitable for sending to Africa can be used for bags and tool rolls for kits. This includes pillows, duvets and sheets which we cut for bags of different sizes; curtains -we use the fabric; upholstery materials and tools.
- Containers for pins – TWAM used to use photo film boxes but now need to look for other small containers – TicTac boxes are ideal!
- The wool department also needs crochet hooks, darning needles, row counters, needle gauges, machine and hand-knitting wool.

If you have any of the items above and are able to donate them to this fantastic charity, please could you leave them in the labelled box at the back of Church.

Thank you!



WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Canned Vegetables

Canned Cold Meat

**Desserts, Jelly, Sponge Pudding,
Angel Delight**

Canned Potatoes

Cooking Sauces

Ladies Shower Gel

**And also in 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**

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

Northumbria Daily Prayer



Daily Prayer at 9.00 to 9.20am in the chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Readings from Scripture, a short meditative reading, prayer, reflection and silence.

Dates for July are: **17th & 18th.**

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 16th July

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Wednesday 19th July

10.00am Prayer Meeting

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

Sunday 6th August

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th August

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th August

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th August

10.30am Holy Communion