



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

22nd July 2023

Dear all,

As I was looking through the wonderful reflections that Pieter has written for us, I found this one from June 2021. In our present time of global uncertainty, where so much is going on in the world, and unprecedented temperatures in much of Europe are causing those who write models for climate change to maybe rethink its speed, let's remember to pray with fervency "*Let Your Kingdom come, Let Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven*", as we look for God's renewal of creation.

Revelation 21:3-5 NIV:

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Lord when we pray 'Let your Kingdom come, let your will be done; on earth as it is in Heaven' we are declaring Revelation 21 over our broken world. You ARE MAKING EVERYTHING NEW. It does not say you are making new things... We can therefore take comfort that you are, right now, restoring our world.

Praise be to God our world is made new through the blood and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Amen



Pieter

Sunday 23rd July 2023

7th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Praise my soul the King of Heaven
Waymaker
Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 13 v 7-11
1 John 4 v 1-6

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

You unravel me
Whom shall I fear (God of angel armies)

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Praise & Worship

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



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWbIFLUDVuZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

Notices for next issue of Family News

on **29th July** will be required by

Midday, Friday 28th July please

Email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

Please note that the 29th July issue will be the last one before the Summer Break. Next one will be 2nd September

Can you please note that **Open Kitchen** is **closed** on **Tuesday** (25th July) for **Holiday Club**



Holiday Club reminders!

1. Our 3 morning Holiday Club starts this **Tuesday!** Please **keep praying** for the children & families who are joining us, and our team Tuesday to Thursday 25th to 27th July!
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*
4. **Today, Sunday 23rd July,** help decorate the Church **after our Morning Service!**
5. **Monday 24th July is Final Preparation Day from 10am onwards**

**Please pray for safety for all and good weather
(at least until 12.30pm)**

Any questions, please ring or email me

Pip Allen

Children's Minister for **Holiday Club**

holidayclub@ccorpington.org 07989 389469

Open Plate Collection for Missionaries for the month of August

Throughout the month of August, at the Sunday morning service we will have one of our mission partners speaking.

Each week we will be holding an open plate collection for the mission who is speaking on that day rather than for the church.

Details of the missionaries visiting each week in August are noted below:

6th Aug – Mission Aviation Fellowship

13th Aug – Bible Society

20th Aug – London City Mission

27th Aug – Christians Against Poverty

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.

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: gdp@ccorpington.org



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 encouraging 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)

Ros Hinton

We have some very sad news for those who remember Ros Hinton. Ros used to come to Christ Church, but sadly has recently died. A Service of Celebration for her Life will be held at St John's Church, Dormansland, RH7 6RA on Tuesday 8th August at 12.30pm followed by light refreshments. All who wish to celebrate Ros's life and remember her are welcome. More details to follow including how to access a live link on the day for those who cannot attend. If you are planning to attend it would be helpful for the family to know regarding catering arrangements - please let Barbara know via

admin@pcd.org.uk



Canned Vegetables

Canned Hot Meat/Cold Meat

Desserts, Jelly, Sponge Pudding, Angel Delight

Long Life Milk

Cooking Sauces

Jam

Fruit

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

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PASTA, CEREAL & BISCUITS

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WITH YOUR PHONE TO
REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!**

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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



Jack, Sarah and Ben, serving in Tours, France from King's Church Durham

A year in review before the year starts anew

Hello! Things have been winding down for the summer here. Jack has recently spent time in the UK for his master's course and we have been a couple of times to visit another church in the region. More information below...

Some year gone by highlights:

- Ben has now finished his first year of *école maternelle*
- Getting to know the youth of the church and organising youth events, like the worship night and weekend away
- New people joining church
- Our mentors and teammates, Marc and Jody have been working in France for 25 years!
- The mission week with the team from Durham
- Jack starting his masters in Theology
- Jack has preached once a month and led a men's group once a month
- A Romans Bible study group Sarah helped to lead
- Jack taking on a leadership role at the community centre (organising the jumble sales and the sorting of donations for the charity shop)
- Songwriting for Christmas
- We have enjoyed having visits from family and friends



Earlier this year Sarah was on the radio! Speaking on the Catholic radio station about her story and why she is in France.

What's coming up in September

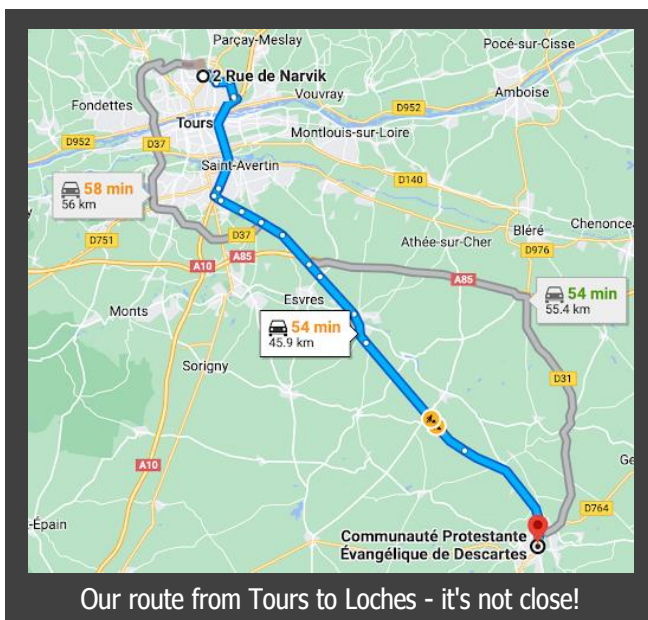
- Of the 11 Perspectives churches in the centre region of France, 6 will be without a pastor from the end of this Summer
- Therefore, our church is taking the role of supporting the church in Loches, sending visiting preachers, and Marc is providing oversight of their church council. Sarah and Jack could both be involved in supporting the Loches church.
- Sarah is considering taking on the role of moderator (or co-moderator) of the ecumenical dialogue group in Tours city
- Sarah has been asked to shadow some of what the overall leader of the youth weekend away does, with a view to being able to be the overall leader in a future year, or to be able to set up a similar event in the future.
- Jack is probably going to be preaching twice a month soon.



This is the church in Loches.

Where is Loches, and what is the church like there?

Our church has been partnered with the church in Loches to support them in the interim while they look for a new pastor. The church is 13 years old since it was planted, but a combination of leadership change and covid have meant that it has shrunk rather than grown in recent years. However, it has a good group doing youth alpha which is encouraging. A family from our church have recently moved to the area and joined that church, with a heart to restart children's work during the Sunday service. Members of our church will go to visit and help out, and Marc, Jack and I will be visiting to help with preaching or leading worship.



Our route from Tours to Loches - it's not close!

Prayer points

- We're going on holiday to the UK at the end of July/start of August. You can pray for a refreshing time with family and friends
- Protection over family life and our individual spiritual growth. We are aware of the importance of 'being before doing'. Pray that God would mature us in our faith so that we can work out of grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that we would know God's presence in the joys and sorrows of life.
- More salvation! And openness to the gospel.
- Growth for the church in Loches (deeper in faith and love for one another as well as growing in number) and provision of a pastor for them
- Transformation of the atmosphere at the community centre
- Blessing on the children and children's workers in our church. Pray especially for those where only one parent is christian.
- Racial/religious tensions in France (I'm sure you've seen the news). For salvation among the Arab population of France as well as the French.
- 19 August is the next youth social, hosted by a couple from the church. You can pray for the young people to continue to grow in faith, thank God that this couple from church wanted to host, and pray for others to want to serve in youth work
- The church in Loches, for God to grow the congregation and for families to start coming regularly, for children's work on Sundays
- The family who recently moved to Loches from our church in Tours, for their house to be ready, for God's blessing and protection over their family, for them to be a blessing to the church.

Thanks so much for praying. We'd love to hear from you too!
Do get in touch.

You can also sign up to receive future updates here:

<https://kcd.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=9a7fc40583aec2019a2e31b6e&id=ff5b0dbfe7>

Our mailing address is: winterburns@kcd.org.uk

We're trusting God to continue providing the finances we need. To join the financial support team, just get in touch and we can give you the details.

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

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