



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

2nd September 2023

Sunday 3rd September 2023 13th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Who breaks the power
Whom shall I fear
Turn your eyes

Bible Reading

Genesis 6 v 9-22

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

How deep the Father's love for us

Holy Communion

Worship

Take my life and let it be

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect



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

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

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

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Family News notices

Next issue will be 9th September with notices please by
midday, Friday 8th September

Send to Vernon at: vandjmapp@gmail.com

Reflection

This past week, like most weeks to be fair, has had its fair share of ups & downs. As I was in the midst of a 'down cycle' I was listening to some worship music I can highly recommend. Now I know my 'down' was nowhere near as harsh and hurtful as I know some of you are going through, but we all go through the mill at some point. I just wanted to share these lyrics by a singer called Jason Crabb, from his song called "Good morning mercy". At the time that I listened to it this week, I just felt so uplifted by God's grace that I wanted to make it the focus of our prayers today:

"While I was sleeping
Lord You were working
On a mess I made like only I can do
When I start thinking I'm so far from You
I wake up to hear You whisper
That's not true

Good morning mercy
You call me worthy
Feels like the sun shining on my face
Living's good this side of grace
I feel it working
Goodbye to the hurting
You woke me up put me on my way
Hallelujah it's a brand new day
Good morning mercy

Yeah I'm still learning
To trust and follow
I won't worry what tomorrow's gonna bring
Cause you hold it all there in your hands
I'm lifting mine up now
Cause it makes me sing"

Please join me as we pray through these verses, making it relevant to our circumstances, knowing that God meets us where we are. He knows my pain, my fears and my insecurities; but still He meets me exactly where I am and picks me up and holds me like just my Heavenly Dad can do!

Amen

Pieter

Bromley
foodbank

WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- Shampoo/Cond Family/Men's/Woman
- Multi-Surface wipes/spray
- Men's deodorant
- Canned Rice Pudding and Custard
- Canned Fruit
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Squash
- 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 THEM AND IT SPOILS BEFORE WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM

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**

"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

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



Try the Alpha Course

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, late 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)**.

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Meina is our GDPR representative and if anyone has any queries relating to GDPR to please contact her on: gdpr@ccorpington.org

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Several members of the congregation are thinking of holding a Christmas craft Fair to sell things they have made. We are keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in having a stall and also keen for others to come to buy, probably

Saturday 2nd December.

Please contact Mel Bailey or Judith Motto if interested, and watch this space for more information in the autumn.

Deanery Synod Meeting

Our next meeting is open to all and will be held at St Francis, Greencourt Road, Petts Wood at 7.45pm on **Tuesday 12th September**.

The guest speaker is Claire Boxall, the Diocesan Called Together Manager, who will speak on the subject of Eco Churches.

The talk is entitled 'How Green is Your Church?'

Evening services

As some may already be aware, Sharon and Andi were recently involved in a car accident, thankfully they are both okay but will need time to recover.

Due to this, the Go Deeper evening services will be postponed until further notice.

The Reflect evening services will still be running as planned on the dates below:

Sunday 3rd September

Sunday 17th September

Sunday 1st October

Sunday 15th October

Sunday 29th October

Sunday 26th November

Sunday 10th December

Thank you all for your understanding and please do keep both Sharon and Andi in your prayers.

Café Mosaic

The café is open again from

Wednesday 6th September

9.15am to 2.00pm

with last orders at 1.30pm

Carol, Charles and Ann Thuairé wish to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy following the passing of their dear husband and father Jean on 15th August.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday 6th September at 10am at the Bluebell Crematorium, Halstead. Father Vella from Holy Innocents will be leading the service. (There won't be refreshments after).

Community Club

resumes Tuesday 5th September.

Helen will be leading Communion at 11.00am.

Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am. All welcome.

Our lunch menu this week will be:

Tomato and lentil soup

Cottage pie and seasonal vegetables

Fruit crumble and custard.

Tea or coffee.

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 we are meeting in September and October

are: **4th & 5th**, 18th & 19th **September**

9th, & 10th, 23rd & 24th October.

Harvest flowers – Sunday 8th October

The flower arranging team would like donations of foliage on **Saturday 7th October**. Please bring to church from **9.45am**. If you would like to help them as well, please to come along - no experience needed!

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 3rd September

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Sunday 10th September

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

No evening service, see separate notice

Sunday 17th September

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect

Sunday 24th September

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

No evening service, see separate notice

Solution to **✚**word 29th July 2023 issue

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The Big Knit 2023

National Baby Loss Awareness Week is in October every year when people join together in various ways to raise awareness of the loss people face. Did you know that 1-in-4 pregnancies end in miscarriage and that 1-in-20 babies are still born? Here at Making Miracles we are the only registered charity in the UK that supports the whole family through their loss from the parents, siblings and grandparents.

Prior to the pandemic Making Miracles, registered charity covering Kent and Medway, held an annual Big Knit and Natter at The Rochester Cathedral where knitters and those who also crochet across the whole Diocese come together for a morning of fun, meeting other crafters and knit as many 6 x 6 inch squares as possible in the time available. This year we are back on **Saturday 28th October**. The morning starts at 9.00am and finishes at mid-day (as the Cathedral has another event in the afternoon so we have to start earlier than previously).

The squares are sewn up after the event and made into blankets which we then sell to pay for much needed professional bereavement and trauma services for families who lose a baby either through miscarriage, at birth or up to the age of 1 year old. This includes up to 8 sessions free of charge of bereavement or trauma counselling provided by a specialist counsellor, step down services following counselling, supports groups and a range of other services. We also have a Baby Memorial Garden where those who have lost may have a pebble or slate to remember their lost baby on land owned by The Rochester Cathedral and the now Dean, Phil Hesketh, has been a Patron of ours since we started back in 2014.

Ideally each square would be one colour only and if people would like to knit prior to the day as well we would appreciate any squares knitted be kept to the same colour so that we can match them together (as we know that people knit at different tensions and its sometimes difficult for us to match them all up). One blanket will be either 36 or 49 squares so 6 x 6 or 7 x 7 squares. However, if someone would like to knit the whole blanket and sew it together that would be even more amazing.

So, as a parish is this something you feel you would like to support? We would love to see you on the day itself. However, we appreciate not everyone will be able to get transport to Rochester so we are also happy to receive blankets or squares in the post.

For catering purposes, we do need to know the numbers attending on the morning, so if you have any questions or need to confirm your attendance, please email jodie@makingmiracles.org.uk asap.

We really hope to see as many parishes represented as possible at our beautiful Cathedral on 28th October.

Thank you.



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**SCAN Me
to Book !**

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**

New School Year :

Saturday 9th September

"New year, new names!"

at Christ Church Orpington

Charterhouse Road, Orpington, BR6 9EP

Children must bring their grown-ups!

**Please book via our website or the QR code
to the Eventbrite link**

<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**
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