



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

16th September 2023

Sunday 17th September
15th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Amazing grace (my chains are gone)
Who O Lord could save themselves
Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Bible Reading

Genesis 18 v 1-7

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Father God I wonder
Brother Sister let me serve you

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Holy Communion
– Reflect



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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1q4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWb1FLUDVuZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

LBC News

Dear friends, greetings from Latvia!!!

The new academic year has finally arrived!



The theme for the opening of this academic year was “The Fatherhood of God”. The Lord put on Victor’s heart to preach on the parable of the Prodigal son where the character of God’s heart as a father is revealed. He is a generous, loving and forgiving Father. It’s imperative for us to get to know Him not only in our studies, but in our life. It is our prayer and hope that the studies @ LBC will help our students to get to know the Father. (Lk 15:11-32)

As our usual practice @ LBC before the beginning of the academic year we pray and fast. Our desire is always the same – we want the Lord to send us the ‘right’ students – those who want to grow in the Lord and His Word. This year wasn’t exception.

We have 60 new students on 4 different programs, and they are even joining us from different countries. This year we will have 12 students from Portugal joining LBC program on ‘Counselling in the Local Church’ as well as a student from Belgium and Latvian students coming from all over Latvia!



We were very happy to see the new students coming from different ages, nationalities, professions, churches, and denominations, but all of them are eager to learn and to grow in their faith and ministry.



It was also wonderful to see a good number - 12 aspiring new preachers in joining the existing 1-year group on the program of "School of Preaching". It was evident from the first evening that all of them are eager either to improve their preaching skills or to learn the 'art of preaching'. We are grateful for the hard work of Ephraim, who is a coordinator for this group and puts a lot of work in spending his time with the small groups of preachers, who study and have fellowship in small groups in between the teaching sessions.



LBC needs

We live in the shadow of the ongoing war in Ukraine, which affects all of us. LBC is not an exception, and the rising costs of utilities and food puts considerable pressure on the finances of LBC. We realize that we need to find some additional sources of income for LBC as a ministry to maintain the same level of staff and to afford the ongoing 'operations of LBC' like paying salaries, etc. If anyone of you know of any foundations which provide grants for institutions like LBC, we would be most grateful for any advice/help.

We can reduce the electricity bills for example by investing into Solar panels, but the cheapest quote that we've got is 11000 Euros. We also need to prepare for the winter and to buy a small snow machine (the estimate for a good one is around 2000 Euros). If anyone is interested or willing to contribute to any of those needs, please write to me directly.

Prayer needs

Praise We praise the Lord for every new student who came for this academic year.

- **Praise God** for Crisis centre and for all healing and transformation which takes place through its work and for the new group of students on "Counselling program".
- **Pray for:** the recruitment of a new director to succeed Victor.
- **Pray for:** - The financial needs of LBC and Lord's faithful provision for us to meet the rising costs.

Thank you, dear friends, for all your prayers, support, and love for LBC's ministry.

God bless, Victor Petrenko,
(On behalf of LBC staff, students, and teachers)

www.bible.lv,

<https://www.facebook.com/LBC.RIBI>

Instagram: latvijasbibelescentrs

Repair Café

St Mary's Green Street Green are running a Repair Café on **Saturday 23rd September** from **2-5pm**.

Do you have a broken kettle, toaster or bike? Don't throw it away – they are willing to fix your broken items in a sustainable way. They can fix small electrical appliances, laptops, computers, watches, clothing, joinery and bikes. No charge but they ask for a small donation to cover costs.

Enjoy delicious cake, tea and coffee while you wait!



- **Canned Vegetables**
- **Canned Cold Meat/Hot Meat**
- **Cooking Sauces**
- **UHT Milk**
- **Squash**
- **UHT Fruit Juice**
- **Jam**
- **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



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)**.

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

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.

Family News notices

Next issue will be 23rd September with notices please by **midday, Friday 22nd September**

Send to Vernon at: vandj@mapp@gmail.com

Café Mosaic

The café is open **Wednesdays & Fridays**
9.15am to 2.00pm with last orders at **1.30pm**

Specials this week

Fish & chips with garden or mushy peas with tartare sauce.

Home-made cheese cake.

Community Club, Tuesday 19th September

Naomi will be leading our study period at 11am.
All welcome, refreshments from 10.30am.

Our Menu is

Butternut squash soup
Roast Gammon, mashed potato,
green vegetables and cauliflower
Cheese cake
Tea/Coffee.

Guild of Church Flower Arrangers

The Guild of Church Flower Arrangers AGM will be on **Monday 3rd October** at **7.30pm** followed by a demonstration by Graham Harmer at
All Saints Church,
Bart Hart Rd,
Orpington, BR6 0QD.

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 17th September

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion – Reflect

Sunday 24th September

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper

Sunday 1st October

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect

Sunday 8th October

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Harvest Festival – All Age

6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper

Dear Christ Church,

Following on from last week's announcement in the family news with regards to the evening with Adrian Plass at Christ Church on Friday 6th October. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, this event will now have to be postponed until April 2024.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience and disappointment this may cause.

We will be in touch next year to announce the new date and details of this event.

Apologies again.

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: **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!

Community Club drivers needed

Despite running a minibus to and from club we now find we are in need of more transport to assist our members. If you could spare some time to run folk to and from Club we would very much appreciate it.

We really don't want to turn folk away just because we can't accommodate them with a lift. Where possible dial a ride is used, but it hasn't been fully successful and is frequently unreliable hence the need to ask for help.

Club meets every Tuesday term time only and hopefully with enough help we wouldn't be asking you for assistance every week. Contact Mel Ketchin if you can help in this way on 07970 289089.



**Churches
Together
IN ORPINGTON**

Vision Meeting

Wed 11th Oct 8:00pm

@ GSG Baptist Church

1 Worlds End Lane, BR6 6AA

All welcome

Discover more of what God is doing through His church working together in Orpington.

Join us as we share news about upcoming events.