



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

23rd September 2023

Sunday 24th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

King forevermore
My Jesus, my Saviour

Baptism

Bible Reading

2 Kings 18 v 5-8

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

The Servant King
Be thou my vision

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper

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

Passcode: R4V5My

Candles

Have you ever considered all the symbolic meanings there are for having candles in church?

Often at a Baptism service where there are many non-church people, the vicar will use the reading where Jesus says he is the 'Light of the World'.

To explain the value of this, one vicar even built an obstacle course in church and invited the children to have a go at it. Then they were made to do it again blindfolded; with the help of the godparents to hold their hand and talk them through it.

At the end the vicar asked: 'Which was easier? When you could see the obstacles or when you were in the dark?' Needless to say, one helpful child loudly said the answer not wanted! But the point? Having God in our lives does not make the obstacles go away, but we can see them better and so deal with them or avoid them.

Candles can represent the light of life itself; hope, like a single flame flickering in the darkness. We light a candle to help us think of someone special; we keep a light burning to help others guide their way home. Lights direct people's attention to what we want them to notice – perhaps to a person speaking or to an item on display.

The candle can be an illustration of Christ - the wax symbolizes Jesus' body born of Mary, the wick his soul, the flame his divinity, thus giving us the Mystery of the Incarnation; the presence of God, who gives light to us, who enlightens us by his word.

The flickering candle flame can show the fragility of life, and the ease with which it can be snuffed out. Or it can be burning love; consuming love; the easy passing of love one to another as the flame is easily passed to another candle; we are not alone.

It's light to lighten our darkness; moving out of darkness into light, for we make progress in our faith - we do not stay still.

From as far back as the second century the church has used lights to represent the spiritual side of our nature and of Christ's. Tertullian wrote: "We never hold a service without candles, yet we use them not just to dispel night's gloom - we also hold our services in daylight - but in order to represent by this Christ, the Uncreated Light, without whom we would in broad daylight wander as if lost in darkness."

Light a candle in church or at home and just think and watch it for a while. Just enjoy being in the light of God's presence.

Café Mosaic

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

Special this week

Fish pie and peas

Café Mosaic

Café Mosaic is desperately for more volunteers to keep providing a good service to our customers. Can you help between 9.00am–2.30pm on Wednesdays and/or Fridays during term time.

If you can't do an entire shift an hour or two would be great or even be on a reserve list to cover illness or holidays.

For more information, contact Jeanette on 07445477710, email jeanettexox@hotmail.com



- **Tinned Soup**
- **Cooking Sauce**
- **Milk UHT**
- **Tinned Potatoes**
- **Tinned Hot & Cold Meats**
- **Jam**
- **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**

Community Club, Tuesday 26th September

Tea and coffee served from 10.30am followed by a session at 11.00am led by Liesel.

Our menu will be

Leek and potato soup

Beef casserole with mustard mash and vegetables

Fruit crumble and custard

Tea or Coffee.



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: gdp@ccorpington.org

Family News notices

Next issue will be 30th September with notices please by **midday, Friday 29th September**

Send to Vernon at: vandimapp@gmail.com

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.

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 do come along - no experience needed!

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

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

Sunday 15th October

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect

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.

Northumbria Daily Prayer



You are invited to come along to Daily Prayer at 9.00-9.20am in the chapel on Mondays & Tuesdays.

There will be readings from Scripture, a short meditative reading, prayer, reflection and silence.

Monday & Tuesdays we are meeting in October are:

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

"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



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.