



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

30th September 2023

Sunday 1st October 17th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

In the name of the Father
Forever
We bow down

Bible Reading

Numbers 12 v 1-8

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

When I survey

Holy Communion

Worship

Cornerstone

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect

An update from Sharon

Once again, thank you so much for all your care, love, help, food, flowers, messages, offers and prayers. Having had the bedroom completely decked out with flowers once to cheer us on, it is now bedecked a second time. And so much beautiful food left on our doorstep!! We thank you all for everything, it is all so appreciated.

I thought I might give you an update –

As you may have seen, Andi has begun a phased return to work, although he still can't lift or do anything strenuous.

I am continuing the long process of getting better, and I am delighted that everything seems to be going in the right direction. I'm sad I haven't been able to be around, but I'm really hoping to pop in for a few minutes and say "hello" at the Harvest service next week.

I still value your prayers hugely, so thank you, I'm sure they have made the world of difference!

Much love & blessings,

Sharon & Andi xx



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



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWb1FLUDVlZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

Café Mosaic

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

Special this week

**Toad in the Hole served with mash
and mixed vegetables**

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**
- **Toilet Rolls**
- **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 3rd October

Communion service at 11am.
Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am

Our menu this week will be
Minestrone soup
Sausages and onion gravy, mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.
Lemon sponge and custard.
Tea or Coffee.



Our All Age Harvest Festival will take place next
Sunday, 8th October at the **10.30am** service.

This year, we will be sending food donations to both
Open Kitchen and Bromley Food Bank.

Fresh food donations will be given to Open Kitchen.

Non-perishable food donations will be given to
Bromley Food Bank.

All donations will be very gratefully received!
Thank you.

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

Family News notices

Next issue will be 7th October with notices please by
midday, Friday 6th October

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 for next **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 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

Sunday 22nd October

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper

Sunday 29th October

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect

Sunday 5th November

10.30am Holy Communion/All Age –

Guest Speaker: Bishop Simon

There will be no evening service on this date

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.

October dates: **9th, & 10th**, 23rd & 24th.

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.

"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
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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.



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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

NEXT : Saturday 7th October

“Messy Harvest!”

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!

**Next Dates: 11th November & 9th December 2023;
13th January 2024**

Any questions? Contact **Pip Allen**, **messychurch@ccorpington.org**

Christ-centred All age Creativity Hospitality Celebration

So, what is Messy Church?

Well...

Messy Church is...

- Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves [creativity](#), [celebration](#) and [hospitality](#).
- It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church.
- It meets at a time (and sometimes in a place) that suits people who don't already belong to church.
- It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements are for, and should include, [people of all ages](#), adults and children.
- It's fun.
- It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age - a congregation that is as valuable and worthy of investment as any of your other congregations.
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.
- Messy Church is part of [BRF](#) which believes, with the historic churches, in one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Messy Church is resourced, supported and enabled by BRF.
- Most Messy Churches meet once a month, although a few meet more frequently or more occasionally.

Messy Church is an all-age fresh expression of church that offers counter-cultural transformation of family life through families coming together to be, to make, to eat and to celebrate God.

Claire Dalpra, The Sheffield Centre

Messy Church isn't...

- ... just for children - It's much easier to aim a Messy Church at one particular age group, but do stop and reflect on whether the non-verbal messages that this sends are what you want to say about God. If your Messy Church's teaching, crafts and food are all aimed just at the under-11s, think what message you're giving both children and adults: church is only relevant/fun/meaningful/interested in you until you're 12? God is for babies? No, Messy Church needs to be constantly creative in its thinking about how to involve very different people: young and old, families and single people, male and female, academic and practical, poor and rich.
- ... a club - The whole of Messy Church is about worshipping God, having fellowship, exploring faith matters. It welcomes everyone, involves everyone, values everyone, is always there for the outsider. It's a church.
- ... a way of getting people to come to church on Sunday - There are examples of people starting in Messy Church and deciding to join Sunday church as well but these are the exception rather than the rule. If people wanted to go to established church, they would be going by now. Messy Church is interdependent with established church, but will usually operate as a separate congregation or church.
- ... just for church families - Anyone already belonging to church should be thinking about serving on the leadership team of Messy Church, however old or young they are, and helping others come to know Jesus.
- ... just for families - All are welcome: single, widowed, childless, divorced. Church is inclusive, not exclusive.
- ... a quick fix - Growing disciples takes time. Messy Church has only been going a few years anywhere. It usually only meets once a month. Growth will probably be slow.
- ... an easy option - It takes money, time, prayer, commitment and energy from the church and leadership team.
- ... a drain on church resources - Yes, it will take money and time, effort and gifted people to run it, but it will give back in return a group of people who are fired up for mission, empowered by using their God-given gifts. It will spark off ideas and inspiration about what church is all about and will renew vision. It will grow goodwill in the neighbourhood towards the church and, most importantly, provide the opportunity to do effective mission in your own community.
- ... set in stone - We're learning all the time. As the network of Messy Churches grows and develops, so the best ways of delivering Messy Church will develop and grow. BRF has deliberately chosen to have a 'non-controlling', 'hands-off' approach in the way it promotes Messy Church in the hope that this will give God space to grow his church as he wants to, and that it will give everyone encouragement to experiment and innovate.

Safeguarding Update

An update on Safeguarding Training (Bulletin 27) has been issued from the Diocesan which broadens the scope of training in safeguarding issues and in particular the Domestic Abuse Awareness Module. The list below is an extract from the Safeguarding Bulletin and outlines the new scope:

- Anyone holding the Bishop's licence, commission, authorisation, or permission (clergy, PTO, Readers, LLMs) Bishops' Visitors/Pastoral Visitors.
- Safeguarding Officers, Ordinands during IME 1, PCC Members/Lay Chapter Members, staff at Theological Education Institutions with student-facing roles.
- Members of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel.
- It is recommended that persons holding any other pastoral role within the Church also attend this training.

Additionally, anyone taking on a paid or voluntary role within the church is invited to complete the Basic and/or Foundation Safeguarding modules depending on your role:

Sides people and Welcomers Basic Awareness Course

Workers in the Young peoples and Childrens Ministry Foundation Level Course

Leading up to Safeguarding Sunday we will be running a face-to-face awareness session on Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse on **Saturday 18th November**. The sessions will run in the church at the following times with light refreshments available between the sessions:

Saturday 18th November 2023

Safeguarding Foundation Level, 0915-1045 hours

Domestic Abuse Awareness, 1115-1245 hours

These sessions are available for anyone on the PCC, those working with our young people and those who lead small groups and pastoral visitors. There are 24 places available and they should be booked via Anna Carey at anna@ccorpington.org. You can book for one or both courses on this date.

The option to complete by e-learning is still available and these modules can be accessed via [Safeguarding Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](https://safeguardingtrainingportal.org) from where you can create your own user account. Once the module is completed, I would be grateful if a copy of the certificate of completion could be emailed to me at safeguarding@ccorpington.org for our records.

If this is still on your "to do" list, please could I encourage you to complete this training soon. If you are refreshing your knowledge after 3-years, then you only need to complete the higher certificate which in the majority of cases will be the Foundation level. I hope that you find the modules both useful and stimulating.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about safeguarding please do not hesitate to contact me at safeguarding@ccorpington.org or speak to me in person.

Thank you for your continuing support

Keith Miller
