

Family News

7th October 2023

Sunday 8th October
18th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am



Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

We plough the fields
Come you thankful people come and
praise the one true God
Give thanks to the Lord

Presentation

Bible Reading

Matthew 9 v 35-38

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Faith as small as a mustard seed
Over all the earth

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

Jesus is my friend!

It may be easier for us to comprehend Jesus as God, Almighty, Saviour, Master and King. But if we really come to think of it, what does it really look like to have Jesus as our Friend!?

During our prayer time with Jesus, may I invite you to come to your Friend Jesus and be ready to be honest when you speak to Him.

Furthermore, be attentive to His voice because he wants to speak to each and every one of us.

One thing that really makes me sit upright and think about, is when the Bible is clear that Jesus is the friend of sinners, each and every one of us - hallelujah; that includes me!

I wanted to look up a few places where the Bible references Jesus and friend in the same context; and I found these passages really helpful to pray through:

"Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him." Matthew 26:50

It does not matter how badly I have messed up; Jesus will always call me as his friend. Wow!

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." Luke 5:20

Thanks Jesus my Friend for making sure my sins are erased and I can live as a free man.

"From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar." John 19:12.

Everybody just wants a friend. Jesus, of all the choices I have in my life, I choose to be Your friend.

Being friends with Jesus is not only reserved for the profound moments in our lives. Our friendship with Jesus can and should involve every part of our lives, even the most mundane.

When I go and fill up the car and my friend says 'I will come along for the ride' it is just what friends do. Friends go for a cycle together, enjoy a coffee together, mow the lawn together. Friends can just be quiet in each other's company, there doesn't have to be any conversation (maybe this is more true for us guys - I love you Tracy x).

The point is really; doing life with Jesus can and should be an 'always' thing - that is what our Friend Jesus wants from our relationship with him - Amen x

Pieter

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

In preparation for the Christmas Craft Fair on **Saturday 2nd December**, you are invited to come and make Christmas decorations that will be sold at the fair. All materials and instructions will be provided – just come along for a sociable afternoon or morning of making.

Friday 3rd November, 2pm-5pm

Saturday 4th November, 10am-1pm

Come when you can

– stay for as long as you can!

To ensure we set up enough seats and activities, please let Melanie or Judith know you are coming on melanie@zartell.uk



- **Tinned Vegetables**
- **Cooking Sauces**
- **Milk UHT**
- **Tinned Potatoes**
- **Tinned Hot & Cold Meats**
- **Washing-up Liquid**
- **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**

Family News notices

Next issue will be 14th October with notices please by
midday, Friday 13th October

Send to Vernon at: vandjmapp@gmail.com

Café Mosaic

The café is open **Wednesdays & Fridays**

9.15am to 2.00pm with last orders at **1.30pm**

Special this week

Carbonara

Community Club, Tuesday 10th October

Andi will be leading our worship/study time at 11am.
Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am.

Our menu this week will be

leek and potato soup
roast pork and apple sauce,
roast potatoes and vegetables
fruit trifle
Tea or Coffee.

"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

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.

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

Date: Saturday 21st Oct 2023

Time: 6.30 – 9.30pm

Venue: Christ Church

What is your story?

Testimonies are powerful. No matter how unimportant you think your is, God wants to use it to bless someone. Come and be blessed by Maureen who will share her story. We can also talk about ways to tell our own stories in a relaxed and non threatening environment.

Of course you can just come for the food and company as well .



Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony' John 4:39

£5 donation suggested for food. Bring your own drinks.

Please sign up so we have a rough idea for catering purposes

CCO Women's Ministry - God's Diamond, beautiful and unbreakable.

CCO Women's Ministry – Saturday 21st October, 6.30-9.30pm – Christ Church Orpington

This Autumn, it's Testimonies! Maureen is one of the church intercessors. She also has been a steady hand with our children's work for many years. Amongst many other things, she is a great source of inspiration and I am really grateful that she has agreed to share her testimony with us. We all have amazing stories and sometimes we forget that God wants us to share them so that we can encourage and strengthen others. So, please come along, listen to Maureen and we may also get a chance to share with each other our own stories (if you want to).

Or just come along and reconnect. Invite friends as well. Food will be served as usual, so please sign up so we know how many to cater for.

A plea for help! If you are able to help on the 21st of October with setup, food prep or clearing up, please send Anna a message.

Remain blessed. Kaego

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.

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



**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.

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://cofeportal.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

2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

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
