

## Family News

### 14th October 2023

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### Sunday 15th October 19th Sunday after Trinity

#### 10.30am Morning Worship

##### Welcome, Notices

##### Opening Prayer, Confession

##### Worship

In the name of the Father (our God saves)  
Your grace is enough  
More love, more power

##### Bible Reading

Ruth 1 v 1-8

##### Sermon

##### Intercessions

##### Worship

My song is love unknown  
I have decided to follow Jesus

##### Final Prayer & Blessing

#### 6.30pm Holy Communion – Reflect

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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

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### Family News notices

Next issue will be 21st October with notices please by  
**midday, Friday 20th October**

Send to Vernon at: [vandjmapp@gmail.com](mailto:vandjmapp@gmail.com)

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### Be the light!

The past week or so has been very difficult for Jewish people all over the world. How people are massacred purely because who they are, has to be a picture of the worst that humanity has to offer.

I want to suggest we spend this time of prayer pleading to God for peace, not only in Israel at this time, but for every region in the world where humans act so horrifically due to hate being their primary driver!

We know that God is love and he lives in us. Let us therefore be beacons of hope because we love others, all the time.

*"Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."*

John 3:20-21 NIV

Furthermore, we are called to be the light in the world and be part of the force that drives out darkness:

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"* John 1:5 NIV

Let's pray together that we may take this responsibility to 'be the light', very seriously - Amen!

Pieter

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### Café Mosaic

Please note that Café Mosaic is **closed** for the **next two weeks** for half-term

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### Community Club, Tuesday 17th October

Our menu this week will be

Tomato soup

Cottage pie and seasonal vegetables

Cheesecake

Tea or Coffee.

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## 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](mailto:melanie@zartell.uk)



- **Tinned vegetables**
- **Tinned hot & cold meats**
- **Milk UHT**
- **Sugar**
- **Desserts, hot sponge puddings, jellies etc**
- **Men's deodorant**
- **Shaving gel**
- **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

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REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!**

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## CCO Women's Ministry

**Saturday 21st October, 6.30-9.30pm**

**Christ Church Orpington**

This Autumn, it's Testimonies! 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

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

**CCO Women's Ministry –  
God's Diamond, beautiful and unbreakable**



## 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: **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

## Operation Christmas Child 2023



Christ Church would like to support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child again this year.

Operation Christmas child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, run by the Christian relief and development organisation Samaritan's Purse. Their mission is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to support this project by filling a shoebox with gifts; please pick up a shoebox and leaflet on your way out from Church today and find out how to send a box of gifts to some of the world's most disadvantaged children. Your shoe box could be the first Christmas present they have ever received in their lives. Please bring your filled shoebox back to Christ Church on **Sunday 12th November**. Alternatively, you may wish to fill an online shoebox using the Christ Church goal page

<https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/e13b0d1c>

More information about Samaritans Purse and the Operation Christmas Child project can be found on their website:

[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

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**Remembrance/Christmas leaflets** are on the table at the back of the church for distribution together with a list of local roads. Please consider delivering these leaflets if you are able.

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### Remembrance Day Service

If you would like to come along to our Remembrance Day Thanksgiving service for the life of a loved one on **Sunday 12th November** at **4pm**, please add your details to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church so we can get an idea of numbers to cater for.

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### 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](mailto:jeanettexox@hotmail.com)

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## Haberdashery appeal

I'm sure many of you will have heard of Tools with a Mission (TWAM) and the amazing work they do sending pre-loved tools to Africa. But did you know they also send sewing machines and haberdashery kits?

TWAM are currently desperately short of the following haberdashery items:

- Bias binding, lace, interfacing, ribbons, elastic, shirring elastic, Velcro, cords, braids and trims, part reels of cottons, pins, safety pins, needles, thimbles, fastenings including hooks and eyes and press-studs, overlocking cottons, buttons, scissors of different sizes-the older ones for sharpening, buttons and toggles, patterns.
- Fabric – all sizes, as any not suitable for sending to Africa can be used for bags and tool rolls for kits. This includes pillow cases, duvet covers and sheets which we cut for bags of different sizes; upholstery materials and tools.
- Containers for pins – TWAM used to use photo film boxes but now need to look for other small containers – TicTac boxes are ideal!
- The wool department also needs crochet hooks, darning needles, row counters, needle gauges, machine and hand-knitting wool.

If you have any of the items above and are able to donate them to this fantastic charity, please could you leave them in the labelled box at the back of Church.

Thank you!

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### 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.

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## 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](mailto: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.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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@ccorpington.org) or speak to me in person.

Thank you for your continuing support. Keith Miller

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## **2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington**

### **Sunday 15th October**

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion – Reflect

### **Wednesday 18th October**

10.00am Prayer Meeting

### **Sunday 22nd October**

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper

### **Wednesday 25th October**

10.00am Prayer Meeting

### **Sunday 29th October**

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect

### **Wednesday 1st November**

10.00am Prayer Meeting

### **Sunday 5th November**

10.30am Holy Communion/All Age –

Guest Speaker: Bishop Simon

There will not be an evening service on this date

### **Wednesday 8th November**

10.00am Holy Communion

### **Remembrance Sunday, 12th November**

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

4.00pm Service of remembrance

for the life of a loved one

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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](mailto:gdpr@ccorpington.org)

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# Winterburn's October 2023 Newsletter



**Jack, Sarah and Ben, serving in Tours, France from King's Church Durham**

Hello, thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. As always, you'll find the points for prayer at the end. So, what is going in on in Tours, I hear you ask?

### Seekers and new Christians!

Over the summer, 8 people got in touch with the church to ask about the Christian faith. Lots of these people are now doing 1-1 Bible studies.

On the first weekend of September, we had the joy of celebrating the baptism of someone who was brought up nominally christian, but converted to Islam as a teenager, and after over 20 years in Islam, came back to Jesus. The first sermon she heard at our church was on the restoration of Peter. God is good!



**Sarah leading worship in Tours.**

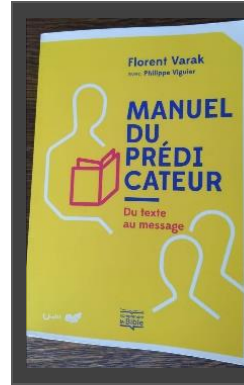
### A welcome visitor!

A retired lady called Jennifer who speaks French fluently came for just under two weeks on a sort of holiday, but also to serve in Church. It was delightful being able to share with her what normally goes on here in Tours. She also helped out by leading children's work and a prayer meditation at the women prayer group.

### Loches partnership

We've been down to Loches to visit their church and to support their Sunday (afternoon services). I led worship there a couple of weeks ago. They are currently small in number, and without a dedicated pastor (Marc from our church here has agreed to be their designated pastor and go to preach once a month, but it's not the same as having someone local).

The area known as 'sud Tourraine' (south of the city of Tours) is particularly lacking in evangelical christian witness. We are waiting expectantly for what God has in store for this church and this part of France.



The book we are reading together for the preacher's club

### Preachers' club

Jack is running a club for people who are reading a book on how to preach together and doing practical exercises to learn how to preach or improve their preaching. The first session was on the 1st October, where there were 14 people including Jack, from 5 different churches! It was a good, fairly diverse group of people who love the Bible and want to communicate it.

### Youth group

We had our first youth event of the academic year in September, with 8 youth from our church, who were hosted by a couple from church who live out in the countryside, who cooked for them and shared their testimonies. And, as per usual for this group we enjoyed board games together. I was very glad to be with other adults in this ministry. There is also another lady in church who has agreed to run the 11-14s on a Sunday morning around once per month, so we got together to plan the topics for the year, which I enjoyed. Coming up is the next worship evening run by youth groups from 4 different churches, with youth leaders in 'supporting' roles. Another thing I am thankful for is that one of the youth wants to do baptism preparation.



The flyer for the youth events this term

## **Ecumenical dialogue group**

I'm now officially the moderator of the Christians in dialogue group in Tours (yikes), aptly supported by a Catholic person who is a member of the Chemin Neuf communion (really we function as a team). We have met together to discuss vision for the group, which has tended to be a little too focussed on event planning and not enough on relationship building and learning about each other through visiting. We hope to engage the group in setting a clearer vision for what we are about (that all group members can speak into), while for the meantime keeping the status quo.

## **The community centre**

Things are still ticking along at the community centre. I'm still on at the welcome desk, Jack is still leading the team that takes in donations, there is still a charity shop and a food distribution (the rough equivalent of a foodbank), various groups like sewing and language classes and signposting to different services.

## **Prayer points**

- For discipleship of new believers and seekers, spiritual protection and resilience especially for those who experience hostility from family members for having become a Christian.
- For the youth to grow in faith, for partnerships with other church youth groups to be fruitful, for the youth to have the courage to live out their faith in their normal weeks, and to share Jesus with their friends.
- For the church in Tours to continue to grow in depth of love for Jesus and each other, and in number as people come to faith.
- For the preachers club to be useful to would-be and already-are preachers in churches in Tours and nearby towns.
- For us (me, Jack and Ben). For growth in faith and godliness, for a good balance between work, rest, time alone, time with friends, time together etc.
- For clear vision for the ecumenical dialogue group, and for the love between christians to be a witness to the French (John 13:35), particularly since France has experienced wars of religions on its soil.
- Thank God for the visit from Jennifer (who came to serve in church things during September).
- For christians in the community centre to be a light to those around them, for their interactions with people to shine out the grace and love of Jesus.

Thanks so much for praying. We'd love to hear from you too! Do get in touch.

You can also sign up to receive future updates at:  
<https://kcd.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=9a7fc40583aec2019a2e31b6e&id=ff5b0dbfe7>

Our mailing address is: [winterburns@kcd.org.uk](mailto:winterburns@kcd.org.uk).

We're trusting God to continue providing the finances we need. To join the financial support team, just get in touch and we can give you the details.

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