



## Family News

### 28th October 2023

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**Reminder** that clocks **go back** one hour

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**Last Sunday after Trinity**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Bible Reading

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Final Prayer & Blessing

**6.30pm Evening Worship – 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 4th November with notices please

by **midday, Friday 3rd November**

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

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## Archbishop of Canterbury statement on Israel and Gaza

Statement by the Archbishop of Canterbury,  
the Most Revd Justin Welby:

*'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
they shall prosper that love thee' (Psalm 122)*

Our grief and shock only grows greater as more devastating news and images emerge from the abhorrent terrorist attacks in Israel. The agonising suffering endured by those who were targeted and their families can scarcely be imagined. Our hearts are broken open by the grief of Israelis and our Jewish brothers and sisters around the world, for whom this trauma and loss stands in the dark and terrible shadow of the worst days of their history.

I beg that those who have been taken hostage are set free into safety, that they and their loved ones might be released from the horror of their captivity. The anger felt by the people of Israel at the cruelty they have experienced is entirely justified. Many around the world share in that anger.

But in the face of a ground offensive in Gaza, I plead that the sins of Hamas are not borne by the citizens of Gaza, who themselves have faced such suffering over many decades. The price of evil cannot be paid by the innocent. Civilians cannot bear the costs of terrorists. International humanitarian law recognises that, for the sake of everyone's humanity, some acts can never be permissible in the chaos of warfare. I pray that Israel does everything it can to limit the harm caused to innocent civilians.

Over two million civilians in Gaza, half of them children, are facing a catastrophe. A humanitarian corridor and convoy are needed as rapidly as possible, as set out in the Geneva Conventions. I pray particularly for the Anglican-run Ahli Arab Hospital and all those caring for the injured, who need medical supplies and generator fuel.

I join with the US Secretary of State and others in urging the Israeli government to exercise their right of defence with the wisdom that might break the cycles of violence under which generations have struggled. Amidst the chaos and confusion of war, and as much as is possible, I join the calls for Israel's military response to be proportional and to discriminate between civilians and Hamas.

Pray for the people of Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. Pray for the future of the Holy Land. Pray for those who will weep, and fear, and die tonight.

Lord God, we pray, by your great mercy, defend your children from all perils and dangers of this night.

If you are able, please support the JMECA appeal for the Ahli Arab Hospital to continue providing life-saving medical care:

[www.jmecca.org.uk/get-involved/donate/current-appeals-0/al-ahli-hospital-gaza-appeal](http://www.jmecca.org.uk/get-involved/donate/current-appeals-0/al-ahli-hospital-gaza-appeal)

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## Community Club, Tuesday 31st October

Pip Allen will be leading our session at 11.00am  
All welcome. Tea and coffee from 10.30am

### Lunch menu:

Leek and potato soup  
Chicken casserole, new potatoes and vegetables  
Mandarin jelly and ice cream  
Tea/coffee.

## Café Mosaic – Wednesdays and Fridays

reopens **Wednesday 1st November** with a special  
of Bangers (& Mash) to celebrate Guy Fawkes night



- Desserts
- Tinned cold meats
- Sweets
- Fruit juice
- Men's and Ladies' 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

**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**



### 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.

November dates: **20th & 21st**, 27th & 28th.

December dates: 4th & 5th, 11th & 12th

**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.

### 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.

### Operation Christmas Child 2023



Christ Church is supporting  
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 and find out how  
to send a box of gifts to some of the world's most  
disadvantaged children. Your shoebox 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://shoebonline.samaritans-  
purse.org.uk/goal-pages/e13b0d1c](https://shoebonline.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/)

If you are interested in volunteering to help with  
the packing of shoeboxes at the processing Centre in  
Tonbridge you are invited to sign in for a session  
using the attached link. [Volunteer at an Operation  
Christmas Child Processing Centre](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

### CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Dates for making Christmas decorations for the  
upcoming Christmas Craft Fair

**Friday 3rd November, 2pm-5pm**

**Saturday 4th November, 10am-1pm**



## 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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## 2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

### Sunday 29th October

**2am reminder that clocks go back ONE HOUR**

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

### 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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## Repair Café

St Mary's Green Street Green are running a **Repair Café** on **Saturday 25th November** 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!

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## Hi All!

1. We are having such fun planning for our **Messy Light Party on Saturday 11th November**, and our **Messy Christingle on 9th December!!** All ages are invited to come **4-6pm** and "do church" in a relaxed creative way!

They will both be added to **Eventbrite next week**, so please book these Saturday afternoons as soon as you can, via our church website or direct on Eventbrite.

2. These are busy times of year but **if you would like to help** with either of these fabulous events, (before, during or after!) please do **contact Pip** as soon as possible! Art/craft ideas or prep, moving chairs/tables, and washing-up/sweeping/mopping would be very gratefully received!!
3. I have enjoyed admiring the gorgeous **craft** made by our **children's groups** over the years – now our **Hall noticeboards** are having a Half Term refresh, please look carefully and **claim your masterpiece** quickly from the **cardboard box on the Café table** by the church door! You have ten days to retrieve it before your time is up!!

Thanks! **Pip Allen**  
[messychurch@ccorpington.org](mailto:messychurch@ccorpington.org)

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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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"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

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