

## Family News

### 4th November 2023

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### Sunday 5th November 4th Sunday before Advent

#### 10.30am Holy Communion

**Welcome, Notices**

**Opening Prayer, Confession**

**Worship**

Come now is the time to worship  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
The wise man built his house upon the rock

**Bible Reading**

Matthew 24 v 1-14

**Sermon**

Grill a Bishop – Bishop Simon Burton-Jones

**Intercessions**

**Peace**

**Worship**

God I look to you

**Holy Communion**

**Worship**

Freedom

**Final Prayer & Blessing**

#### There will not be an evening service

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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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#### Reflection

I subscribe to the emails from an organisation called Awesome Marriage and I would like to share an amended extract from a post I received this week:

*"Praying for someone else changes us. When we lift them up to the Lord in prayer, it moves our hearts. Doing this together can draw us closer to each other and to God.*

*This weekend be on the lookout for those in your life who need God's help. Who do you know that is in a hard season or waiting for God to work?*

*Pray together for them, and thank God that we can bring everything before Him and that He is always at work."*

Praying to God is a privilege, but praying together to God is a superpower!

Let us use this superpower properly as we bring every single soul caught up in the conflict between Israel and Palestine, before God... every single soul!

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." - Hebrews 11:6 NIV

Pieter

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**Some sad news this week** from Graham Preston saying that his mother, Cis, passed away on Monday.

She was on holiday at Centre Parcs with some of her family and caught a virus while there. Cis missed Christ Church and the Community Club very much when she moved to Felixstowe not long before Covid, so hadn't got to know a lot of people there.

Graham will be in touch with the funeral date which will be in Felixstowe.

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## **Community Club Tuesday 7th November**

There will not be a Communion Service this week.

Naomi has kindly stepped in to lead our Morning session at 11.00am. All welcome to join us.

Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am.

Lunch menu:

Carrot and coriander soup

Roast gammon, new potatoes, cauliflower with white sauce and brussels sprouts.

Fruit crumble and custard.

Tea or Coffee.

Sweet Harmony will be in to entertain us.

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## **Café Mosaic open Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.15am to 2.00pm** (term time only)

Special this week:

**Lasagne and garlic bread**

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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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## **Family News notices**

Next issue will be 11th November with notices please

by **midday, Friday 10th November**

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

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- **Desserts**
- **Tinned cold meats**
- **Sweets**
- **Fruit juice**
- **Children's toothpaste**
- **Multi-surface wipes and sprays**
- **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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**TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS LIST  
WITH YOUR PHONE TO  
REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!**

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**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FOOD SUPPORT  
PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0800 9 20 23 24**

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## **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

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## 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 **by next 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 Samaritan's 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](#)

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## 2023 Services at Christ Church Orpington

### 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 **2.00-5.00pm**.

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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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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"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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## Joint Appeal for Gaza and the Holy Land



*Photo: Archbishop Hosam and Archbishop Justin outside St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem last week*

At this time of extreme crisis in the Holy Land, many of us across the Diocese are praying earnestly about the situation.

Following a pastoral visit to Jerusalem last week, the Archbishop of Canterbury has joined with the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum, in a joint appeal for prayers for the whole region, and for donations to the Anglican Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza.

Many of you may know that we have a particular connection with Archbishop Hosam, as he is an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

Bishop Jonathan and Bishop Simon endorse the Appeal and encourage us to read [the letter from the Archbishops.](#)

If you are able to contribute to the Gaza Hospital Appeal, it is recommended to do so through the UK partner, [Friends of the Holy Land.](#)

Thank you.

### A prayer from Archbishop Hosam

*God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.*

*Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.*

*While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.*

*Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.*

*In Jesus' name we pray,*

*Amen*



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Christ Church Orpington



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 11<sup>th</sup> November ~

Celebrate the Heroes!  
If you like, do come in Fancy Dress as your favourite Hero/goodie - real person, or character! Use whatever you have - a hat, mask, prop or even a whole costume?! Positive vibes only please!

**“Messy LIGHT PARTY!”**

ChristChurch, 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** – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023; 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Any questions? Contact **Pip Allen** [messychurch@ccorpington.org](mailto:messychurch@ccorpington.org)

Christ-centred all age creativity hospitality celebration