



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

2nd December 2023

Sunday 3rd December Advent Sunday, Gift Day

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome, Notices,

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

O come, o come Emmanuel
We bow down
I see the king of glory

Bible reading

Mark 13 v 24-27

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

In Christ alone

Holy Communion

Worship

We will give ourselves no rest

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

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Family News notices

Next issue will be 2nd December with notices
please by **midday, Friday 1st December**

Send to Vernon at: vandjmapp@gmail.com

Reflection

Every Marvel Comic fan will know the line "With great power comes great responsibility". This phrase made its way into our culture by Stan Lee in the Spider-Man movie, but I think there could easily be Biblical inspiration there. As we pray together today let us focus on the amazing power afforded to us by Jesus Christ and then let this great responsibility sink in as we ask God for his wisdom and discernment.

*"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another"*

- 1 John 1:7 NIV

God, we ask that as we emit your light in the world that we shine as true disciples of Jesus. When we interact with those around us, let it be clear that we belong to Jesus.

*"For you were once darkness, but now you are
light in the Lord. Live as children of light."*

- Ephesians 5:8 NIV

Lord as you rescued us from the darkness, please make us effective signposts to those who have yet to receive You as the Saviour.

*"From everyone who has been given much,
much will be demanded; and from the one
who has been entrusted with much, much
more will be asked."* - Luke 12:48 NIV

Jesus, you have given us life in all its fullness; please steer us as we strive to walk the walk you have mapped out for us. Amen!

Pieter

Some News....

Subject to the usual formalities, Jay Colwill is to be appointed as Chaplain of St. Michael's Paris this weekend.

St. Michael's is an Anglican Church (offering 4 English-Speaking Sunday services) to the international, Anglophone community of Paris (of whom there is around 25,000).

It has been Jay's great privilege to be part of the Mission/JPIC Team and the Cathedral Chapter of Southwark.

Thank you.

If you would like to know more about St. Michael's, here is a link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iD3zvvsdag>

and this is a link to the website:

<https://www.saintmichaelsparis.org>

Community Club Tuesday 5th December

All welcome to Communion service at 11.00am
Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am

Menu

Pea and Ham soup
Chicken casserole, mashed potato and
vegetables
Fruit sponge and custard
Tea or Coffee.

St Olaves Gospel Choir will be singing during lunch.

Christmas Choir rehearsals continues on
FRIDAY evenings from **8.00pm to 9.30pm**, in
preparation for the Carols by Candlelight
service on Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm.

If you would like any more information, please
get in touch with Liesel 07511 876928
Liesel@ccorpington.org

Mosaic Coffee and Cake Co-ordinator

Are you looking for an opportunity
to serve and meet people?

Café Mosaic is changing in 2024. Our Café Manager
is going to focus on our normal fayre on Fridays.
Instead of the normal Café on Wednesdays we are
hoping to have coffee and cakes available from about
10am to 2pm run by a volunteer team. The proposal
is that people will make home-made cakes and a
small volunteer team will serve coffee and cakes and
receive payment on a donation basis.

In order to launch this initiative, we are looking for
a volunteer who could organise the running of the
Wednesday session including rotas for staffing by
volunteers, organising a rota for cake-making and
ensuring that the session runs smoothly. Jeanette
our Café Manager will be able to give advice but will
not be able to manage these sessions.

If you think you might be interested, then please
contact the Church Office on 01689 871601 or
Alan Goddard on 07985 974048 for an initial informal
chat. Closing date to express an interest is
17th December.

Advent 2023

Dwell
Restore
Light Up



You are invited to join me for a quiet time
of prayer and reflection during this busy
season. We will pause together with the
help of scripture, poetry, music and images
to remember why we celebrate.

8-9pm Thursday 7 December
Thursday 14 December
Thursday 21 December

Melanie

Queries: melanie@zarttell.uk

Café Mosaic is open

Wednesdays and Fridays

9.15am to 2.00pm (term time only)

Christmas church flowers

The flower arranging team would like donations
of foliage on **Saturday 16th December**. Please bring
to church from **9.45am**. We would also welcome
volunteers to help with arrangements as we have
fewer helpers than previously.

No experience needed!

Winter Ice!

The facilities team has come into possession of a
large quantity of Rock Salt, suitable for de-icing
driveways, paths, car parks etc. Buying in bulk has
significantly lowered the cost. We are offering 25kg
bags for a minimum donation of £12 each to anyone
who wants it, just contact Mike or Jim.

A £12 donation will mean the church coffers will
get a few quid, and you still get a bargain!
email: facilities@ccorpington.org, or see you around!



Café Mosaic Christmas Buffet

Come and join us on
Friday 15th December
for our Christmas Buffet
starting at 12pm for £23 per person

Help yourself to our

Home-made Chunky Winter Vegetable Soup
Or Our **Brussels Pate and Toast**

For our Main Course Buffet, we will have,

**Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes,
Pigs in Blankets, Honey Glazed Parsnips,
Buttered Carrots, Brussel Sprouts, Garden peas
and Yorkshire Pudding**

For Dessert help yourself to either

**Christmas Pudding served with Brandy Sauce or
Fresh Dairy Cream** or our **Homemade Sherry Trifle.**

Vegetarian Options are available, tea, coffee and after
dinner mints will be served.

Please feel free to bring your own wine.

All our staff would like to wish you a very happy and safe
Christmas and we will be returning on

Friday 2nd February 2024



- long life milk
- desserts/puddings/jelly/angel delight
- cold tinned meats
- fruit juice
- Also in gluten-free and reduced-sugar products if possible
 - toilet rolls
 - men/women deodorant

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.

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

what's on at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 3rd December

Advent Sunday, Gift Day

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship

Wednesday 6th December

10.00am Holy Communion

Saturday 9th December

Messy Christmas & Christingle Service, 4pm - 6pm

Sunday 10th December

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 17th December

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Crib Service

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

10.30am Morning Worship

11.15pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December

10.30am All Age Service

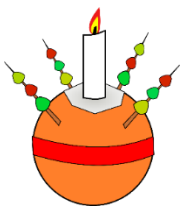
Sunday 31st December

10.30am Holy Communion

"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



Messy Church & Christingle Nativity

Saturday 9th December



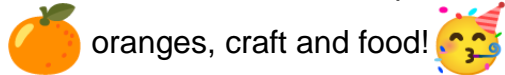
Quick! Grab your places now!



A **Reminder** that our next Messy Church is **8 days** away - **Messy Christingle Nativity** is **NEXT Saturday, 9th Dec, 4pm til 6pm.**

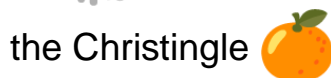
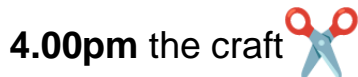
So **Wednesday 6th Deadline!** -

If you book your free place ASAP from our website via Eventbrite it helps us count



Everyone is very welcome!

Come for



This year we are looking at **Luke 2**, concentrating on the **Shepherds** and angels for the "Nativity story Part 1", before the Christingle!

(We're saving "Nativity Part 2: the sequel", the Wise Men's Epiphany" for January's "12th Night-ish" on 13th Jan 23024 - including costumes, so we can swap then!)



Anyone wanting to kindly offer this event any mince-pies, please leave them for Pip in the Office, or bring them into the Café on Friday 8th Dec! Thank you so much!

3. Festive fun

if you avoid children & animals!!

If anyone would like to help out beforehand instead...!

PREPARATION Dates....

- Anytime this week, Café –e.g. Wed 6th, 11am onwards? TBA – for anyone who wants to help prep any **Craft resources** with me, please *contact Pip ASAP!*

CHRISTINGLES:

- **FRIDAY 8th, 10am onwards, Café** – for anyone who wants to help cut foil & count candles, **OR** count sweets onto cocktail sticks, please *contact Pip ASAP to WFH!?!?*

- **SATURDAY 12.30pm onwards, Large Hall** - please come whenever suits you, anyone who wants to help Nelson & Ruth prep. the oranges & red tapes into bags!

- 4. please **pray** for all our guests & helpers, and for us all to glimpse Immanuel's glory!

Any questions, please do contact Pip via the church Office, or email, or ring!

Thanks so much for all your support!

God bless,

Pip Allen

Children's Minister for Messy Church/Holiday Club



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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

***Christ Church -
are you on your own for
Christmas Day?***

***Come and have Christmas lunch
at the Vicarage...***

***...after the Christmas Morning
service***



11.45am – 3pm

***For more details and to book
your place,***

***please contact the
church office on***

ccorpington@talktalk.net

or 01689 871601