



2024

This time of the year often has an effect on people where we either look back at the past year or we look ahead at what is to come. So, this can impact us in various ways; some may be incredibly relieved that 2023 has finally come to an end, whilst others have had so many blessings over the past twelve months that they look back with nothing but delight. When it comes to planning or looking ahead at 2024 it may instil dread on some whilst the promise of new beginnings may be exactly what some of us need! In whatever place you find yourself today, may I ask you to do a mini-stocktake on the miracles God has done in your life over the last year.

Some miracles often pass us by as part of life, but please join me as we intentionally look for the miracles that God has done for us:

- relationships mended where we thought there was no hope
- relief from pressures that all of a sudden seem a distant memory
- inner anxiety that God somehow soothes, even if only momentarily
- light at the end of the tunnel where a financial reprieve of any kind seemed impossible
- healing of a neighbour or loved one that 'just happened'

Some of these examples may seem far-fetched but when we really put things under our spiritual microscope, we can see God's hand in way more than we may expect! So, as we pray today, let us meditate on the miracles where God has revealed himself to us over the last year and as we continue to worship Jesus in our prayers, let this encourage our hearts to look forward to a Spirit-filled 2024! Amen

Pieter

Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be 13th January with notices please by

midday, Friday 12th January 2024

Vernon, Family News editor

My email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

Sunday 7th January **Epiphany Sunday**

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Forever

I love you Lord (Goodness of God)

All who are thirsty

Bible Readings

Ephesians 2 v 1-10

Mark 1 v 4-11

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

Your grace is enough

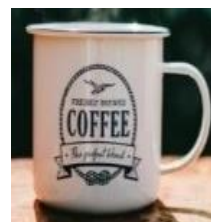
Holy Communion

Worship

Be thou my vision

Final Prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship – Reflect



For online zoom coffee after morning church, join Heather from 11.45am:

Meeting ID:

846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/84610974627?pwd=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWb1FLUDVuZz09>

Community Club lunches

resume on **Tuesday 9th January 2024**

We will be holding a Bible Study time at 11am.

All welcome from 10.30am for coffee.

Our lunch menu is

Lentil and vegetable soup

Cottage pie and vegetables.

Mince meat bread & butter pudding and ice cream.

Repair Café

St Mary's Green Street Green are running a **Repair Café** on **Saturday 20th January** from **11am-1pm**.

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!

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!

"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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Meina is our GDPR representative and if anyone has any queries relating to GDPR to please contact her on:

gdpr@ccorpington.org

what's on at Christ Church Orpington

~ ~ 2024 ~ ~

Sunday 7th January

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Sunday 14th January

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Sunday 21st January

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect

Sunday 28th January

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper



- fruit juice
- cooking sauces

Also in gluten-free and reduced-sugar products if possible

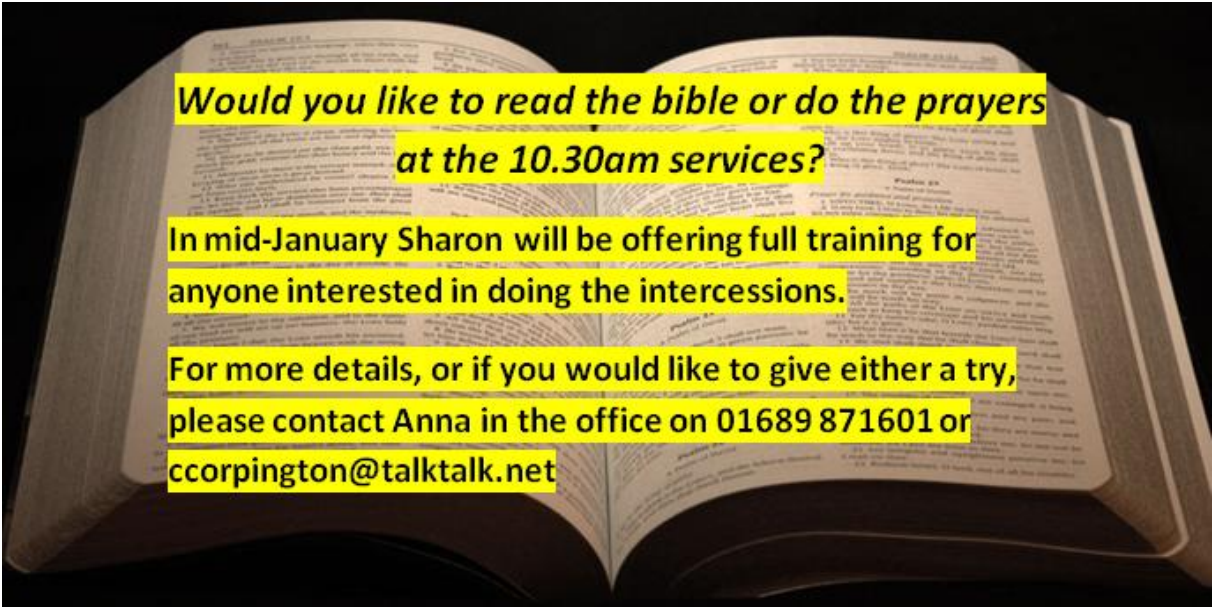
- razors
- shampoo and conditioner
- washing-up liquid

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**



**Would you like to read the bible or the prayers
at the 10.30am services?**


**In mid-January Sharon will be offering full training for
anyone interested in doing the intercessions.**

**For more details, or if you would like to give either a try,
please contact Anna in the office on 01689 871601 or
ccorpington@talktalk.net**

BARN DANCE SOCIAL

**Saturday 10th February
Arrival at 6.30pm to start at
7pm and finish at 10.30pm**

**Christ Church Orpington,
Charterhouse Road**




Buffet will be provided.


Bring along your favourite tipples!

Cost is £20 and all profits will

go to Christ Church funds.



**Sign-up sheet at
back of church.**



**For more details please speak to Katrina
Beesley, Mel Ketchin or contact the office:
ccorpington@talktalk.net**



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 wisemen's tale,
puppets, carols, games & snacks together*

NEXT: Saturday 13th January 2024 ~

What's the Wise Men's story?!

IF you like, do come as ANY of these
Nativity people – Marys, angels, Josephs,
innkeepers, sheep, shepherds, kings!!
Use whatever you already have – prop,
hat, whole costume, OR borrow ours!

“Messy EPIPHANY!”

Christ Church, Charterhouse Road, Orpington, BR6 9EP

Children must bring their grown-ups!

Please book via our website, or the above 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 very gratefully received!

Next Date ~ 3rd February 2024 ~ LOVE!

Any questions? Contact **Pip Allen** messychurch@ccorpington.org

Christ-centred

all age

creativity

hospitality

celebration