



Reflection

I recently read the following quote by an unknown author:

"Our King is seated.
He's not frantically pacing.
He's not anxious or nervous.
He's not unsettled or scared.
He is seated, steady, secure."

Sometimes we just need reminding, again and again that because of Jesus, we need not fear!

As we pray together today, join me as we seek comfort in the arms of a God who is in control, and does not change from day to day; regardless of our own emotional state or waiving faith.

"For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."
Isaiah 41:13 NIVUK

All we need to do is reach out to Him and trust his words!

Our lives may seem chaotic right now; we may be crippled by fear or pain (physical or emotional). What we do know as that throughout the Bible, the Lord has met his people, believers just like us, exactly in those dark places and lifted them into his loving arms. And God wants to do just that for you and me today.

So let us be quiet and honest with Him as we accept his forgiveness and inclusion and his rescue from our pain - Amen!

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" - Romans 8:1 NIV

Pieter

Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be 20th January with notices please by

midday, Friday 19th January 2024

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Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Praise is rising
Everyone needs compassion
Speak O Lord

Bible Reading

1 Samuel 3 v 1-10

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

From the breaking of the dawn
You were the Word at the beginning

Final prayer & Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship – Go Deeper



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=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWbIFLUDVuZz09>

Community Club, 16th January

Naomi will be leading our morning session at 11am.
All welcome to join us

Our lunch menu is

Leek & potato soup
Chicken casserole, new potatoes and vegetables
Fruit crumble and custard
Tea or Coffee.

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:
gdp@ccorpington.org

Barry Remnant

On Thursday, 8th February, 12noon, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Barry's life to which all are welcome.

what's on at Christ Church Orpington

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

Sunday 4th February

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect



- Squash
- fruit juice
- cooking sauces

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

- shampoo and conditioner
- razors

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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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**

Winterburn's January 2024 newsletter



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

Hello all, thank you for taking the time to pray and to read our newsletter! Do be in touch to let us know how things are with you too. Here's what we've been up to since we last wrote at the start of October.

Youth-led worship night

The youth-led worship night on the 4th November saw four churches partnering together to worship and to do a bake sale in aid of the charity associated with the Baptist church (which distributes clothing and hygiene items to those in need).

Christmas celebrations in Loches and Tours Nord

This Christmas I stepped back from planning the Tours Nord Christmas service and it was led by Marc and Jody, although I did sing soprano in the choir. There were songs interspersed with sketches performed by the children. The room had been decorated by the youth during a social (which also left the room with a lingering smell of cheese after we shared a raclette, but we won't dwell on that...). It was wonderful to see church members of all ages involved in different capacities in the service.

The Loches Christmas service was a delight to serve in, in spite of recently recovering from a nasty sinus infection. I offered to help the lady who does most of the worship leading there out with music, and she chose 11 songs! These were interspersed with a retelling of the Christmas story. I played a mixture of piano and flute. It was nice to be in a supporting role. The room was full of people, including many of those doing the youth alpha course, and various friends of church members, which was a delight.

1-1s

Jack and I have been doing various 1-1 discipleship meetups. I've met up with a young person to prepare her for baptism and a lady who can't make it to church on a Sunday morning who has recently become a Christian, and Jack has been meeting up with a couple of different men in the church. It is encouraging to take time to pray and read the Bible together and to get to know each other a bit more.



The Christmas celebration in Tours. All ages were involved

Interview in Paris with the leaders of the denomination (*Perspectives*)

Back in November, Jack and I spent the day in Paris - not *en amoureux* but instead for an interview with the leaders of the denomination we're working with, to discuss becoming *collaborateurs* and also options for what working together might look like in the future (church-planting, or traditional church leadership etc). It was good to get the chance to discuss face to face with them.

Jack's sermon series and Sarah's first ever preach

Marc has delegated to Jack the task of choosing the sermon series for the church at Tours Nord. We're currently in the Gospel of Luke. In November, I did my first ever preach in Loches on Romans 6. I was helped by a lady who sometimes preaches in our church with perfecting my french and with public speaking skills. It went very well!

GROUPE DU MARDI SOIR

19h30–21h00 à la salle ATN

Questions sur le sens de la vie? Ici on en discute!

16/1 QUEL EST LE SENS DE LA VIE?

30/1 QUI EST JÉSUS?

13/2 POURQUOI JÉSUS EST-IL MORT?

27/2 COMMENT SAVOIR SI J'AI LA FOI?

12/3 PRIER - POURQUOI ET COMMENT?

26/3 POURQUOI ET COMMENT LIRE LA BIBLE?

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Alpha

Alpha is starting next Tuesday (the 16th).
May God use it to bring people closer to Jesus.

Prayer points:

- On the 18th January will be the Christians in Dialogue Ecumenical Celebration, at which the donation will be taken for Open Doors (to support the persecuted church). Do pray for ecumenical dialogue in the city to be fruitful and for the love of christians of different denominations for one another to be a witness to people outside the church.
- This term on Tuesday evenings we're launching an Alpha course. Do pray for people to come (particularly seekers and new christians) and for it to be useful to them.
- Praise God for the christmas celebrations, in particular for the Loches service where lots more people than normal came.
- Praise God for some new people coming to our church who want to get stuck in.
- Blessings on us as a family
- For the church to continue to grow and for new believers and seekers
- Good use of the church's building. Since the building work is almost finished, we hope to find groups to partner with who could make good use of the space during the week.
- Discernment of what the future may hold for us un ministry.
- Youth work and the youth. Planning for this year's weekend boost (for 12-18 years olds) is already underway. I'm running a girls' social next month to try to build community amongst the teenage girls (2 of whom only joined the church since Easter last year). I'm considering planning another inter-church youth-led worship night this term but lots of pieces are yet to fall into place.

- I'll be leading a discussion on the theme of worship leading with the pastors in the denomination at our next regional meeting. Do pray that it is useful.
- Jack is exploring what it might be like to become a prison chaplain in France. Do pray for him as he discerns whether or not this would be a good thing for him to pursue.
- We're hoping to welcome a mission team for a week over the Easter period. Do pray that things fall into place to make that a reality.
- Jack is still leading a men's breakfast and the preachers' club. Do pray that both would be edifying to individuals and to the church. May God raise up preachers to build up his church!

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 here: <https://kcd.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=9a7fc40583aec2019a2e31b6e&id=ff5b0dbfe7>

Our mailing address is:
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.

Northumbria Morning Prayer



You are invited to join in Northumbria Morning Prayer at 9-9.20am in the chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays.

There will be readings from Scripture, a short meditative reading, prayer, time for reflection and silence.

Dates for Jan: **15th & 16th**, 29th & 30th.

Dates for Feb: 5th & 6th, 19th & 20th, 26th & 27th

For more details about the Northumbria Community and Northumbria Daily Prayer

<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/how-to-use-daily-office/>

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

YOU

You, who sends the wind to stir the leaves upon the trees.
You, who sends the sun and snow and rain.
You, who flung the stars into a midnight sky
You know who I am and call my name.

You, who sent your Son to take the burden of my sin.
You, who made a sacrifice for me.
You, who offers life should I decide to choose,
The path carved out in blood upon the tree.

You, and only You are the beginning and the end.
You the changing seasons of each year.
You, who hears our laughter, takes pleasure in our joy.
And shares our pain with every falling tear.

You, who is so mighty that the storm ends at your Word.
You, who is so gentle and so kind.
You, who with your open arms is waiting there for me
And lights the path before me as my guide.

You, and only You are the beginning and the end.
To You, in faith and trust I place my soul.
To you I give my life.... As You have given Yours.
Your all consuming Spirit makes me whole.

Christine Amos
16/09/23
