



Strength will rise

As we come together today in prayer, I am so conscious that there is so much hurt, so much anxiety and so much pain among us. Each one of us *has* battles to fight, each family **has** challenges to traverse, each church, each town and every country on the globe *has* things that man alone cannot solve!! So where does this leave us.? We need to look up, to our Creator God, and bring these matters before him in prayer and thanksgiving.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6 NIV

I want to encourage us to pray through the well-known worship song by Chris Tomlin, Everlasting God.

The song starts with such an encouraging concept; declaring that our *"Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord"*... so not only will God sustain us through our *trials*, but He will replenish and grow our strength, and give us the power that we truly cannot survive without!

Our role in this, is to wait upon the Lord; we are tasked and encouraged to wait & pray!

The song continues with rejoicing because of who God is:

"Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on the wings
Like eagles"

In times like these we can really find
strength in these truths. Amen!

Pieter

Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be 27th January with notices please by

midday, Friday 26th January 2024

Vernon, Family News editor

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Sunday 21st January **3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

10.30am Morning Worship and Baptism

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

There's a man on the throne
He's coming on the clouds
I love you Lord

Baptism

Bible Reading

Jonah 3 v 1-5, 10

Sermon

Intercessions

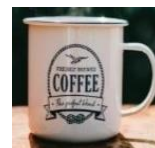
Worship

Great is the darkness
King Forevermore

Final Prayer & Blessing

No evening service at Christ Church

Instead, we will be joining the
Churches Together in Orpington
for a United Prayer Meeting at
Orpington Baptist Church at 6.30pm



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, Tuesday 23rd January

Liesel will be leading our morning worship this week at 11am. All welcome.

Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am

Our lunch menu is

Tomato soup
Roast gammon, new potatoes and vegetables
Cheesecake
Tea or Coffee.

Barry Remnant

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

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

Sunday 21st January

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm at Orpington Baptist Church,
Churches in Orpington United Prayer Meeting

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

Sunday 11th February

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

No evening service - Half Term

Sunday 18th February

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion – Reflect



- **tinned vegetables**
- **squash & fruit juice**
- **cooking sauces**

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

- **washing up liquid**
- **toilet rolls**
- **shampoo and conditioner**

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, TEA & 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 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: 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/>

Coffee & Cake Café – calling cake makers and any who want to serve

The **Coffee & Cake Café** will be opening 10am-2pm from Wednesday 7th February and every Wednesday during term time after that. Do come or come with others for home-made cake and a variety of coffees and tea. There will not be any fixed prices but you are encouraged to make a suitable donation. Cards can be used

We are looking for any who would be happy to make cakes perhaps once a month to provide home-made cakes for the Café.

We are also looking for volunteers who would be happy to serve on a Wednesday for about 4 hours greeting people, serving cakes and coffee and taking donations.

Please contact Emma on 07429 859352 for any offers to help

The Café will also continue on Fridays in the normal way starting back on 2nd February

Orpington Deanery Synod focus on Safeguarding

Thursday 8th February 2024

St Giles Centre, Church Road,
Farnborough, Kent BR6 7DB.

(Some parking on forecourt and more on road)

7:15pm for refreshments for a 7:45pm start.

Hear and share issues of Safeguarding in Churches as we support one another to honour Jesus' call to love one another and "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves"

Proverbs 31 v 8

Open to all.



Dear Supporters of Churches Together in Orpington

Just a quick reminder that Churches across Orpington are gathering together this Sunday (6.30-7.30pm) at Orpington Baptist Church, Station Road, Orpington, BR6 ORZ to pray for Revival across our town.

We will also be praying for businesses, for churches, for church leaders and for any of the different activities that we work together on, including Street Pastors, TBB Food Partnership, Christians Against Poverty, Spinnaker, Bromley Homeless and many more.

This Prayer Meeting falls in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and we are praying that OBC will be jam packed with Christians coming together from all across the churches in Orpington to pray together at the beginning of 2024.

Can we warmly encourage you to join upon Sunday evening for what we are praying will be a very special and significant time.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Churches Together in
Orpington Executive Team



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**

**Please note: the £20 cost is £10 for ticket
and £10 voluntary contribution as this
is a fundraiser for the Church.**

**Please could payment for tickets be made to
Katrina or Mel K by the end of January**



What ~ **“Human Jukebox” sponsored carol singing/worship songs!**

Why ~ to raise money toward our Children’s Ministry outreach work!



“Can’t get Christmas carols out of your head?!

Are you trying to remember a worship tune? Or learn a new one?

Or show the kids? Do you miss a hymn?

Or do you want to share a favourite song recording with a relative?

If I know the tune, I’ll try to sing it for you!”



Who ~ **Pip Allen**

Where ~ warbling away in **Church** – starter session **next Saturday**, 27th Jan.!

When ~ various Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays before Feb. Half Term

4 sessions @1 to 3 hrs, may overlap with CCCC, Café & Tea & Toys times?

TBC:- Saturday 27th & Tuesday 30th Jan; Wednesday 7th & Saturday 10th Feb.

Full details to follow!

“How do I help?”

Please help us raise money for **Holiday Club** & **Messy Church** by sponsoring **Pip**, per song, per 30mins, per day, or just overall!

Please share any spare pennies you have, or use the new PayCard machine, or our usual BACS Sort code 40 52 40/ac 00095465 will gratefully receive any donations!

- ☺ **Come & watch/listen/laugh, or even join in** if you fancy a singalong, or a jam session!
- ☺ **Or come & request your favourite carol, hymn or worship song**
- ☺ **Or leave a JukeBox request via the office, or text or email!**
- ☺ **Or pay to shut me up!!**

Thanks for your help!

Pip Allen

Messy Church/Holiday Club Children’s Minister ~ messychurch@ccorpington.org

