

## Family News

### 17th February 2024

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## Sunday 18th February First Sunday of Lent

### 10.30am Morning Worship

#### Welcome, Notices

#### Bishop Simon's Everyday Faith Opening Prayer

#### Introduction to Confession, Confession

#### Worship

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Bless God  
King of kings

#### Bible Reading

Mark 4 v 35- 41 (end)

#### Sermon Bishop Simon

#### Anointing Bishop Simon

#### Informal ending of service by Bishop Simon

OR

#### Worship

Tell out my soul

#### Final Prayer & Blessing

### 6.30pm Holy Communion – 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=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWbIFLUDVuZz09>

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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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### Less Like Me

For our prayer time together, I would like to share a song with you that really got me earlier this week. I want to propose that we use this song as a prayer guide for each of us as we come before Almighty God.

The song is called 'Less like me' by Zach Williams and you can listen to it wherever you stream your music.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I do:

"Oh, I have days I lose the fight  
Try my best but just don't get it right  
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk  
And miss the moments right before my eyes

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped  
Somebody with a hand that I could have held  
When I just can't see past myself  
Lord, help me be

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace  
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith  
A little more like patience, a little more like peace  
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

Yeah, there's no denying I have changed  
'Cause I've been saved from who I used to be  
But even at my best, I must confess  
I still need help to see the way You see

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped  
Somebody with a hand that I could have held  
When I just can't see past myself  
Lord, help me be

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace  
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith  
A little more like patience, a little more like peace  
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

Oh, I wanna feed the beggar on the street  
Learn to be Your hands and feet  
Freely give what I receive  
Lord, help me be  
I wanna put You first above all else  
Love my neighbour as myself  
In the moments no one sees  
Lord, help me be

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace  
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith  
A little more like patience, a little more like peace  
A little more like Jesus, oh, a little less like me  
A little more of living everything I preach  
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me  
Oh, a little less like me"

May God hear each one of our prayers and let Jesus be the one that shines through us today - Amen!

Pieter

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## Northumbria Morning Prayer



You are invited to join in Northumbria Morning Prayer at Christ Church, 9.00-9.20am 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 February: **19th & 20th**

NB Feb 26th & 27th has been cancelled

For more details about the Northumbria Community and Northumbria Daily Prayer:

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

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## Community Club Tuesday 20th February

All welcome to our study time at 11.00am.  
Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am.

### The menu

Tomato soup  
Roast pork and apple sauce, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables  
Pancakes  
Tea or Coffee.

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## Open: Coffee & Cake Café

**Wednesday 21st February, 10.00am-2.00pm**

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

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## Open: Café Mosaic

**Friday 23rd February, 9.15am-2.00pm**  
(last orders 1.30pm)

### Special this week:

Fish & chips with either garden or mushy peas and tartar sauce

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## Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be on 24th February with notices please by

### midday, Friday 23rd February 2024

thank you. Vernon, Family News editor

My email is [vandjmapp@gmail.com](mailto:vandjmapp@gmail.com)

## Colin Fox

On **Monday 26th February, 12noon**, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Colin's life, followed by refreshments afterwards, to which all are welcome.

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## Mother's Day – Sunday 10th March

The flower arranging team are meeting in the small hall at about 10am on **Saturday 9th March** to make posies for Mother's Day – if you would like to help, please do along and join them. This year they have need of small leaved and ferny type foliage to go in the posies – if you can help with this please drop between 9.30 and 10am that day.

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## Barn Dance

A massive thank you to those who helped set up the hall, those in the kitchen and who cleared up at the end. It wouldn't have been as successful without all your help.



Angela and Jean (the callers) did an amazing job, they said it was great to see so many on the dance floor without needing to be persuaded! They both enjoyed the evening tremendously and were grateful to all for making them so welcome.

Many folks said the buffet was impressive and all the organisation really efficient.



A huge thank you to the local butcher who gave a large food contribution. The event raised just over £1000 towards our church funds.

Thank you to everyone who joined in or supported this very enjoyable and successful evening.

Katrina Beesley and Mel Ketchin

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## Report to the Congregation

At its last meeting on 5 February, the PCC discussed Christ Church's continuing financial deficits and in particular how much to allocate to missions for 2023.

In previous years the PCC has allocated 10 per cent of its income to missions, which for 2023 would have amounted to some £18,000. In spite of a generous Gift Day and sacrificial giving by the congregation throughout the year, this would have increased the deficit for 2023 to over £28,000. After discussing the matter at two meetings, the PCC decided that the total for missions in 2023 should be £10,000, bringing the deficit for the year to a little over £20,000. In the distribution, priority will be given to our Mission Partners.

The PCC has already identified some savings for 2024. Christ Church will pay a smaller contribution to Rochester Diocese, and Andi Smith has generously offered to take a salary cut of one-third. The deficit for 2024 (before mission giving) is still expected to be just over £14,000 and so the search for savings will continue.

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## what's on at Christ Church Orpington

### Sunday 18th February

10.30am Morning Worship with Bishop Simon  
6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect

### Sunday 25th February

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper



- UHT milk
- coffee
- tinned cold meat
- tinned vegetables
- fruit juice
- desserts: jelly, sponge puddings etc

**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 and CEREAL

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PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0800 9 20 23 24**

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)

## Providing homes for the survivors of modern slavery

Survivors of modern slavery are deeply vulnerable and often face homelessness and re-trafficking.

One way to help prevent this is through hosting. Do you have a spare bedroom and could you offer a warm welcome?

On **Wednesday 6 March, 5pm to 6pm**, Bishop Simon will host an online opportunity to listen to Hope at Home, a national charity offering the only hosting scheme for survivors of modern slavery in the UK.

Attendance at this webinar does not commit a person to hosting, but will help in understanding what it involves.

All welcome.

Link to book to join the webinar is:

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxLTY3NQ/t>

Any problems with the link, please contact Anna in the office.

Rev'd Dr Sharon Smith  
Vicar of Christ Church Orpington

**2024 prayer calendars** are now printed and are at the back of the church if anyone would like to take one

**Jim & Katie Whitear**, our partners with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) have sent the church a **thank you pack of sweets and biscuits!!**

Do find them in the café after the morning service, read the card and take a prayer letter. Do pray for their work as we thank God for their generosity.

**All Saints' Festival Choir** are performing

"Stainer's Crucifixion & Dvorak's Mass in D"  
on **Saturday 16th March** at 7.30pm.

Tickets £12 (advance) or £15 (door) at

All Saints' Church, Bark Hart Road, BR6 0QD



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**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 **9<sup>th</sup>** March 2024 ~

**“Messy Mothers & Others!”**



at **Christ Church** Orpington

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** - 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

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