

Family News

24th February 2024

Sunday 25th February Second Sunday of Lent

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

At the name of Jesus
Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Goodness of God

Bible Reading

Mark 8 v 31-38

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Will you come and follow me?
I will follow

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=Z1g4TzIvVFVtcEUxeGRWb1FLUDVuZz09>

Colin Fox

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

Reflection

During the past week I've been pondering a lot on the teaching that Bishop Simon gave at Christ Church last Sunday. I would like to share some of my takeaways and use them for us to pray into as we are coming together today.

The reading came from the very familiar chapter in Mark 4:35-41, headed

'Jesus Calms the Storm'.

The passage starts quite simply with:

"That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side.""

Please read the rest of the verses, but I want us to focus on this verse, knowing what follows next.

As we were queuing to get anointed with oil by Bishop Simon, I was having a conversation with a friend and the staggering realisation set in that when Jesus says something will happen, it WILL happen. Jesus did not say to his disciples that they should try their very best to reach the other side or because of their vast experience as fishermen, that they should work out when the best time to go is. Jesus told the disciples that they are going to the other side, which meant they were GOING to the other side. So, when the storm came there should be no doubt that things would be absolutely fine, because God has said so! But being flawed people we all doubt the very words of God when things appear out of control... it is never out of God's control!

As we pray together let us take heart that Jesus calmed the storm for the disciples and he will calm the storms for you and me. Jesus told them they will go to the other side and he has promised us we will too!

As children of God, we are all different, just as all children are in our own lives. There are the diligent ones, the caring ones, the rebellious ones, the daydreamers and the intellectuals, and the naughty ones - I am guilty of a few in that list ;) - but none of those traits make children any less precious to their parents. Even more so nothing can make us any less children of God - Amen!

Pieter

Northumbria Morning Prayer



Can you please note that Northumbria Morning Prayer for **Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February** have been **cancelled**

Community Club, Tuesday 27th February

The menu:

leek and potato soup
Cottage pie and vegetables
Cheesecake
Tea or Coffee.

Community Club – HELP required

Please would you seriously consider driving an elderly club member in and out on a Tuesday for lunch. We can work round any weeks that you are unable to do.

We are also looking for someone to play escort on our minibus. This needs to be someone agile who is able to hop on and off the bus easily to escort members from their homes to the minibus. The inward and outward collection take an hour each way (11.30-12.30 and 14.30-15.30).

Lift required

Do you live anywhere near Bicknor Road (turning off Mayfield Avenue) and could bring a lady to Church? Please speak to Jennie Mapp if you can help with this

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.

Don Bisset

After a short illness in hospital, Don Bisset passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning. Sandra (his daughter) was there, his son Neil (from Canada) was on the phone and the chaplain shared prayers.

The family really appreciate our prayers.

Details of the funeral will be shared when available.



Open Fridays: Café Mosaic

9.15am-2.00pm (last orders 1.30pm)

Special this week:

Meatballs on a bed of Tagliatelle in a tomato and peppers sauce, served with garlic bread and parmesan cheese

Jay Colwill's NEWS

Last weekend, while in Paris, I visited the St. Michael's English Church. The recently installed new vicar is one Jay Colwill. Many of you will recall Jay fondly from his 15 years or so at Christ Church; he then did a stint at Southwark Cathedral, and is now in what I think is his real true love, France. There are three meetings – in English – each Sunday: a formal Holy Communion type service first thing, a more Happy Clappy style of worship later, and a Bible Study in the evening. Busy man, of course, though there is a Scottish lady curate as well.

We chatted for a time. Jay seemed particularly well, cheerful and in good health. Jo commutes between London (Anna their daughter still has some health issues which need care) and Paris. Son Lewis is very contented living in Reading and has a responsible job for the government. Our conversation over coffee between services 1 and 2 had to stop, as Jay picked up his guitar, strummed a few chords and raced into the main church to lead worship for the family service! Some people don't change. I'm sure Jay would love to see any of you who happen to be in Paris on your travels.

Bob Kendall

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

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

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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.

"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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Join us next **Friday 1st March** for a service put together by a group of Palestinian Christian women.

10.30am at St Nicholas Church,
Leamington Avenue, BR6 9QB

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 6th 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 (871601).

Rev'd Dr Sharon Smith
Vicar of Christ Church Orpington

2024 prayer calendars are available at the back of the church if anyone would like to take one

Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be on 2nd March with notices please by

midday, Friday 1st March 2024

thank you.

Vernon, Family News editor

My email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

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gdpr@ccorpington.org

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024
FRIDAY 1 MARCH
 A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE!
 I beg you, bear with one another in love

Your local service will be held at
St Nicholas Church
 Leamington Avenue,
 BR6 9QB
 10.30 am

Refreshments will be served after the service

Everyone Welcome!

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Messy Church

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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 stories, puppets, songs, games & food together

NEXT : Saturday **9th 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** - 13th April, 11th May, 8th June, 6th July 2024
 Any questions? Contact **Pip Allen** messychurch@ccorpington.org

Christ-centred all age creativity hospitality celebration

FREEDOM IN CHRIST COURSE
 Christ Church Orpington
 Charterhouse Road BR6 9EP

This course is for everyone who wishes to deepen their relationship with God and to walk in the joyful freedom which He has especially for YOU.

It begins on Tuesday 16th April and ends on Tuesday 25th June.
 We meet at 7pm for a 7.30pm start and finishes at around 9.30pm.

The course consists of ten weekly meetings each Tuesday (except 28th May for half term) with Freedom Day on Saturday 8th June, 9.30am to 3pm to process what you have learned.

You can purchase a Freedom in Christ course book for £7 and a Freedom day book for £5.

Please contact Anna in the office for more information and if you wish to sign up:
ccorpington@talktalk.net / 01689 871601