



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

9th March 2024

Sunday 10th March Mothering Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Service

Welcome/Intro

Notices

Opening Prayer

Confession

Worship

My Lighthouse
Mary, Did You Know
You Say

Reading

Luke 1 verses 46-49
(1st part of the Magnificat)

Sermon

Prayers

Worship

The Blessing
Shine, Jesus Shine

Final Prayer and Blessing

Distribution of flowers

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

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Hope has a name!

I have been pondering the concept of hope. We have been praying together for some time now and I am certain that there have been times when we all question if God is actually listening to our prayers. I want to take this opportunity to encourage you (and encourage myself) to keep praying!

Do you remember that feeling when you first came before God with a specific request; a dream, a release, a healing or something else; the excitement and enthusiasm you felt because you realised you are speaking to the creator of the universe, your Abba Father, who hears you and wants to give you what you ask for? But now, so much time has passed and still your prayer remains unanswered...

But I want to ask you to please continue to pray, because God is listening. Use this time to lean deeper into His loving arms, because you will smile with joy again:

"You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!"
Psalms 139:4-6 NLT

God's timing is so often difficult for us to understand or accept, but we can rest assured His timing is the best:

"Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong" Ephesians 3:17 NLT

Because we can look at life through the lens of eternity, we are able to keep praying and hoping. Our hope has a name and it is Jesus! Please join me as we use this verse from 2 Corinthians 12:9 as our prayer for all those things that remain unanswered: *"Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weakness, so that the power of Christ can work through me."*

Pieter

Dear Christ Church,

An update on Sharon.

Thank-you so much for all your prayers and thoughts for Sharon in these last weeks, we have so appreciated them. Thank-you for your love, food, gifts, and offers of help, you are a lovely church to be part of.

Sharon is now out of hospital after her operation and recuperating. She is doing well, but feeling nauseous, and in pain.

Please continue to pray for her healing, and speedy recovery!

Love and blessings, Andi and Sharon.

Easter leaflets

If you are able to do so, please pick up Easter leaflets at the back of the church to deliver

They are in piles for each road with a sign-up sheet next to them

Easter church flowers

First of all, thank you to those who made up the Mother's Day posies.

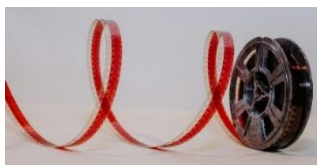
The flower arranging team would like donations of foliage on **Saturday 30th March**. Please bring foliage to church from 9.45am. We would also welcome volunteers to help with arrangements from 9.45am - no experience needed!

CCO Women's Ministry

God's Diamond, beautiful and unbreakable



Movie
Night



Date: Saturday 23rd March 2024

Time: 6.30 – 9.30pm

Venue: Christ Church

We are back! Laugh, cry, or just chat with friends (warning: this last option may annoy people who actually want to watch the film), you are invited to take the night off. Come join us for pizza, popcorn and other edible goodies

£5 will help with cost of Pizza and Popcorn. Please bring your own drinks.



Please sign-up at back of church or email so we have a rough idea how many pizzas to buy

Open Fridays: Café Mosaic

9.15am-2.00pm (last orders 1.30pm)

Special this week:

Homemade slow cooked tender beef & onion pie, served with creamy mashed potatoes, peas and carrots

Community Club – Tuesday 12th March

Our study time will be led by Liesel at 11am.
Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am. All welcome.

Our menu will be:

Carrot and coriander soup
Roast gammon, mashed potatoes and
seasonal vegetables.
Bread & butter pudding with Ice cream
Tea or coffee.

Please note price is now £7.

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).

Easter Choir

Would you like to join together with other singers in a scratch choir for a song on Easter Sunday morning? Rehearsals will be after the morning service on **17th and 24th March** for an hour each time. Please let me know if you'd like to be involved. It will be great to celebrate the resurrection together!

Liesel Stanbridge

Email: liesel.stanbridge@ntlworld.com

Text: 07511 876928

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 March: **11th & 12th**, 18th & 19th

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

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



**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 7 for 7.30pm start and finish 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

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church on the info desk

"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

Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be on 16th March 2024 with notices please by

midday, Friday 15th March

thank you. Vernon, Family News editor

My email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

what's on at Christ Church Orpington

Mothering Sunday, 10th March

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Mothering Sunday service - All Age
6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Sunday 17th March

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion - Reflect

Palm Sunday, 24th March

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Palm Sunday service - All Age
6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Easter Sunday, 31st March

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect

Sunday 7th April

10.30am Holy Communion
No evening service

Sunday 14th April

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship - Reflect



- **desserts, jelly, sponge puddings, etc**
- **tinned cold meat**
- **tinned fruit**
- **cooking sauces**
- **UHT milk**

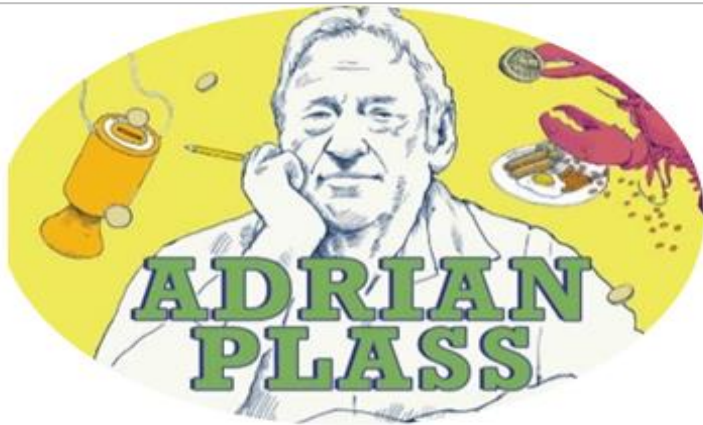
Also in gluten-free and reduced-sugar products if possible

- **bleach**

We cannot accept any chilled or frozen foods

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A fun and easy night out with...

Adrian Plass

**Christ Church Orpington
Charterhouse Road, BR6 9EP
Thursday 30th May 7.30-9.30pm**

An evening of gentle humour

£10 per ticket, but concessions are available to anyone who wants one.

For more details please contact:

ccorpington@talktalk.net / Tel: 01689 871601

Tickets are available via Christ Church Orpington and from participating churches near to you.

The social evening with Adrian and Bridget Plass, which was postponed from last October has been rearranged. We know that many people were disappointed when the event had to be postponed, so we are delighted that Adrian and Bridget have agreed to come and entertain us on Thursday 30th May. It will last from 7.30 until 9.30pm ish.

Adrian is best known as an author, a comedian a satirical broadcaster and writer, with his book "The sacred diary of Adrian Plass (37^{3/4})" having sold more than a million copies.

The evening will be one of gentle humour, under the theme of: **'LAUGHTER AND TEARS'**

There will be humour, sketches, stories, reflections and the odd poem. There will be references to Christianity, but nothing "cringy"! It will be suitable for people from all backgrounds and ages, Christian or otherwise.

Tickets are available from Anna Carey during the week, from Dave Humphries, Pieter Van Rooyen, Bill Belsham and Don Munro after Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am services. Community Club members can buy tickets there, from Don Bower. Some other local churches will also be selling tickets for the event, so we are looking forward to hosting a great evening for people in Orpington.

Tickets are priced at £10 each. If the price is stopping you from coming and you really want to come, please speak with us and we will look after you.

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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