



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

23rd March 2024

Sunday 24th March



Palm Sunday

9.00am
Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Service

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Notices

Banns of Marriage

Confession and Absolution

Worship

Praise is rising
These are the days of Elijah
Ride on ride on in majesty

Bible reading

Mark 11 v 1-11

Sermon

Intercessions

Final song

King of love (Doug Doug Doug)
Hosanna, Hosanna

Final 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>

The rescue of Easter

We all know the very familiar verse of John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

This verse, possibly because it is so familiar, can possibly be undervalued in its significance. So please allow me to explore how, when I read it ever so slowly, it keeps wowing me to the point where I have to stop for a second...

- God (the Creator, all-knowing, holy and so awesome that it's has been hard to say His name), loved the world. That is you and me, and even more wow-worthy; even if it was just you or just me; He would have done the same!
- Gave his only Son; and as we know Jesus is Lord, thus gave Himself..!
- So that we can have eternal life! Wow oh wow. This gift of eternal life seems what everyone on earth is striving for. We only need to look at all the 'stay young and beautiful forever' market, from cosmic surgery to miracle diets! But mankind seems to be looking in the wrong place.
- All we need to do is believe. We do not need to be super religious or rich (or poor) or charitable or knowledgeable... just believe in Him, Jesus Christ!

So, this Holy Week, let us reflect on the fact that without Jesus we would have perished and every day we need to come back and believe; choose to believe, because there is no other way to be rescued. We have the choice which of the criminals crucified next to Jesus, we are going to be.

Jesus - I believe in you and repent for my sins!
I want to hear your words that I will be with you
in paradise - thank you and Amen

Pieter

Dear Friends,

After the disappointment of the Orpington Cinema not showing all the episodes of the new 'The Chosen' season, we are privileged to be able to show them all, i.e. Season 4 Episodes 1, 2, 3 and 4, here at Christ Church!

Tuesday 26th March – Season 4 Episodes 1 & 2

Tuesday 9th April – Season 4 Episodes 3 & 4

Time: 7:30pm.

Location: The main church.

The Chosen are wonderfully wanting to reach everyone with the gospel free of charge, so this is completely free!!

If you want to know more about The Chosen, including how to support their work in bringing the gospel to the world, you can check them out on <https://thechosen.tv/en-us>

Any questions, please contact

myself, Andi on youth@ccorpington.org or

Anna in the office on ccorpington@talktalk.net

Hope to see you there!

Church Work Morning

Saturday 6 April, 9am till midday

We are doing a 'spring clean' work morning after Easter and we would love you to come and join us. You truly only need enthusiasm and do not need any special skills.

Jobs on the day will include indoor and outdoor tasks and any time you can give to maintain and care for the church building and grounds will make such a big difference. Even if you cannot stay for the whole morning, just an hour is great!

You are welcome to bring your preferred garden tools etc but we have loads so just come as you are also.

Come pick a task, have some fun, meet new people and enjoy a bacon sandwich and coffee for your efforts.

Please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thanks, Pieter

Don Bissett

Don's Thanksgiving, Celebration of Life, Memorial Service is at Christ Church, 2pm on Thursday 4th April.

Community Club – Tuesday 26th March

This week will be our last lunch before our Easter break.

Naomi will be leading our session at 11.00am. All welcome. Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am. We have no Community payback team this week so if you are able to offer some assistance please get in touch with Mel.

Our menu will be

Pea and ham soup
Roast lamb, new potatoes and seasonal vegetables
lemon Cheesecake
Tea or Coffee

We return after our Easter break on Tuesday 16th April.

Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be on 30th March 2024 with notices please by

midday, Friday 29th March

thank you. Vernon, Family News editor

My email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

Easter church flowers

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!

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 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 **24th March** for an hour. 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

Coffee & Cake Cafe

CLOSED on Wednesday 3rd April and
Wednesday 10th April

OPEN Wednesday 17th April onwards

Café Mosaic:

Friday 29th March – **CLOSED** for Easter Holidays

Friday 5th April – **CLOSED** for Easter Holidays

Friday 12th April – **OPEN**

The staff of Café Mosaic would like to wish you a happy and safe Easter!

what's on at Christ Church Orpington



Palm Sunday, 24th March

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Service

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

8.00pm Holy Communion

Good Friday, 29th March

11.00am Churches Together Service, Market Square

2.30pm Good Friday Meditation

Easter Sunday, 31st March

(NB Clocks go forward one hour)

10.30am Holy Communion

No evening service



**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



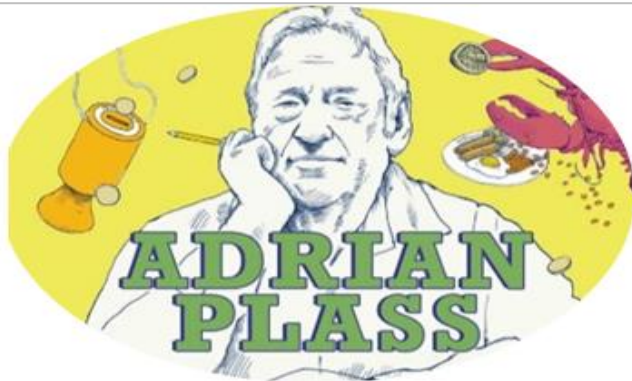
- **tinned cold meat**
- **cooking sauces**
- **tinned cold fruit**
- **desserts, sponge puddings, jellies, etc**
- **tinned custard**

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

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.

"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

Holiday Home near Aberystwyth



Margaret Ball owns a 3-bed house in Llannon about 12-miles south of Aberystwyth, Wales, which she is willing to make available to people from Christ Church who wish to holiday there. The house was built by her great grandfather in the 1800s, as was the Methodist Chapel just round the corner. There is a double bedroom, a twin-bedded room and a single room, a large upstairs bathroom, a modern kitchen, a couple of reception rooms and a good-sized garden. There is free parking in the road and in a car park opposite.

It is situated next door to a pub which serves delicious meals and is about 100 yards from a general store. It is about a 10-min walk to the beach and the Llanon Coastal Walk.

Anyone wishing to take up the offer should speak to Margaret or make contact through the Church Office on 01689 871601 or ccorpington@talktalk.net.

Please note, you will have to provide your own bedding!

You are invited to make a contribution to Church funds.

Dear friends

First of all apologies for the silence from this end. Retirement has been anything but quiet and uneventful.

I've been in my house in Christchurch, Dorset just over a year and continue to enjoy the location and having all my things in one place and adding to them as craft and other activities develop. Recently added a couple of weaving looms to my belongings which I am looking forward to getting set up!

I'll start with the main news that I have been accepted to be ordained priest in the Diocese of Winchester at the end of June. I am very excited !!! It was a bit of a lengthy process but I think my case was a little unusual but God's timing is perfect.



Ice cream at Mudeford beach the day I got the ordination news!

I worship at St Christophers in Southbourne near Bournemouth and since getting my PTO (permission to officiate) last year I have done some preaching and gradually been getting more involved. So, I think the plan will be that I will stay there and continue to be part of the team.

I continue to be involved with CMS as part of the Latin America Forum and will be involved in the Adelante conference in Oxford later in the year. I am also a volunteer speaker for CMS and so far, have visited a church in Swanage to preach and encourage them in support of their mission partners. I stayed a few days in Swanage with my sister Vicki following my visit and enjoyed walking and admiring some more amazing Dorset coastline.

My creative skills are still being put to good use through volunteering at the waterlily Project for women where I run weekly craft sessions and help in other ways to support and encourage the women. I am part of a needlecraft group and knit and sew for various charities and fundraising events. I am developing my acting skills through the Open the Book assemblies in a local infants school. Peter, Jesus, Centurion and even the voice of God one week - but I had to stay hidden behind the curtain! All this is great fun and very rewarding. I feel blessed to be involved with so many different activities and amazing people - never a dull moment!

I still keep in touch with Peru, sadly Raul has gone to Chile to train in the anglican seminary in Santiago. A great opportunity for him but more change for Shalom but they are continuing strong in faith. I send messages and videos for birthdays and to let them know what's happening here. Not planning a visit back yet but who knows?

So, thank you for your prayers and interest as I continue in ministry here in the UK. As I prepared and presented my paperwork for the Diocese, I was overwhelmed at the amazing journey we've been on,

amazing testimony to the work of God in Peru and in the UK. I am thankful to God for the journey I've been on since my return, as in previous situations I am reminded of Paul's words in Ephesians 3:20-21 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

He has done so much, He has been so powerful in us and through us and He has been glorified in so many lives and places and continues to be so.

Many blessings, with love
Pat

Would you like to be a part of great parliament of the church?

Deanery Synod elections are happening this spring, but what's it all about? What's a deanery synod?

Deaneries are groups of Anglican parishes in a geographical area. Orpington Deanery stretches from St Barnabas in St Paul's Cray in the north to Biggin Hill in the south, and from St Francis Petts Wood in the west to St Marys in St Mary Cray in the east.

The Deanery Synod is part of the way the Church of England gives people at different levels a chance to have their say. It sits between the parishes with their Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) and the full diocese, with its Diocesan Synod.

Deanery Synods are formal meetings for conversation, discussion and decision-making on matters relating to mission and ministry, not just in the local area, but also Diocesan-wide. They meet three or four times a year, visiting a different church in the Deanery each time.

Any healthy church is a church where everyone feels they have a voice. Deanery Synods need your voice, because we need all the voices to create that bigger picture. If you have ever felt frustrated or wondered why certain decisions were being made, then now is the time to take action and make your point heard. Put yourself forward and make a difference. The lay members serve for three years. Members are also invited to attend Christ Church's PCC meetings, which occur about six times a year.

If you would like to find out more, speak to Sharon or Andy Goddard (our only Deanery Synod rep at the moment and Lay Chair of Orpington Deanery Synod) who will be able to give you more information.

Nomination forms are available from Don Bower.

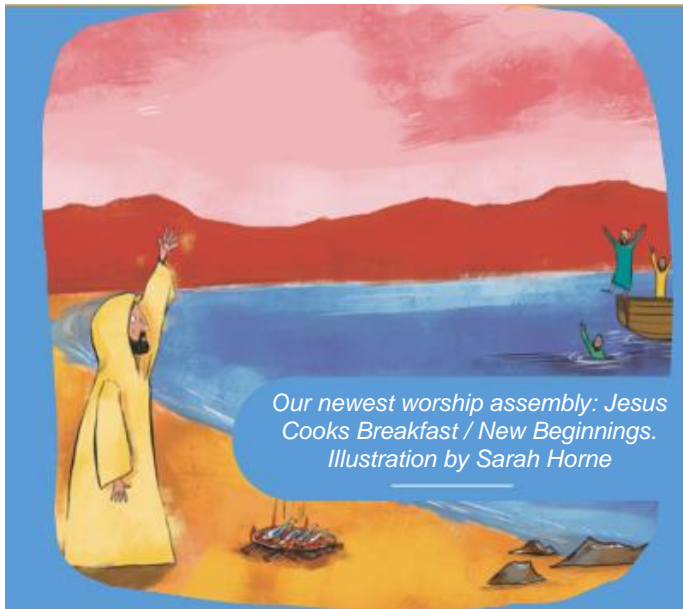
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Together we are inspiring wonder and learning in primary schools through the teachings of Jesus and the Bible

YOUR GIFT HELPS US

- Deliver Christian assemblies & RE lessons in schools
- Create and distribute exciting, relevant, Christian resources - for use in person or online
- Equip and encourage Churches, schools workers & teachers in the delivery of excellent Collective Worship and RE lessons



Dear Christ Church Orpington,

Thank you for your generous donation to help us make the most of the wonderful opportunities we have to visit schools in Bromley, Croydon, Eastbourne, Epsom, Lambeth, Lewisham, Orpington and Southwark!

The whole Spinnaker team are so encouraged to know there are people like you who donate, and effectively become partners in our mission to 'inspire primary school children to engage with the Christian faith and explore its beliefs and values'.

Every day, we receive school visit records from our schools team, with details of what they have done in school that day. This term, our worship assemblies are inspiring children to share and care like Jesus, teaching them about mercy, faith, love and so much more. Of course, across the Easter season, they highlight the importance of celebrating and remembering, the power of sacrifice and how, even

when things look terrible, wonderful events can take place. Children learn about the day that is, for Christians, the greatest day in history: Easter Day. They explore strong emotions and give thanks for hope and life.

Your gift will help us with all these projects and we are so very encouraged by your support and partnership.

With many thanks and every blessing in Christ,
Stephen Garner, Administrator



Clare Gardner, former teacher, is excited to have joined Heather in Lambeth & Southwark Hub.



Phil Allen loves how the children sing along, and do actions, with the worship in Lewisham Hub.

See the 'It's Jesus' resources on our website:
spinnaker.org.uk/its_Jesus

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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