



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

13th April 2024

Sunday 14th April

Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

King of kings
Let our praise be your welcome
I believe in Jesus

Bible Reading

Acts 3 v 12-19

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Who has the power (Jesus only Jesus)
Bless God

Final Prayer and Blessing

**6.30pm Evening Worship -
Reflect**



For online zoom coffee after morning church, join Heather from 11.45am

Zoom Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

Apologies from Heather because she didn't do Zoom coffee last week

Ambassador and diplomacy

Most of the work of ambassadors and diplomats is done behind the scenes, out of sight. When we notice them, that means something has gone horribly wrong - diplomatic relations are tense, an incident has occurred, or even worse a crisis of some kind is underway. Currently, with the Israeli hostage situation and fighting in Gaza, diplomacy has come out of the shadows. Critically, their success is usually linked to the relationships they have built up over many years whilst out of the limelight.

Here is one definition of an ambassador: an official envoy, especially a diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government or sovereign as the resident representative of his or her own government or sovereign or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment.

Jesus was, of course, an amazing ambassador. Sent by the Father, He was an envoy of the highest rank. He was, and is, the exact representation of the Father who came on assignment to Earth, bridging the gap between mankind and God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 talks about **our** role as ambassadors:



We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God.

We follow in Jesus's footsteps, representing Him to our family and friends. Sent as envoys

in the same way, God calls us to form 'diplomatic relations' with others, appealing to them to come to Jesus. Most of this will take place 'behind the scenes' as it were, in low key conversations. However, when something happens - loss of a job, a bereavement or illness perhaps - we may be called on to listen, to explain what is happening, and to represent God in that situation. And it may all depend on the relationships we've forged in the good times. Let's pray that we would be faithful ambassadors for Jesus, representing Him as accurately as we can, and acting as a bridge to the Father.

Every blessing

Liesel

Community Club resumes this **Tuesday, 16th April**

All are welcome to join us for tea or coffee prior to our 11am service/study time.

The menu is

- Leek and potato soup
- Roast Pork & apple sauce with potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- Mandarin jelly and cake

If anyone is in need of any disability aid equipment there will be a collection out on display. Items will not be sold but a donation towards the Church would be appreciated.

OPEN Wednesday:



Open Friday: **Café Mosaic**

9.15am - 2pm (last orders 1.30pm)

The special this week:

- Chicken and vegetable pie with creamy mash and vegetables

Both Wednesday Coffee & Cake and Friday Café Mosaic are in urgent need of VOLUNTEERS. Can you help! Please speak to Emma for Coffee & Cake, and Jeanette for Café Mosaic if you are able to help

David Grimwade

There will be a service of celebration for David's life on **Thursday 18th April at 12 noon** at Christ Church followed by a brief service of interment at Bluebell Cemetery which all are welcome to attend.

This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall at Christ Church where Kevin and family invite you to join them.'

Thank you to all those who came on the work morning on Saturday 6th April and helped keep the church building and grounds looking good.

what's on at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 14th April

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

Sunday 21st April

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

Sunday 28th April

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

Wednesday 1st May

NB **No** Holy Communion

Sunday 5th May

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



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**.

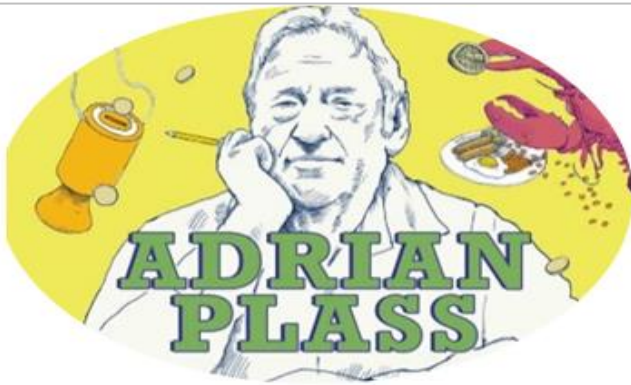
It begins on **Tuesday 16th April** and ends on **Tuesday 25th June**. We meet at 7 for 7.30pm start and finish around 9.30pm.

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



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

Bromley
Borough
foodbank **WANTED**
OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

- tinned cold meat
- UHT milk
- cooking sauces
- tinned fruit
- jam

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

- multi-surface wipes/sprays

Foodbank cannot accept any chilled or frozen foods

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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**

Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be on 20th April 2024 with notices please by

midday, Friday 19th April

thank you.

Vernon, Family News editor

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THE INSANITY OF GOD

from Release International, concerning the true stories of persecuted Christians in places such as Russia, China, Africa. The film is utterly amazing as it is made from the personal experiences of a missionary couple who knew the reality of family loss and extreme deprivation.

The film is being shown at Crofton Baptist Church on **Saturday 20th April**, starting at 7pm concluding at 9.30pm plus there will be a **fork supper** - Chinese, Indian, African and English.

Margaret Evans is organising the event and it would be good to know if you plan to attend - either email her on berwynmargaret@sky.com

or phone **01689 857051**

NessyTM CATHEDRAL

Saturday 20th April 2024
1.30-3.30pm

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

A free event, no need to book.
Bring your own picnic and something to sit on!

For more information contact -
sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org

Rochester CATHEDRAL
Growing in Christ since AD664

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Divine Insight



Date: Saturday 27th April 2024

Time: 6.30 – 9.30pm

Venue: Christ Church

Does God still speak today? If so, how does that happen?

Join the conversation and discussion led by Liesel.

We'll look at one way God communicates with us, a way that shows that He knows us and cares for us individually.

As always, lovely food will be provided to ensure a hearty discussion. £5 will help with cost. Please bring your own drinks.

Please sign up at back of church or email so we have a rough idea for catering.

CCO Women's Ministry - God's Diamond, beautiful and unbreakable.

Life lost and Found

We are all born into darkness and unfortunately for some, that is where they stay. As we grow our lives become a journey that we stumble through; tripping over one obstacle after another, not knowing in which direction the path runs smoothly. Inside we might cry and wail at being left in this murky gloom. Wanting and needing help.

Not really understanding that help was always close at hand, with a prayer.

Far in the distance an invisible hand reveals a light, a tiny spark of hope. It is a candle that burns and flickers, almost threatening to extinguish itself. To our eyes in the void, its light is dim, but beckoning. We are cautious in our approach, as many obstacles still appear to bar our hesitant footsteps. However, the nearer we are to its light, the steadier it glows and its brilliance intensifies. We scramble out of the shadows and into its light. It bathes us with warmth and the feeling of security. We feel safe, because someone cares and we are now not alone. The light is now so bright that we are able to look back on the route we have travelled.

Our path was not straight and we can see all our errors and mistakes. A soft caring voice welcomes us, reassures and comforts us. His words feel like they have been within us all the time, but we haven't taken the time to listen. Looking forward, we notice that our new path still has obstacles, but we can stride confidently forward knowing that we have a constant travel companion. The gentle hand on our shoulder, the reassuring voice guiding us on our journey through the rest of our life, assured of his love and protection always. God has always been with us on our journey, except we just couldn't see him in our darkness. Darkness not caused by our closed eyes, but by our closed minds.

'Be still & know that I am God'

Join us for a day with Sharon Garlough Brown, spending time in God's presence as she leads us in an inspirational and practical way, to help us go deeper into the heart of God.

Saturday 20th April 10am - 4pm
(Registration from 9.30am - £10)

At Christ Church Chislehurst,
40 Lubbock Road, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5JJ

What does it mean to know
ourselves as God's beloved?

Are you looking for a way to slow down
and be refreshed along with others?