



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

20th April 2024

Sunday 21st April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Morning Worship

Welcome, Notices

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

At the name of Jesus
There is a redeemer
Beautiful One

Bible Reading

Acts 4 v 5-12

Sermon

Intercessions

Worship

Cornerstone
O praise the name

Final Prayer and Blessing

**6.30pm Holy Communion -
Go
Deeper**



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

Zoom Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos'

This is a Zulu worship song that translates as

"We are marching in the light of the Lord"

Please search for it on YouTube or wherever you stream your music from - it is truly so joyful!

In times of great uncertainty, it is easy to get winded with anxiety and uncertainty over what the future may hold. If I lean into the message of this song, really lean into it, I have found that it energises me and gives me a lift that only Jesus can bring. Knowing that we can march on, tapping into the energy and life-giving truth of the Gospel.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Lamentations 3:22-24 NIV

God, whenever I am facing severe troubles, You remain faithful. When I find myself exhausted, overwhelmed, directionless, burnt out or grieving, Your arms of love still hold me. I thank You for showing me kindness and for your grace and mercy every day. Regardless of my circumstances I know that your love and faithfulness remains constant. I praise your beautiful name! In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Pieter



The **Freedom in Christ** course continues on Tuesday in Church, 7pm for 7:30pm start.

It's not too late to join - David and Hilary are happy to run session 1 again for any that missed it but wish to join - this Sunday, 3pm, at their home. Please speak to David for details on 07854 944752. The course cost is £7.

Annual Meeting 2024

The morning service next Sunday, 28 April, will incorporate the church's annual meeting. The congregation will be invited to elect churchwardens and PCC members for the coming year, and to hear reports from the Electoral Roll Officer and the Treasurer.

For further details, please speak to the PCC Secretary, Don Bower.

Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be on 27th April 2024 with notices please by

midday, Friday 26th April

thank you.

Vernon, Family News editor

My email is vandjmapp@gmail.com

Community Club, Tuesday, 23rd April

The menu is

Tomato and red pepper soup
Sausages with onion gravy, mashed potatoes
and vegetables
Pineapple upside down sponge and custard



Open Friday: Café Mosaic

9.15am - 2pm (last orders 1.30pm)

The special this week:

Fish and chips

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

what's on at Christ Church Orpington

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

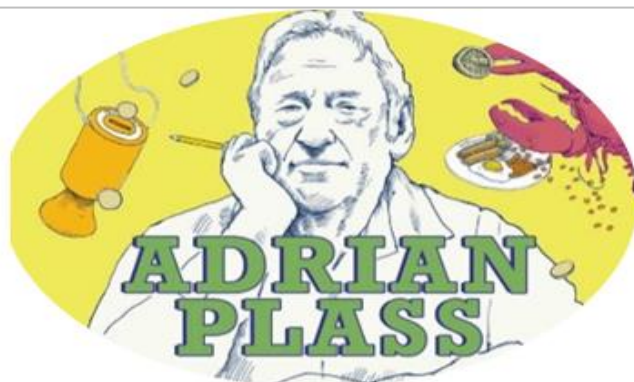
Wednesday 1st May

NB **No** Holy Communion

Sunday 5th May

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship - Go Deeper



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



- tinned cold meat
- UHT milk
- tinned hot meats
- tea

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

- hand wash
- multi-surface wipes/sprays

Foodbank **cannot** accept any chilled or frozen foods

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REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!**

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Winterburns in France - April 2024



Jack and Sarah serving in Tours, France from King's Church Durham

Hello all, thank you for taking the time to pray and to read our newsletter! Do be in touch to let us know how things are with you too. Here's what we've been up to since we last wrote in January. First a little family news - our flat has had a mould problem since November and we're looking to move out soon which has been a bit of an added stress.

Groupes de maison (home groups)

Some enthusiastic new people in the church since September asked Jack if there were home groups, to which he said no but that he would talk to Marc the pastor as it was something that has been in the pipeline for quite some time, and now there are two home groups in church! One of them is meeting in the home of the lady I've done 1-1 Bible studies with who can't come to church due to disability - praise God for that.

Weekend Boost (secondary school age young people) 3-5 May

The idea of the weekend is to provide a space to give the faith of the youth a boost! Also, for youth from different churches to get a chance to meet and become friends and have teaching adapted to their age/stage of life. Last year went really well and we're hoping the youth will be enthused to come back (in spite of the camping which is not everyone's cup of tea). There will be fun and games, workshops on specific topics relating to christian faith, times of teaching altogether and a worship and testimony evening. We've also prepared for a moment where youth can make a decision to follow Jesus for the first time, with a follow up meeting the next day.

I'm leading the music group again and running a workshop on 'there are so many faiths, why should I choose christianity?' (working title...) as well as being part of the oversight team.



Youth worship evening held in the building of the Tours Nord church. There were people from at least 7 churches there.

Inter-church youth worship evening

We worshipped God with a group of people from at least 7 different churches. We had a much smaller group of youth involved in the planning this time. Perhaps because we hosted in Tours Nord which is a bit further for people to come than the baptist church? Perhaps it was a time of year thing? Perhaps we should just do one a year to focus efforts? Not sure. But the evening itself went well with a really encouraging youth-aimed preach from the pastor of a nearby church and nearly everyone stayed for a meal at the end which was lovely.

La protection de l'enfance et des adultes vulnérables (which translates as 'safeguarding'. No wonder there are so many anglicisms in French!)

I've recently become the safeguarding person for ECM France (i.e. for the French missionaries associated with the mission organisation called ECM), which essentially involves trying to get people to complete online training and chasing people for the French equivalent of DBS certificates. This sort of administration is not my strong point but I do care that safeguarding is done well and that Christian ministry is an area in which children and vulnerable people are protected from abuse and that people know who to contact if they have concerns.

We talked about safeguarding in the Pastorale Protestante (pastors meeting in Tours) last week which was interesting. The topic is still very new to French churches. With Marc the pastor of our church who is the CNEF (French equivalent of the Evangelical Alliance) representative for the area, we're hoping to organise an inter-church safeguarding training. The idea is that those involved in ministry with children and vulnerable adults in local churches will be able to attend, it would probably happen next school year.

Preaching and the Preachers' club

The *Club de predicateurs*, led by Jack, is still going strong. Last week they were looking at formulating a 'central proposition' of a sermon (the main message to get across to the congregation).

I've now done my 3rd sermon in Loches, and have had some really positive feedback which has been encouraging.

Jack is responsible for organising the preaching rota and sermon series in our church, and has been invited to preach in other churches of the same denomination in the area - previously Romorontin and soon Châteauroux.



Jack preaching in Tours Nord

Prayer points:

1. Travel - Sarah is coming to the UK for a retreat in May with ECM Britain and to catch up with King's Church, Durham. Pray that the travel logistics go well and that I don't get too stressed by them, that the retreat time will be helpful for putting ministry here into perspective, for me to be open to listen to God's leading, for connecting and reconnecting with members of Kings Church in Durham. Jack will come to the UK for his theology masters studies in June. Do pray that Ben adapts to having one of us away for a week one month and the other in the next. The longest I've spent away from Ben previously is 2 nights and this will be for a week.
2. House moving - that the process of leaving this apartment and going into another would be smooth and without conflict (e.g. around deposit), for us three to adapt well to this change.
3. *Weekend Boost* 3-5 May - for young people to sign up to come, for the Holy Spirit to be at work in their lives bringing them closer to Jesus, for salvation, for lots of fun, for blessings on the team and the practical aspects, as well as on the site owners who let us use their site at minimal cost
4. Home groups - one group is functioning well (meeting in the home of someone who can't make it on Sunday mornings). The other - we are still trying to find our rhythm (we're trying to see whether having the kids around and awake works). Pray for us as we find our rhythm and that these are spaces where people can grow in faith.
5. Youth group - there have been some families who have come and gone during the year so we've had much bigger numbers for a short time and now back to lower numbers. Pray that the youth would not be perturbed by these changes. Pray for one young person who has decided to explore Islam for the Holy Spirit to give her discernment and for her family/church to know how to respond well.
6. Safeguarding - that I would have wisdom in my role as safeguarding lead for ECM France, for this training day with the CNEF idea to become a reality.
7. Ongoing ministry areas (preaching, me leading worship, Sunday school, community centre, 1-1 discipleship, Christians in Dialogue group, praise God that the interdenominational event in January went well and that 954, 65 Euros was raised for open doors.)

Thanks so much for praying. We'd love to hear from you too!
Do get in touch.

You can also sign up to receive future updates here:

<https://kcd.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=9a7fc40583aec2019a2e31b6e&id=ff5b0dbfe7>

Our mailing address is: winterburns@kcd.org.uk.

We're trusting God to continue providing the finances we need. To join the financial support team, just get in touch and we can give you the details.

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.

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Messy Church

SCAN Me to Book!

Church. But not as you know it ...

NEXT : Saturday 11th May 2024

“Messy Life-washing !”

at **Christ Church Orpington**
Charterhouse Road, Orpington, BR6 9EP

ALL AGES VERY WELCOME !

Enjoy creative activities, Bible stories, puppets, songs, games & food together

Children must bring their grown-ups !

Join us for **Messy Fun** once a month
4-6pm on a **Saturday** afternoon

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** - 8th June, 6th July 2024

Any questions? Contact **Pip Allen** messychurch@ccorpington.org

Christ-centred all age creativity hospitality celebration