



Christ
Church
Orpington

Family News

6th April 2024

Sunday 7th April

Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome, Notices

Banns

Opening Prayer, Confession

Worship

Sing Glory 458 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
He will hold me fast
Because he lives

Bible Reading

John 20: 19-31

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

Worship

Oceans

Holy Communion

Worship

Come people of the risen King

Final Prayer and Blessing

NB No Evening Service



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

Zoom Meeting ID: 846 1097 4627

Passcode: R4V5My

Reflection

Resurrection Life

Last week we celebrated Jesus's resurrection. It was a privilege to be at such a joy-filled service, and I hope, like me, you felt built up in your faith. Thank you to all those involved. I'd like to say a special thank you to the Easter Choir and the Gospel Choir. There was a real sense of us celebrating together.

During the week we also said goodbye to Don Bisset, a faithful member of our church family over many years. During his thanksgiving service, we heard the reading from John 14:1-6 with its comforting words about Jesus going ahead to prepare a place for us. That passage ends with this claim from Jesus:

*'I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.'*

The comforting words at the start of the chapter give way to this challenge. Why do I call it a challenge? It's a challenge to the concept today that everyone can have their own truth and do life their own way. Christianity is the only religion which says God came to earth, lived as one of us, died for us and was resurrected for us. How amazing! More than that, Jesus himself is unique. He said and did things that no-one else ever has. He lived a perfect life, conquered death and proved it by being raised to life. No wonder we can celebrate.

And so we live in the light of the resurrection:



- We have **freedom** – freedom from sin, freedom from shame, freedom from our past
- We have **comfort** – death is not the end; if Jesus was raised then we will be raised
- We have **hope** - hope for an abundant, meaningful life now, and a sure and certain hope for our eternal future

Let's never become so familiar with the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead that we forget how momentous it was. The resurrection changes everything. Let's live in the comfort, hope and freedom that Jesus won for us.

The Chosen, season 4 Episodes 3 and 4 are to be shown at Christ Church this **Tuesday, 9th April, 7.30pm** in the main church.

The Chosen are 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

Andi on youth@ccorington.org or

Anna in the office on ccorington@talktalk.net

Hope to see you there!

Coffee & Cake Cafe

CLOSED on Wednesday 10th April

OPEN Wednesday 17th April onwards

Café Mosaic open **Friday, 12th April** onwards
Opening times 9.15am - 2pm (term time only)

The special is:

Three Cumberland sausages, creamy mash with carrots and either garden peas or baked beans

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

If anyone from Christ Church would like to attend a quiet day at St Benedict's

Quiet Day - In green pastures

Friday 12th April, 9.30 for 10am till 3pm

Time apart to be quiet before God and to seek his face. We will explore Bible passages which talk about God as our good shepherd.

A variety of ways to engage with the passages will be suggested and the day will be a mix of short periods of corporate worship and periods of individual quiet prayer.

Led by Melanie Bailey, St Benedict's Centre Coordinator and Licenced Lay Minister.

Cost £25.00 (pay on the day) which includes hot drinks, please bring your own lunch.

Please book by emailing

bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

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.'

what's on at Christ Church Orpington

Sunday 7th April

10.30am Holy Communion

NB No evening service

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



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: ccorington@talktalk.net / 01689 871601

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

Holiday Home near Aberystwyth



Margaret Ball owns a 3-bed house in Llanon, 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!

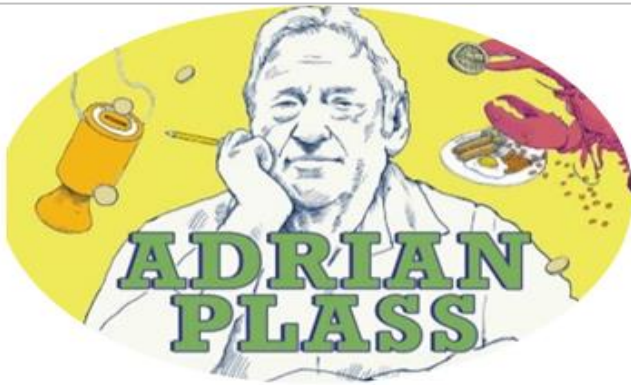
You are invited to make a contribution to Church funds.

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 April 20th**, 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



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**
- **tinned hot meats**
- **cooking sauces**
- **tinned cold fruit**

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

- **bleach**

Foodbank cannot accept any chilled or frozen foods

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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

Saturday 13th April 2024



"Messy Cousins & Angels!"



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:** 11th May, 8th June, 6th July 2024

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

Christ-centred all age creativity hospitality celebration

Family News notices

Next issue of Family News will be on 13th April 2024 with
notices please by

midday, Friday 12th April

thank you. Vernon, Family News editor

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