

# CHRIST CHURCH PURLEY *News*

MAKING PASSIONATE DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST

Welcome to this week's edition of Christ Church News.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**This Sunday!**

**Come along at 10.15am.**

**Look back over 2024.**

**Look forward to 2025 and beyond.**

**Appoint trust board, review the finances, dream dreams, have vision and praise his name for all he does and is going to do!**

**Sing to the Lord a new song.....**



Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May		APCM! Salvation : Romans 11:21-32
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	APCM and worship service with CCKids and CCYouth
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service with Holy Communion

Monday	9am 9.15am 8pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study <b>PCC</b>
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am  12 noon 7pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study Carousel Baby and Toddler group  Firelighters prayer gathering Youth
Wed	9am 9.15am	Foyer open Morning Bible study
Thu	9am	Foyer open
Fri	9am 9.30am	Foyer open Mother's Union craft & chat table
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Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May		Doxology: Romans 11:33-36
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with CCKids and CCYouth
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service

**You can join the Christ Church Sunday Morning service online**



This link will only work on this Sunday for the 10.15am Worship service and will return after a gap for the 11.45am service.

Find the link on our worship tab.

### **Are you interested in considering?**

- Publicly Affirming your faith
- Being Baptised, <https://www.christchurchpurley.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=279894>



- Starting to receive Holy Communion before confirmation
- Being Confirmed

[https://www.christchurchpurley.org.uk/Groups/409250/Christ\\_Church\\_Purley/Worship/Services\\_In\\_Church/Confirmation/Confirmation.aspx](https://www.christchurchpurley.org.uk/Groups/409250/Christ_Church_Purley/Worship/Services_In_Church/Confirmation/Confirmation.aspx)



Please speak to Doug, Jude or Charlotte if this is something you are considering or complete the relevant online form via the website links.



#### **ROAD OF THE WEEK**

We are inviting you to pray for our parish road by road throughout the year.

This week we are praying in particular for **High Street** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

***"Who is this Jesus?"***

**If someone walked into Christ Church and asked this question what would you say? Want to know more, to advance the kingdom? Speak to Doug, he would love to hear from you.**

## EVANGELISM TASK FORCE

Inspired by Holy Week? Fired up to share the Gospel?

Let Doug know. We would love to have new people join the next meeting to plan the next steps in the Evangelism strategy.



PS Purley Baptist Church have invited us to join them in a monthly outreach into the streets of Purley having conversations with those we meet. Interested? – contact Doug for details.

### SUNDAY TOILET FACILITIES:

The toilets on the **back corridor** are for **unaccompanied children** and youth only at all times (on Sundays).

The main block of toilets is for **adults only or parents who need to accompany their child**.

There will be signs on the toilet to remind everyone.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – APCM (Annual Church meeting)
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Midweek Communion
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Midweek Lunch
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Muddy Church
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Pastoral training starts (fortnightly)
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Bereavement Support Group
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Pentecost
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June Worship for Everyone
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Midweek Fellowship
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Worship for Everyone
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Mission Partner Sunday



## News Update

**THE ELECTORAL ROLL REOPENS ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY**





### **APCM 11 May 2025**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be on 11 May 2025.  
If you think that God may be calling you to serve on PCC then please contact me for a chat about what is involved. [Vicar@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:Vicar@christchurchpurley.org.uk)

#### **PLEASE NOTE THAT TO SERVE ON PCC OR DEANERY YOU MUST:**

- BE 16 OR OVER**
- BE AN ACTUAL COMMUNICANT**
- BE ON THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL**
- NOT BE DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING A CHARITY TRUSTEE**

This year there will be elections for:

Wardens - 2

PCC members

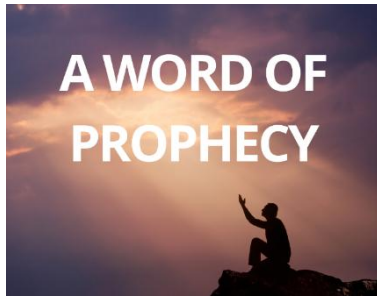
If you are not sure about any of the above then please do contact Doug to find out more.

#### **HOW TO FIND THE NOMINATION, PROPOSAL AND SECONDING FORMS FOR CHURCHWARDEN, DEANERY SYNOD AND PCC.**

All the forms for the APCM can be found on the [church website](#) or via the links below or by using the QR codes on display in the noticeboard in the Foyer

On the nomination form you will need to include your name and the names of the Proposer and Secunder.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May (daytime option 2-3.30pm) / 4<sup>th</sup> June (evening option – PASTORAL TRAINING TASTER SESSION – the first of the next cohort of pastoral training along with other local churches – if you might be interested speak to Doug or Jenny Hird**



A picture of a biscuit which was broken in four parts revealing the shape of a cross.

Maybe God is saying "I have come to you in your brokenness by being broken Myself. I am your wounded leader. I know what it is like to suffer. I am with you in your sufferings. The biscuit stands for My Word which you need to take in to yourselves and absorb, so that you are strong in Me. As I

gave Myself for you give yourselves back to Me - so that My power will be seen in you and through you to others. Rejoice for I am important role and will have My way in this troubled world."

Someone has a troubled spirit and needs to be aware of God's forgiveness deep down

### **Led by the Holy Spirit**

'Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy ... The one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.' 1 Corinthians 14:1&3.



### **MAKING PASSIONATE DISCIPLES – 2025**

As I was preparing for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), I had the perennial question – what to say this year?

There is a good principle if you have a quandary to solve. Go back to basics.

So, what are we about? What has the last year taught us? What are we being called into?

Our vision is:

**Making** – active verb, about creating from the parts and ingredients available

**Passionate** – a description of something that is vibrant, full of life and energy

**Disciples** – a technical word for both a follower and an apprentice who seeks to be like the master

**For** – a conjunction that infers that this is on behalf of someone else

**Christ** – the Greek version *Christos* of the Hebrew word for the anointed one, Messiah

Working on two levels this means growing as disciples where we already have a faith and inviting others who don't to come to know Jesus as Lord and saviour.

The sub text is threefold:

*Rooted and grounded in God's word*

*Led by the Holy Spirit*

*Give it away!*

Simply spoken, we grow by his Word and the Spirit and we give it away to others so they can too.

Our reading and Martin's exposition on Sunday will point us to a fundamental fact:

### **God is in the salvation business.**

When He spoke the words oft quoted through Jeremiah, that He has plans to prosper, he is a rescuer. The whole of the bible can be summarised in four unequal parts:

- Creation
- Fall
- **Rescue – most of the story and where we are now**
- New creation

Jesus' commission to the disciples in Galilee was **GO**, "make disciples and teach them all I have commanded".

And he promised that he would be with them (ie us) until the end of the age (when he will come again).

### **So, we can do it because he is doing it.**

Q: What is church?

### **A: A co-partner with God in the salvation business.**

As I was preparing I had this song come into my mind. We will sing it on Sunday.

*VERSE 1:*

*I see the King of glory*

*Coming on the clouds with fire*

*The whole earth shakes*

*VERSE 2:*

*I see His love and mercy*

*Washing over all our sin*

*The people sing*

*CHORUS:*

*(Hosanna) – Lord save us*

*(Hosanna) – Lord save us*

*(Hosanna) – Lord save us in the highest*

On Palm Sunday we marched round the outside of the church building shouting **Hosanna**. We trampled over the cloak and shouted to God – **Lord save us**.

For us and for the whole nation. For the whole of Purley.

VERSE 3:

*I see a generation*

*Rising up to take their place*

*With selfless faith*

This song is 19 years old – its older than my son! The generation rising with selfless faith is still rising. **We are those generations!**

Rooted and grounded in God's Word, led by the Spirit and giving it away.

*VERSE 4:*

*I see a near revival*

*Stirring as we pray and seek*

*We're on our knees*

We are still meeting once a week to wait on God, we call it Firelighters (all welcome).

We had 6 weeks of fasting and prayer.

And the kick back from the enemy is still being felt. He doesn't like it.

There is a near revival, its stirring, we need to press into prayer. Waiting on God. Watching what he is doing. Expecting him to do the heavy lifting.

**And being ready.**

*BRIDGE:*

*Heal my heart and make it clean*

*Open up my eyes to the things unseen*

*Show me how to love*

*Like You have loved me*

Everything in love, because he loved us first. We want salvation for others because we love them because he loves them.

*Break my heart for what breaks Yours*

Weep for the lost. We can lament our failings. But we are also called to lament those who do not know him. Those still needing salvation and rescue.

**Everything I am**

*For Your kingdom's cause*

*As I walk from earth into eternity*

God wants his creation to turn to him. It breaks his heart to see lost sheep. Jesus wept over Jerusalem. The kingdom is near. We are walking in faith towards the new creation **BUT the work of the harvest is not over.**

**We** are in the salvation business because **HE** is in the salvation business.



**Everything** I am. **Everything** we do.

**For your Kingdoms cause.**

The kingdom to come. And that has broken in here.

**Nothing** is more important than giving away the invitation to eternal life and a place in the kingdom to come.

**We are called to GO!**

We are called to **pioneer** – to step outside these walls and be church out there.

*Lord save us*

*Lord save us*

*Lords save us in the highest!*

And that means everyone in this church. Everyone in “the Church”.

Every part of the body makes the body work by working together.

Rooted and grounded in God’s Word

Led by the Spirit

Giving it away....

Let’s Go....

(more details to follow on Sunday).

## Family News

*Please note that if you want to share family news, change of circumstances etc, good news or sad, please contact [office@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk) and we will try to include it under this section – Christ Church Family News.*

## Continuing News

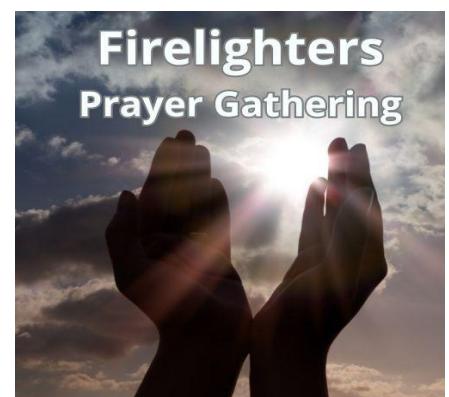
**Firelighters prayer meetings (meet, and wait on the Lord)**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 12 noon**



**Mothers' Union hold a craft and Talk table** in The Foyer Café on Fridays during term time from 9.30am -11.30am.



## Can you help with Christian Aid week? (11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May)

Please contact Anne Scoones  
or [office@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk) to offer any help this year

Find out more about this year's campaign by watching this video <https://youtu.be/Do3nW-cVAMs>

We each have **7 days to make a difference** and there are plenty of ways people can get involved. Speak to Anne Scoones to find out more.

This year's **Christian Aid Week (11-17 May)** is focusing on Christian Aid's work in Guatemala, Central America, where the climate crisis is causing the seasons to intensify and shift erratically.

As a result, farming communities have to battle devastating floods and intense heatwaves.

Water sources are drying up and vital crops are failing, plunging farming families into hunger and poverty.

With **7 days to make a difference**, every gift, act and prayer counts.

[#7DaysManyWays](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/7-days-to-make-a-difference)





## FOOD LIST - MAY 2025



At Purley Food Hub we provide emergency food, toiletries and household essentials to local people going through tough times. Please consider donating any of this month's 12 priority items:

- Small Bottles of Squash - orange, blackcurrant, etc
- Non Spicy Meat Meals
- 500g Packets of Pasta and Long Grain Rice
- Cartons of Long Life Full Fat Milk
- Small Packets of Sugar
- Jars of Peanut Butter and Meat & Fish Paste
- Packets of Custard requiring only water
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Sanitary Pads
- Small Bottles of Shampoo
- Bars of Soap
- Laundry Washing Capsules

Thank you so much everyone for your generous ongoing support. Since 2013 you have enabled us to provide food for more than **43,000 people** - equivalent to **390,000 meals**.



### PURLEY FOOD HUB

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WHAT ARE THE STAGES IN THE DBS PROCESS?

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# Safeguarding Principles

The parish of Christ Church Purley takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously.

Further information about this can be found [here](#).