

CHRIST CHURCH PURLEY

News

MAKING PASSIONATE DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST

"God is in the salvation business, and so are we" (APCM May 2025)

*¹⁴ For we are all **partners with Christ** if we hold firmly to the end the confidence we had at the beginning. (Hebrews 3:14)*

Welcome to Christ Church News:

Sunday 16 th November		Visiting speaker – Shereen Findlater Worship – John 4:19-26
	8.45am	Traditional service with hymns
	Coffee	
	10.15am	Worship service with Communion, baptism and admission to communion, CCKids & CCYouth
		Coffee
	11.45am 12.30pm	Third Service Front of house team meeting
	3pm	Alpha
Monday	9 am 9.15am	Foyer open Morning Bible Study
Tue	9.00am 9.30am 7pm	Foyer open Carousel baby and toddler group Tuesday Youth Group
Wed	9am 9.15am 12noon 1pm	Foyer open Morning Bible Study Midweek Communion Revelation 4 Midweek Lunch

Thu	9am	Foyer open
Fri	9am 10-12noon	Foyer open Local Police in Foyer with information stall
Sat		
Sunday 23 rd November		Confession and repentance John 16: 7-15
	8.45am	Traditional service with hymns
	Coffee	
	10.15am	Worship service with CCKids & CCYouth
		Coffee
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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 **THE LAWNS** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

PARISH CONVERSATION

On **25th November** Archdeacon Greg and a Diocesan representative will be visiting Christ Church as part of the Senior Leadership's intent to have a conversation with all 300+ parishes in Southwark Diocese. They will be meeting team leaders, staff and PCC members. If there is *anything* you would like to feed back, ask or request of our Diocesan leaders (Bishops and Archdeacons and Deans) please e-mail me vicar@christchurchpurley.org.uk and I will make sure that these are fed back either via Greg or directly to the Bishops.

Find the link on our website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Midweek Communion – Wednesday 19th November

Midweek Lunch – Wednesday 19th November

Bereavement Support Group – Monday 24th November

Gospel Service – Sunday 30th November

LOOKING FORWARD TO DECEMBER AT CHRIST CHURCH

1-5 Dec **Christmas Unwrapped** for schools

7 Dec 10.15am Worship for everyone **Christingle** service (8.45 am and 1.45am as usual)

13 Dec **Live Nativity**

14 Dec Sunday services at 8.45am, 10.15am and 11.45am

17 Dec 12noon Midweek Communion and Midweek Christmas Lunch

21 Dec Sunday services at 8.45am, 10.15am and 11.45am

21 Dec 6.30pm **Carols by candlelight**

Wed 24th **Crib service**
Midnight Communion

Thurs 25th 10.15am **Christmas day All age communion**

28 Dec 10.15am All age Communion service



ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP IN ANY WAY THIS CHRISTMAS TIME AT CHRIST CHURCH?

We would really appreciate as many offers as possible to make the services and events all run smoothly and so that we can bless our many visitors.

Sign up using this link



Safeguarding Update

We now have the new DBS system in place with Thirtyone:Eight. If you have received a new DBS form to complete Jean will be in the office / Foyer on **Sunday 16th November from 10am - 11.30am.**



Bring your ID in and get it checked for your new DBS.

Questions about safeguarding training or the DBS process? – speak to Jean this Sunday from 10-11.30am.



What is ThirtyOne:Eight?

It is a Christian organisation, "who are inspired to 'speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable' as we believe God told us to. This is the foundational pillar of all our work."

Why are they called ThirtyOne:Eight?

Thirtyone: eight' - is **taken from Proverbs 31:8**
"Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of vulnerable people."



Our vision:

Our vision is a world where every child and adult can feel, and be, safe.

Our mission:

To equip

We will **equip** society with the knowledge and skills to create safer environments for children and adults at risk.

To empower

We will **empower** society to respond appropriately to those who are vulnerable or have experienced abuse.

To encourage

We will **encourage** society to stand against oppression and exploitation by informing legislation and striving to raise the standards in safeguarding practice.

Doug's Blog

CLOUDBURSTING

A cloud burst is a large amount of precipitation in a short space of time.

That means lots of running water.

Hold that thought as I tell you about my week so far.

At the end of last week I finished the third Richard Osman *Thursday Murder Club* novel. I was then, so to speak, "between books". I often these days have a novel, a Christian book and a history book on the go at the same time. None were calling me.

I had started *The Familiar Stranger* by Tyler Staton as a follow on to Simon Ponsoby's book about the Holy Spirit as background to our current series on "Spirit Filled Worship" – how much more. To be honest it started in a way that did not grab me. I read the introduction and the start of the first chapter and set it aside because it wasn't adding anything to my understanding. That was a couple of weeks ago.

On Tuesday I went to the New Wine Area Leaders Training day in Guildford. The new strategy for New Wine is to equip leaders more intentionally by having three rounds of regional events that are "geographically accessible" and following up with Learning Communities where leaders meet locally to discuss the teaching at the Area events, fuelled by centrally produced learning and discussion materials. So leaders would meet, worship and pray together, pray for one another AND learn together.

It's an exciting development.

I had a couple of things that made the day difficult for me, one being how long I would be away from my dogs (!) so I intended to only stay until lunchtime.

I arrived during the first speaker, Pete Wynter, who was talking about what is going on in this season. They are one of the churches seeing hundreds of younger people coming in seeking Jesus. It was all very encouraging to hear and we should

celebrate when these things happen in other churches, because we are one body (of Christ).

Now before I share much more of his message, the context is that it was Pete Wynter whose video I saw at a church families home in the summer that spurred me on that God has more for us here at Christ Church. It was that moment that the current series Spirit Filled Worship was birthed.

Back to Tuesdays message. "It's critical that we hear his voice" because God is bringing people to church. IN their context they give out Bibles – not tracts, whole Bibles – started by two 19 years olds who funded the first 100 they have now given out 8000 bibles in their community! And people come to them asking for them!! There is a spiritual hunger in West London.

Gen Z know nothing about God. Our teenagers need to hear about the Holy Spirit and have encounter modelled to them. IN short...

We need to prioritise the presence of God!

What would it be like if we came to church saying *"Today I get to meet with God"*? Because we know that God's presence transforms lives. Always and every time.

And that applies to every generation – its never too late to be filled. **Spirit Filled Seniors** can reach out to the emerging generation and show them what it looks like to encounter the living God.

Don't Step Back

Step up

Step in

To hear from God we need to be ready to hear from him what "God's new thing" is.

Are you ready to listen?

Pete then illustrated this by working through 1 Samuel 3:11 which is the call of Samuel from his bed and Eli (the elder) gradually recognising the voice of God is what the young Samuel is hearing.

We heard a story about a church where someone came forward for baptism by full immersion but in the vestry beforehand while getting ready realised they had forgotten their hearing aids – but they could hear! Just in coming to baptism they had been healed.

God is a God of speaking to his people and of healing.

After this session I went forward for prayer. As I was prayed for I had a picture of being carried on clouds. Just that. I relaxed in my standing pose and feel a sensation of being held up as in my mind's eye I was being carried along on clouds.

The prayer minister moved on and I just stayed there, eyes closed. After a time I realised that a new prayer minister had a hand on my shoulder and prayed over me. I opened my eyes to discover it was Pete Wynter, the speaker. His word for me was *"God has not passed you by"*.

We got chatting and I explained that his talk from March had inspired our series and that his stone in the pool still had ripples and that his words continued to bless.

The next morning, I looked for my morning read. I picked up *The Familiar Stranger* and re-read the first chapter (I had given up on) but read to the end. I had previously stopped at Creation and finding the Spirit "hovering over the waters" and that the Hebrew words means breathe, spirit or wind. All things I knew. Then the next section was Roots, looking at the Exodus story where "*God's presence is described as a dense cloud..*"

God had stopped me reading just at the point he wanted me to pick it up again, spoke to me in a picture then prompted me to pick it up again the next day....

Staton goes on to tell the story of Will Champion. He was the drummer with Coldplay. The story goes that he was a musician but not a drummer. His room mate was supposed to try out for the band before their first gig. His room mate bailed so they asked him if he could come and lay a basic beat in the background. He then became from there the drummer in the huge career that Coldplay had.

Are you available?

Will we prioritise the presence of God?

Are we available?

Did last Sunday's service prompt you or someone you know to consider entering God's family of believers through baptism?



Complete this form and we will get in touch to discuss the next steps. Find out more information about Baptism on our website

Family News

Gillian Pengelly is going into Chestnut Gardens Care Home, Foxley Lane CR8 3HP for 4 weeks for respite. It is hoped that she can then return home. She would love visitors and to be encouraged to try to walk. Any questions do ask or phone Jenny. Thank you.

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



Veteran car pit stop (Unofficial)

On Sunday 2 November we were able to bless so many people at the Unofficial pit stop

We had 177 visitor vehicles in the end, with the peak running later than in past years.

There are over 400 cars on the run and 340 made it all the way from London to Brighton. So Christ Church is seeing a large number of the cars in the car park.

The car park was still almost full at 10.15, but was just empty enough for the congregation to start parking at 10.30. By 11am there were just 2 broken down cars.

Apparently Christ Church is in the official drivers briefing notes, in spite of being an unofficial stop. No wonder we are getting so popular, but a great opportunity.

*"Just a note to say thank you for your hospitality yesterday, it's always appreciated! So please say thank you to the whole team on behalf of a grateful driver and his passengers!
Kind regards, Julian."*

*"Dear All. Yesterday morning I was just one of hundreds of LBVCR participants who called in at your Church for a very, very welcome 'stop'.
You have no idea how welcome a sight it is to see all your team of helpers guiding us into the carpark with a cheery welcome and the offer of refreshments to warm us up and give us the opportunity to stretch our legs.
Thank you all so much for your hospitality, hard work, prayers and wishes for a safe onward journey to Brighton. We appreciate it enormously and the bacon 'butties' are delicious! I hope to see you all on November 1st next year.
God bless. Yours David G"*

Just a note to thank you for your welcome, hot drinks, food and facilities on the Veteran Car run on Sunday.

It made a huge difference as we were very wet and cold!

With Best wishes John & Julia H"

"Thank you for hosting us. We were visiting from Wilmington NC USA. When we walked in Firm Foundation was being sung. It was a blessing to hear abd the food was great! Jennifer"

"Good evening. Has it been a week already; how time flies!

We wanted to write and say thank you for your generous hospitality. We have done the run several times and this year we decided to stop at Purley. What a lovely atmosphere. Everyone made us so welcome, we will definitely stop again next year. Please pass on our sincere thanks to all volunteers who made our stop off so comfortable.

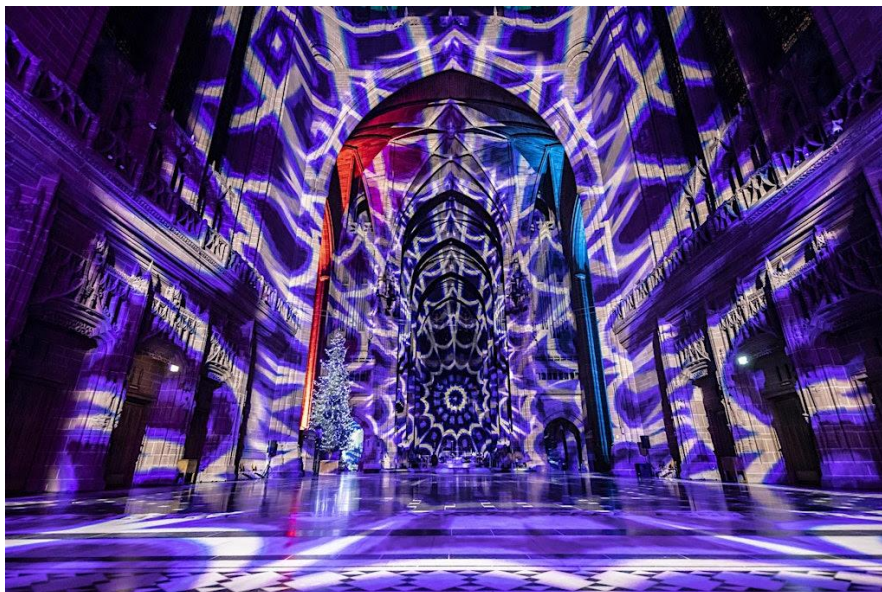
With our very best wishes David and Helen B"

Did you take any photos of the event?

Would you be willing to share them with the office so that they can be used in future publicity?

– Please email the images to Jean – office@christchurchpurley.org.uk

Looking forward to 2026 would you like to find out more about being a steward, helping with refreshments etc. Speak to Richard Winsor or Jean in the office to let us know NOW!! .



24-29 November: The Angels Are Coming! (Southwark Cathedral)

- an awe-inspiring light and sound spectacular.

[Book here.](#)



Lay Ministry Taster Day

Saturday 31st January
10-2pm @ Trinity House (SE1 1HW)

Come and find out more about the different types of ministries including Pastoral, Reader, Pioneer, Church Army and Children and Young People.

With guest speaker Adjoa Andoh MBE — actor, writer, director, and Licensed Reader (Parish of Herne Hill).

For more information and to book your place, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

**Christ
Centred
Outward
Focused**

24 January: Vocations Forum (Cathedral/Trinity House)

- the first step on your discernment journey.

[Email for info & booking.](#)

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 Newspaper of the Anglican Diocese of Southwark

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Gaza
 Cautious welcome for ceasefire deal
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Celebrating the diversity of our ministries
 All are called
 See page 8-9

Mothers Union
 Not Just Prayer!
 See page 4

RISE UP
 Racial Justice

A celebration of Growing in Faith and Life

On 27 September, participants in the 2024-25 Bishop's Catechism course gathered in Southwark Cathedral to celebrate their learning and growth over the previous year. The Cathedral was full of participants and the family members, friends, and other guests who had come to help them mark their achievements.

Bishop Christopher presided at the night service and the Revd Canon David Perring, Dean of Southwark Cathedral, welcomed the guests. Bishop Christopher presided at the night service and the Revd Canon David Perring, Dean of Southwark Cathedral, welcomed the guests.

The course contributes to the growth of the diocese. It provides a space for participants to learn and grow in their faith. The course is a key part of the diocese's mission to grow in faith and life.

Read more stories at southwark.anglican.org/blog or find us on social media @SouthwarkCofE

November Bridge

The November edition of The Bridge is live! As always, it's packed with stories and features from across the diocese. [you can also read it online here](#)

Supporting Jamaica following the devastation of hurricane Melissa

Bishop Rosemarie writes:

"The devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica has left behind a trail of destruction and heartbreak. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Jamaica and the wider Caribbean at this time of need.

I have written a prayer for those affected, which you are welcome to use and share.

You can find it here: [Prayers for the people of Jamaica and the Caribbean - The Diocese of Southwark](#)

But prayer must also be accompanied by action.

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LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED
- Can open
 - Crackers
 - Rice
 - Pasta
 - Tin Foods
 - Batteries
 - Paint brushes
 - Bedding
 - Face masks
 - Recycle bags
 - Toiletries
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Cleaning materials
 - Bleach Powder
 - Flashlights (Rechargeable)
 - Lighting (Solar Powered)
 - Nails
 - Hammers
 - Tarpaulin
 - Anything that doesn't require cooking and can fit in a barrel

JAMAICA NEEDS YOUR HELP



ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE:

- Non perishable food items (lots of tin food, rice, instant noodles, sugar, sardines, corned beef etc)
- Solar lights
- Battery powered lights, tarpaulins, paint brushes
- Diapers for adults and babies
- Personal hygiene items

For more information
Email info@bmeforum.org

Items can be dropped off on Saturday 1st November from 9am to 6pm

Address : Croydon BME Forum, 56a Mitcham Road, Croydon, CR0 3RG

We will be using Jamaican National Bank to send financial donations



FEEL FREE TO SHARE



response to this crisis, **Croydon BME Forum** and the **Windrush Generation Legacy Association** are coordinating a relief effort. Their Head Office at **56a Mitcham Road, Croydon CR0 3RG** will be open - **weekdays – 10am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 6pm** for donations. They are requesting items of tinned food, toiletries, and cleaning products specifically – see attached for the full list.

Over the coming weeks, volunteers will also be needed to help coordinate and deliver this vital support. If you can help, please contact: info@bmeforum.org

If you prefer to give financially, the Jamaican government has confirmed the following donation sites as legitimate and secure:

Jamaican Government site - [Support Jamaica – Official Disaster Relief & Recovery Portal](#)

Red Cross - [Donate to Jamaica | Hurricane Melissa | Disaster Fund](#)

With my prayers and blessings, Bishop Rosemarie"

First Aid at Christ Church Purley



First aid boxes can be found – in the Foyer kitchen and each large room / kitchen.

Please complete accident form – use the QR code below for **ALL** accidents or alternatively there are accident books where paper copies can be completed – find these by the first aid boxes. Please let Jean know if a paper form has been completed as we need to keep these securely in the office to comply with data protection.

If you spot items are depleted in any of the boxes please let Jean know in the office ASAP

Online Accident form 	Online Incident form  Incident reporting form
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RUSH Christmas Celebration

SOUPS, ROLLS AND DESSERTS

Saturday 29th November

12.30 for 1pm

Whyteleafe Free Church Hall (157a Godstone Road, CR3 0EH)

Audrey Thomas will provide a musical interlude

Good Company, Sale and Raffle

Suggested Donation £12

We are hoping to be able to provide the widows and needy in Rush Kakamega with their Christmas gifts of tea, flour, oil, sugar, salt etc

Please let me know if you would like me to keep you a seat. Warm wishes Joan Hadlow

Harley's Christmas Fundraiser

Saturday 29 November 2025 10am-2.00pm

At Christ Church, Purley, Brighton Road CR8 2BN

In the Philippi Lounge

All money raised will go towards providing specialist physiotherapy for Harley Stenning



Read Harley's story at
www.gofundme.com

Scan the QR Code



Tombola
Homemade Cakes
Flavoured Gins
Handmade Cards
and Decorations
Bric a Brac
Refreshments
Preserves
Handmade
Jewellery and
Gifts

Boosting Life Skills
Providing knowledge & tips to boost life skills by unlocking potential in Wellbeing, Health and Interpersonal Skills... and so have a 'Positive Life'

Positive Life Courses
UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

course #6 in the series*
of Positive Life Courses



How to get a good night's sleep every night

"Boosting the Benefits of Sleep" course

- Tackling insomnia & sleep-related problems
- Good sleep 'hygiene' & sleep strategies
- The impact of not getting enough sleep

Based on the books *Why We Sleep* by Matthew Walker and *Sleep - Harness the power of sleep for optimal health & wellbeing* by Petra Hawker

Duration: **2 sessions of 2 hours**
When: **Wednesday 3rd & 10th December 10-12noon**
Cost: **Free of charge**
Where: **Cube training room, Purley Baptist church, Banstead Rd, Purley CR8 3EA**

To book your place, or for more details, contact Purley Baptist Church Office
(0208 668 0422 or office@purleybaptist.org)

There are limited places; so, to avoid disappointment, book early. 😊

*For more details of other courses in the *Positive Life* series search: [PositiveLifeCourses](https://www.positivelifecourses.org)



Celebrating Christmas - CAP Charity Concert, Friday 5th December 7pm to 9.30pm The Salvation Army Band will make a return visit to Purley Baptist Church on **Friday 5th December** to help get us into the spirit of Christmas. This time their choir will join them so it promises to be an extra special event. It's free to attend by registering at <https://capcharityconcert.eventbrite.co.uk>. Any voluntary donations will be used to support the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in our local community. Nigel Davidson Christians Against Poverty

Parking at Christ Church



Parking should only be in in marked bays – on Sundays and during the week. Special attention should be paid to areas needed for access by emergency vehicles such as outside the oak doors and on the roundabout.

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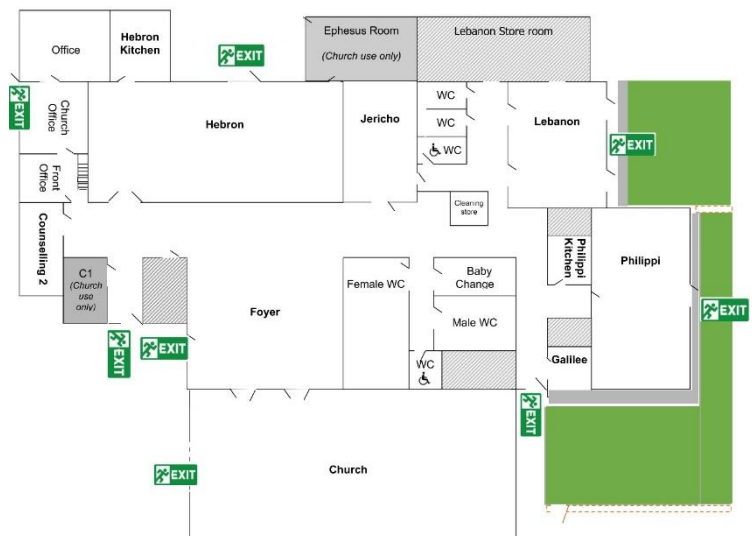


Please park responsibly
in marked bays only
for the benefit of all users
and to allow access in case of emergencies

FIRE EVACUATION

On a Sunday morning in the event of the fire alarm going off the following procedure will take place:

- An announcement will be made in church
- Fire Marshalls will open the exit doors
- All should leave by the closest available door that can be safely accessed
- Fire Marshalls will direct everyone to leave the building and assemble at the assembly points in the car park – in the far corners at front and back
- There are four evacuation zones – church, foyer, hall and back of the building
- Go to assemble with others at your nearest assembly point and wait for further instructions
- Children will remain in the care of the Childrens' team until it is clear that parents can safely collect their children or if a false alarm/drill will be taken back into groups and adults return to church



If you have any questions please contact the office@christchurchpurley.org.uk

Can you help Henry?

Henry is needing new people to encourage him out of his hiding place and to take a gentle weekly stroll around the church.

Are you interested?

Please contact Jean in the office



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.



SAFEGUARDING AT CHRIST CHURCH

A reminder of the Safeguarding Principles we introduced in 2023:

SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES

Everyone protects boundaries and vulnerabilities by reporting.



Safeguarding principles

- 1. EVERYONE:** Everyone is the eyes, ears and heart of a safe church
- 2. PROTECTS:** *Safe Church* intends to protect the vulnerable and the innocent and put off the perpetrator
- 3. BOUNDARIES:** Safe Boundaries are key - if in any doubt, ask first
- 4. VULNERABILITIES:** Power imbalance is always part of abuse - that's why we particularly safeguard children and vulnerable people
- 5. REPORTING:** Report don't solve or investigate