

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 1 st February		Worship for everyone
	8.45am	Traditional Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship for Everyone
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service
Monday	9am 9.15am	Foyer open Morning Bible Study
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am 7pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study Carousel baby and toddler group Tuesday Youth Group
Wed	9am 9.15am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Foyer open Morning Bible Study Midweek Fellowship Deanery Synod at All Saints Sanderstead (commissioning of Doug as Area Dean) –

		OPEN MEETING ON USING DIGITAL COMMUNICATION IN CHURCHES
Thu	9am 7.30pm	Foyer open Intercessory prayer for the church
Fri	9am	Foyer Open
Sat		
Sunday 8 th February		Worship for everyone
	8.45am	Traditional Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Morning Worship with Holy communion, with CCP, CCK & CCYouth
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service

How Much More? – Spirit filled worship...what next?

SERVICE CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY 2026



Advance notice that a small change will take place to the service schedule from February 2026.

IN ESSENCE:.....There will **NOT be a Third service on the third and fourth Sundays. Everything else is unchanged.**

	FIRST SUNDAY (Unchanged)	SECOND SUNDAY (Unchanged)	THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SUNDAYS	
8.45AM	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY COMMUNION	Traditional Common Worship with hymns and organ

10.15AM	WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE	MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION	MORNING WORSHIP "THIRD SERVICE" STYLE	Various styles with band led worship
11.45AM	THIRD SERVICE	THIRD SERVICE	NO THIRD SERVICE	Sung worship led by band with short reflection and ministry time response

*"how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
(Luke 11:13)*

LENT AND HOLY WEEK DATES

Ash Wednesday	18th February	12 noon (Midweek Communion)
Palm Sunday	29th March	
Maundy Thursday	2nd April	8pm followed by vigil
Good Friday	3rd April	Am Easter event
		2.30pm Hour at the cross
Easter Sunday	5th April	8.45 am and 10.15am
(Doug's last Sunday)		

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please note that the Ashing Service for Ash Wednesday will be in the daytime at **12 noon on Wednesday 18th February** (incorporating the Midweek Holy Communion) not in the evening. If you need to find an evening service to attend please let Doug know and he can signpost you to churches holding evening services that day.

Sunday Services

8.45am Holy Communion Service with hymns

10.15am Worship for Everyone 1st Sunday

10.15am Worship Service
With Children & Youth ministry
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays

11.45am Third Service
on 1st & 2nd Sundays
With extended worship & ministry **(Not 3rd, 4th or 5th Sundays)**

6.30pm Gospel Service on
the last Sunday of the month

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INTERCESSIONARY PRAYER MEETING



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**The next intercession prayer meeting is
THURSDAY 5th February 7.30-8.30pm**

**Praying for protection, direction, healing
and blessing on the church at this time of
change.**

**All both welcome and encouraged to join
when free.**

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 **Banstead Road** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

YouTube live link for 10.15am and

find the link on our website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1st February – Worship for Everyone

Wednesday 4th February - Midweek Fellowship

Tuesday 17th February – Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday service **12noon**

Wednesday 18th February – Midweek Lunch

Sunday 22nd March APCM

The Mothers' Union craft and chat table is starting up this term from 10.00-11.30 am in the church foyer cafe. Anyone is welcome to bring their own craft project (knitting, crochet, cross stitch etc) or we have colouring sheets and pencils. This is a chance to spend time just relaxing and chatting



Bereavement Journey-

The Bereavement Journey is for anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way.

By means of a series of films and discussion groups it gently guides bereaved people through the most common aspects of grief, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps.

Usually run by churches The Bereavement Journey uniquely offers a final session on faith questions in bereavement provided from a Christian perspective. This is optional, thus making The Bereavement Journey suitable for people of any faith or none.

Next course starts on **Tuesday 10th March at 2.30pm.**

Booking essential as places are limited.

<https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ahmsbt7p>



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE LETS GET ORGANISED FOR 2026



HAVE YOU STARTED THE DBS PROCESS BUT NOT COMPLETED ALL THE STAGES?

To be on a Christ Church Team as part of our safer recruitment procedures all volunteers must have a valid DBS, complete their safeguarding training to the appropriate level, and complete a declaration form as well as provide references.

ALL are required and there are no exceptions.

Please make sure you have completed everything.

Please look for and respond to the email reminders that you are being sent so you know what is outstanding.

*Doug's
Blog*

HOW SAFE IS YOUR PARCEL SHELF?

I was driving to the shops this week and a most intriguing and bizarre story came on the news on the radio. Apparently in the last few months there has been an explosion of parcel shelf thefts.

Yes, that is what I wrote.

Parcel shelves.

Selling for hundreds of pounds, back to the owners who lost them, but at half the replacement cost new from the car manufacturer!

This of course manifests as broken back windows and the cost and inconvenience involved. So bad has the problem become that there is a shortage in some places of replacement windows!

Very strange.

But the thing that really struck me was one comment. “*Often they take the shelf and leave the valuables they were hiding behind*”....

And it got me thinking. How easy is it to raid the Bible, take away the covering and miss the treasure?

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

There are many ways in which we can raid the bible. Break the window and grab the parcel shelf, missing the valuables they were hiding from view. Here are a few.

1. Cherry picking

How easy is it to find a verse that will say what we want it to say? To portray the Jesus or the God that we want him to be. Maybe picking the bits that we find acceptable but avoiding the hard sayings, the challenging commands?

2. New Testament bias

The bible Jesus read was the Old Testament. In fact Paul’s reference to scripture is that which he knew , which is the Hebrew scriptures, what we call the Old Testament. So if we only dip into the Gospels and letters then we miss the whole of scripture which the characters we read about in the New are referencing – just look at Hebrews! So if we only look at the New Testament we can miss the treasures of the whole story of God and his people.

3. Avoiding the letter writers

For some, “if its not in the Gospels, its not for me”. The Gospel writers tell a story about Jesus’ time on earth from different perspectives but the letter writers are a commentary on that person and those events and how t live it out. And the pitfalls to avoid! Only taking instruction from the Gospels endangers missing the treasure in the whole canon. They all met Jesus and were filled with the Holy Spirit to inspire their perspectives.

4. Anything but John!

For some, the synoptics (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are ok. They are different but comfortably familiar. But John – who may have written a Gospel, three letters and Revelation – is just too weird. Too visual. Too numeric. Too , well John. But there are treasures in John which leaves us with a fuller picture of the promises of God of a kingdom to come and a mission to be fulfilled. While we may not understand all the imagery the overall message is clear – God wins! And we are called to perfection through Christ.

5. Reading everything through one set of lenses

The technical phrase is our “hermeneutic”. It’s a theological phrase for the lenses we read scripture through. Examples might be a Jewish lens, or ones of justice or social action, or love or sin and judgement. There are myriad lenses. But we need to recognise that whatever our lens, its also a bias that might skew the true meaning. Because we subconsciously either reinterpret based on that bias or we reject anything

that doesn't fit (eg how can a loving God allow the Israelites to enter and destroy everyone in Jericho?) We can miss the treasure by focusing on the parcel shelf.

There are I am sure other ways in which this analogy can be true!

We need to be open and recognise that becoming a disciple of Christ is signing up to the potential for life long learning. We can be challenged by what we find. Find new treasures even when we come back to well read and well-known passages. Let the Spirit guide, listen to trusted commentators, but also discover for yourself that which God wants to reveal to you what you not have seen before.

Remember they are God-breathed, trustworthy and useful to equip you – for whatever God is calling you into as his servants.

Enjoy.

Many blessings

Doug

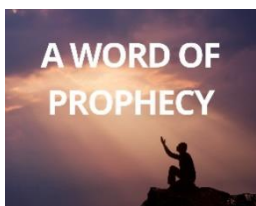


SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Purley Partnership Federation* needs two more Foundation Governors (appointed by PCC). Please let Doug know if you, or someone you know, may be able to fulfil these roles. Full training is provided.

Contact Doug to find out more.

** Christ Church Purley School and Purley Nursery School*



A picture of a towel.

God may be saying "it is time to serve each other for My service is perfect freedom. As you serve you grow in grace and love. As you serve you also grow in humility and dependence. So serve Me and you will know My peace blessing and power. I will give you strength as you serve Me. Service is also

how others will come to know who you are, so the Gospel can be preached with words backed up by My actions. So serve Me and each other for My glory, your blessings and still others the key to open up the Gospel My Good News."

WOULD THAT ALL WERE PROPHETS...Moses (Numbers 11:29):

The one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.' 1 Corinthians 14:1&3.

Got a picture or verse for Christ Church? Offer it to the service leader....

Family News

Julie Bleach: The funeral for Julie will be in church on **Monday 9th February at 12noon.**

We are expecting this to be a busy service and would ask that where ever possible church family do not park in the car park but walk here or car share and park elsewhere. Thank you.

Dress code - colourful!

There will be an informal reception at Christ Church following the service – if you can help serving tea and coffee, make a cake, set up or clear up please let Debbie or Jean know via the office.

Olivia and Tom Griffiths: It is with great sadness that Tom and Olivia share the news that their son Daniel (Owen's elder brother) died unexpectedly on Friday 16 January. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and the whole family at this time.

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.

Don't forget to sign up on the electoral roll!



SIGN UP NOW READY FOR THE APCM!!

Have you joined the current Christ Church Electoral roll?
This allows you to vote and stand for election at the annual meeting.

If you are not on the roll you will need to apply.

In order to apply you need to complete an application for enrolment form.

New Electoral Rolls will also be prepared in 2031 and 2037.

Are you new to joining the electoral roll?
You can use the QR code

Why join the electoral roll?

Do you want to vote at the APCM?

Do you want to have a voice at the APCM?

Do you want to join the PCC or deanery synod?

- If the answer is **YES** to any of these you need to be on the church's electoral roll!



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.



Join us for our next diocesan racial justice gathering 7 February, Southwark Cathedral

On Saturday 7 February 2026, Southwark Cathedral will host a gathering entitled ***Truth-Telling in Sacred Spaces*** to mark Racial Justice weekend (6-7 Feb). This event is for everyone in our diocese who believes the Church must be a place of truth, welcome, and belonging. Whether you are someone of Global Majority Heritage, an ally, a parish priest, a lay leader, a member of a congregation, or simply someone seeking to understand how faith responds to history — this gathering is for you! [Find out more and book your free tickets here.](#)

Please do share details of this gathering with your congregations. [Click here to find out more](#) about our diocesan commitment to racial justice.



Digital Presence for All Churches

Croydon South Deanery Synod

Open meeting

All Welcome

7:30 February 4th 2026

All Saints' Church

Onslow Gardens CR2 9AB

7:30 Refreshments

8.00 Worship

8.10 Deanery business

Date	Name
Address	
Email	Phone

I am...

- ☐ looking to receive the Christ Church News each week
- ☐ here for the first time / a returning visitor
- ☐ new to the area
- ☐ looking to find out more about Christ Church
- ☐ interested in getting involved at Christ church

☐ By ticking this box I understand that

- I give permission to the church to contact me with information about the church and activities.
- I can withdraw my consent at any time.

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Safeguarding Principles

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

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