

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 22 nd February		Fourth Sunday - 2 services only Greater than Moses Hebrews 3
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Morning Worship with CCPreschool, CCKids and CCYouth
		Coffee
		NO Third service
	6.30pm	Gospel Service
Monday	9am 9.15am	Foyer open Morning Bible Study
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am 7.30pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study Carousel baby and toddler group NO Tuesday Youth Group LENTEN PRAYER GATHERING
Wed	9am 9.15am	Foyer open Morning Bible Study

Thu	9am	Foyer open
Fri	9am	Foyer Open
Sat		
Sunday 1 st March		First Sunday - Worship for everyone and three services.
	8.45am	Traditional Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship for Everyone
		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.

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

NEW SERVICE FORMAT on Third and Fourth Sundays

What is the start time?

Same as now – 10.15am.

Are we all in together?

As now, all together for the first couple of songs when groups are on, then CCPS, CCK and CCY go out to their groups (NB: Muddy Church this week so no groups on this Sunday)

What about sung worship?

This is something different in that there will be significantly more sung worship in the service, moving from the usual 3 songs to several more songs, usually in two blocks – one at the beginning and one at the end.

Will it be the same every time?

No, the format is basically worship, word and ministry but within that different service leaders may structure things differently or even change up during the service as the Spirit leads.

What else might feel different?

Initially it may not feel that different but over time it is intended that we can press into an expectation that all can be filled by the Holy Spirit. This may mean opportunities for prayer ministry or even calls to the front for all to have the opportunity to receive from Him. Also a greater emphasis on prayer ministry and healing prayer as well as creative approaches to intercession where all are invited to have the opportunity to intercede.

Will the talk be shorter like the Third service?

No, the service is designed to combine both a more extensive sermon exploring God's Word, as currently, and extended times of sung worship with more space for Holy Spirit ministry time.

When is the service planned to end?

Initially the plan is to aim to end at 11.30am to allow parents and carers to collect children but we will keep this under review as the service develops (in conjunction with the children's group leaders).

²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

LENT AND HOLY WEEK DATES		
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 Sunday)	5th April	8.45 am and 10.15am (Doug's last



LENTEN PRAYER GATHERINGS – Praying for the church.

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

All are invited to prayer gatherings during Lent (fasting during the day is optional):

All 7.30-8.30pm

Tuesday 24th February

Wednesday 4th March

Thursday 12th March

Monday 16th March

Tuesday 24th March

Monday 31st March

All welcome.

PARISH PROFILE

Standing Committee have made a start on preparing the new Parish Profile ready to start recruiting the new Vicar after May when Doug will be installed at Sanderstead. A draft of all that goes on at Christ Church has been started and a **survey of thoughts sent to PCC and Staff Team**. These will be **discussed at the next PCC on 23rd February**.

After that a **survey of thoughts will come out to all congregation members**, so all will have an opportunity to feed into the Parish Profile. There will also be time in the **APCM on 22nd March to discuss** these thoughts and feedback.

Standing Committee will then take all these comments on board and **finalise the document** which will in time be **adopted by the PCC**.

After that we will be in a position to **advertise and recruit**.

PHOTOGRAPHS – can you help?

To give a good visual impression of Christ Church we want to include several photographs. If you have good photos of events and activities at Christ Church that you would be willing to share, let Alison or Bob (Church Wardens) know. This could be a group, an outdoor event, a service, a social event or a house group or anything else.

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

YouTube live link for 10.15am service
Find the link on our website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23rd February – Foyer reopens at 9am

Monday 23rd February – Bereavement Support Group

Monday 23rd February – PCC

Friday 27th February – final date for receipt of APCM reports

Wednesday 4th March – Midweek Fellowship

Tuesday 10th March Bereavement journey course starts

Sunday 22nd March – APCM

Sunday 29th March – Clock's go forward

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

Sunday 29th March – Doug's Farewell afternoon tea

Maundy Thursday 2nd April - 8pm Holy Communion followed by vigil

Good Friday 3rd April -AM Easter event

Easter Sunday 5th April - 8.45 am and 10.15am services

Easter Sunday 5th April - Doug's last Sunday at Christ Church



Bereavement Journey-

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

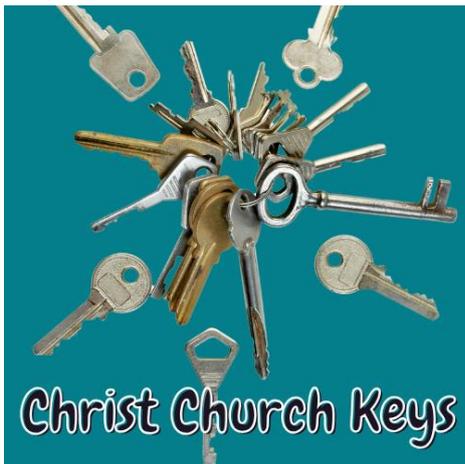
By means of a series of films and discussion groups it gently guides bereaved people through the most common aspects of grief,

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.



For insurance purposes we need to hold details of everyone with any keys at Christ Church and who can access the premises.

If you hold any church keys please complete this form (if you have not already done so) <https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/kkxd2b0h>

ENTER BY THE NARROW GATE

On Saturday I attended the Calcutta Cup match between Scotland and England at Murrayfield in

Edinburgh.

These are the turnstile gates to get into the ground.

They were too wide for my shoulders and so I had to walk in sideways to fit.

I couldn't help thinking about what Jesus said about the kingdom of God and the perfect paradise to come...

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)

Sometimes less is more.

So I'll just leave this here for your contemplation as we enter Lent

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Doug

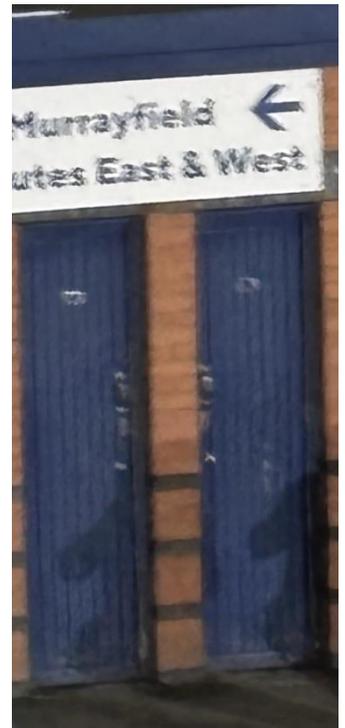
DEANERY SYNOD

A number of our current reps on Deanery will have to step down this year.

Consider the opportunity to support other churches and be a voice in the conversation.

I hear the new Area Dean's quite funky too....

Want to know more, ask Doug.





APCM VACANCIES

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be on 22nd March at 10.15am.

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

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

Deanery Synod (2026-2029) 4 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 QR codes below

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



APCM Church Warden nomination consent form



APCM Church Warden proposer for nomination form



APCM Church Warden secunder form



Christ Church meals ministry

If you, or someone you know has suffered ill health or has been discharged from hospital recently and would appreciate some help with meals, the pastoral team would love to provide some home-cooked dishes from our pastoral freezer. Please talk to either Jenny Hird or Amanda Shortland in confidence.

If you are a ministry team leader – please look out for your email requesting a report for the APMC.



This year the booklet will be a **short** bulletpoint report with photos. All reports must be received by 27 February

If you have any photos taken over the last year that can be used in the booklet please email them to office@christchurchpurley.org.uk

Or WhatsApp them to 07395 133640

Family News

Rob and Sue Keeler no longer have a landline, so the telephone number ending in 9508 does not work. Please contact them via their mobiles.

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 APMC!!

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

or this link to sign up

<https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ktq9wuyh>

Why join the electoral roll?

Do you want to vote at the APMC?

Do you want to have a voice at the APMC?



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.



FOOD LIST FEBRUARY 2026



At Purley Food Hub we provide emergency food, toiletries and household essentials to local people living in great hardship.

Please consider donating items from this month's priority list:

- Boxes of 40 & 80 Tea Bags
- Tinned Plain Meat - Chicken, Ham
- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Jars of Meat Paste & Fish Paste
- Packet Dried Potatoes
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Medium (500g) Boxes of Breakfast Cereal
- Tinned Dessert Fruit
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Bars of Soap
- Unisex Deodorant
- Children's & Adults' Toothbrushes

We thank everyone for your continued kind generosity. Since we opened 13 years ago you have helped us to provide food for **417,500 meals for more than 46,000 people.**



PURLEY FOOD HUB

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Peaced Together

“Brokenness is an opportunity for creative design”

By exploring mosaic, decoupage, quilting, weaving and painting, we will show you how the creative arts can ignite a hope in you that your life can also be pieced together.

10 week course starting Wednesday 25th February 2026 1.00pm-3.00pm in the Lebanon Room at Christ Church, Purley CR8 2BN. Cost £30 includes all materials. email - francescaking23@gmail.com to secure a place

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Boosting Life Skills

course #2 in the series of **Positive Life Courses**

Unlocking potential in Wellbeing, Health & Interpersonal Skills – providing practical support to help make positive changes

Positive Life Courses logo with tagline: UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

How to be a highly effective person

“Boosting 7 Highly Effective Characteristics” course

How, in a highly effective way, to:

- approach problems and balance our resources, energy & health
- check we’re going in the right direction and manage time
- get agreements, collaborate and listen.

Based on the book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* (by Stephen Covey)

Start: **Wednesday 25 February 2026**
 Duration: **3 sessions of 2 hours**
 When: **Wednesday mornings 10.30-12.30** (25.2.26, 4.3.26 & 11.3.26)
 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. 😊

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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