

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 Services	
8.45am	Holy Communion Service with hymns
10.15am	Worship for Everyone 1 st Sunday
10.15am	Worship Service with Children & Youth ministry 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Sundays
11.45am	Third Service on 1 st & 2 nd Sundays With extended worship & ministry (Not 3 rd , 4 th or 5 th Sundays)
6.30pm	Gospel Service on the last Sunday of the month

Sunday 17 th May	2 morning services	Melchizedek	Hebrews 7
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns	
		Coffee	
	10.15am	Worship service with band, CCPreschool, CCKids, CCYouth	
		Coffee	
Monday	9am 9.15am	Foyer Morning Bible Study	
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am	Foyer Morning Bible Study Carousel	

Wed	9am 9.15am 12noon 1pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Foyer Morning Bible Study Midweek Communion Acts 20:28-; Jn 17:11-19 Midweek Lunch Alpha Course Mothers' Union (MU) talk
Thu	9am	Foyer
Fri	9am	Foyer
Sat		
Sunday 24 th May	2 services	New covenant Hebrews 8
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with band Muddy Church



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



Join us **Sunday 24 May at a Riddlesdown Common** what3words

///launch.muddy.estate at 10:15 for our Pentecost Muddy Church as we walk, wander, wonder and spend time with God in nature followed by hot chocolate and cake! Suitable for all ages.

Sunday 24th May	2 services	New covenant Hebrews 8
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with band Muddy Church
Monday		Bank Holiday Bereavement Support Group – please email the office for location
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sunday 31 st May	2 morning services	Worship Hebrews 9:1-10
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with band, CCPreschool, CCKids, CCYouth
		Coffee
	6.30pm	Gospel service
Monday 1 st June		Foyer open 10am-12noon

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





Sunday broadcast

YouTube live link for Sunday's service



The advert for our new Vicar is now live!!

The Bishop of Southwark wishes to appoint a Vicar of Christ Church, Purley

Christ Church is a busy parish church with a welcoming congregation who celebrate life, are rooted in Scripture and are committed to taking the gospel out to the local community.

We are seeking a Vicar who dreams boldly, loves deeply and leads collaboratively. Someone with warmth, wisdom, courage and deep compassion who will join us in shaping a vibrant, outward-looking church. We are looking for someone who:

- Is a Christ-centred, Spirit-led, creative leader whose life is rooted in Scripture
 - Is deeply grounded in the Evangelical and Charismatic tradition
 - Embraces a variety of styles of worship
 - Teaches the Bible with clarity, relevance and engaging style
 - Is joyfully charismatic and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - Is a warm, compassionate pastor who listens well and visits willingly
 - Is a team leader able and willing to delegate
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- Offers courageous, sensitive leadership to guide us through change and renewal

As a church, we look forward to welcoming a new Vicar who will value our multicultural and intergenerational church family and join us as we continue fulfilling our mission statement –

'Making Passionate Disciples for Christ'

For an informal conversation with the Archdeacon, please contact Kathleen.bailey@southwark.anglican.org to arrange an appointment.

Closing Date: Sunday 14 June 2026
Parish Visit and Interviews: Monday 13 July 2026

To find out more and to apply, please visit



Advert for
Christ Church Purley Vicar

To be appointed to an incumbent status post in the Diocese of Southwark, a priest must have served a title post in an Anglican church in the British Isles. We aim to be

a diverse and truly representative Diocese, and particularly welcome applications from women and people of UKME heritage.

The Diocese of Southwark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders are expected to share this commitment. This is appointment is subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory Enhanced DBS with Barred Lists check.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 20th May – Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May Pentecost

Sunday 24th May – Muddy church (cancelled if raining)

Monday 25th May Bereavement Support Group

Office closed 26-29 May

Sunday 31st May – Gospel service

Monday 1st June Foyer open 10am – 12noon

Wednesday 3rd June – Midweek Fellowship

Sunday 7th June Worship for Everyone

Sunday 7th June – 3 services

Sunday 14th June 3 services

IT'S NOT JUST POLICY, IT'S PERSONAL

Building confidence in reporting
safeguarding concerns

*"Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with
your God."*

- Micah 6:8

We know that
reporting
safeguarding
concerns can feel
difficult

[Scan here for
resources to help
you](#)



When someone shares a concern, it is important they are listened to and taken seriously. You are not expected to investigate. Keeping people safe and ensuring concerns are recorded and referred appropriately is all of our responsibility.



Recognise

Be alert to signs or disclosures
of abuse.



Respond

Listen carefully and take
what is being said
seriously.



Record

Make a written record of
what has been shared.



Refer

Share the concern with the
Safeguarding Officer and
relevant authorities.

"It's Not Just Policy, It's Personal is a campaign run by the church of England to raise awareness of how to recognise and report safeguarding concerns. The campaign will run from **1st June - 14th June 2026**. The resources are designed to build confidence in responding and taking appropriate action.

Two key recommendations from the Makin Report, published in 2024, focused on how the Church can have confidence that abuse, both current and non-recent, is being reported. The church of England has given careful consideration to how this could best be achieved, and they are running a two-week pilot campaign to raise awareness of how to report safeguarding concerns.

Safeguarding guidance and codes of conduct are statutory and must always be followed, but this campaign reminds everyone that these are not simply processes to be followed. At the centre of every safeguarding concern is a person who has taken the difficult step of disclosing harm or risk. Creating a safe space for people to report, and how to respond to them, matters." [It's Not Just Policy, It's Personal | The Church of England](#)

please use this QR code to read more



Please read the following image to remind ourselves of the safeguarding reporting process at Christ Church Purley.

What To Do When Safeguarding Concerns Arise



Safeguarding concerns can arise in many different situations. When they do, they must be **Recognised, Responded to, Recorded and Referred**.

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS MAY ARISE THROUGH



- A disclosure from a child or adult
- Concerns raised by someone else
- Something you witness or observe
- Information shared during conversation
- Information that becomes known during recruitment or safeguarding checks

Always take concerns seriously. Even non-recent abuse must be reported to safeguarding professionals.



RECOGNISE

- Be alert to the signs or disclosures of abuse.

Not everyone will use safeguarding language when they share a concern. A disclosure may be indirect or tentative. If something does not feel right, take it seriously even if you are not certain of what you are hearing.



RESPOND

- Listen carefully, remain calm and allow the person to speak at their own pace. Do not investigate or ask leading questions.

Do not rush this conversation. Give the person time and space to share what they are ready to share. Let them know gently that as a Church Officer you have a safeguarding responsibility and that what they share may need to be passed on to keep people safe.



RECORD

- Make a written record of the concern as soon as possible, including what was said, who is involved and relevant details. Records must be signed, timed and dated.

Be open with the person about where their information will be recorded and who may see it. If you need to come back to them for further details, let them know. Clarity at this stage helps people feel respected and informed.



REFER

- Safeguarding concerns must be referred promptly to the Safeguarding Officer and relevant authorities. If there is immediate risk of harm, contact emergency services without delay

Where you can, let the person know who the concern is being referred to and why. If there is space, ask whether they have any preferences about next steps. Being heard at this stage matters. Your DSO is there to guide you through what happens next.



It's Not Just Policy, It's Personal

Building confidence in reporting safeguarding concerns

RECOGNISE - RESPOND - RECORD - REFER

[Explore our resources](#)



The **Restore** campaign

Get creative!

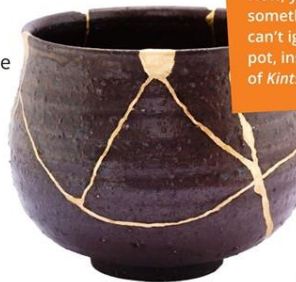
Share your prayers and hopes for Kenya

Our world is broken by injustice – the debt and climate crises are trapping people like Belinda and Fridah in poverty.

But we can play our part in repairing the harm and restoring justice. In the hope that something more beautiful will emerge.

Christian Aid is collecting prayers, pictures and messages of hope for those impacted by the climate and debt crises to create something that decision makers can't ignore – **a giant restoration pot.**

This guide tells you how to create and add your contributions.



Throughout history, art and creativity have been powerful tools for achieving social change. Now, you can help create something that decision makers can't ignore – a giant restoration pot, inspired by the Japanese art of *Kintsugi*.

Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing pottery using gold to fill in the cracks – it takes what is broken and seeks to make something more beautiful.

Christian Aid Week began Sunday 10th May and this is an opportunity to donate to this organisation which partners with local people to relieve poverty in all parts of the world.

This year Christian Aid is highlighting their work with Beacon of Hope in the crowded urban areas of Nairobi providing seeds, training and tools. A short film was shown on Sunday 10th and donation envelopes will be available in the church for cash or cheque and please complete the gift aid if you are eligible, so that Christian Aid can claim back your tax. Alternatively, you can donate by clicking on this link. <https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/christ-church-purley>. or by using the QR code on the poster in the Foyer which will take you to the dedicated page for Christ Church Purley for Christian Aid where you can donate online."

'...Kenya spends more paying back debt than it does on public services for ordinary Kenyans...'

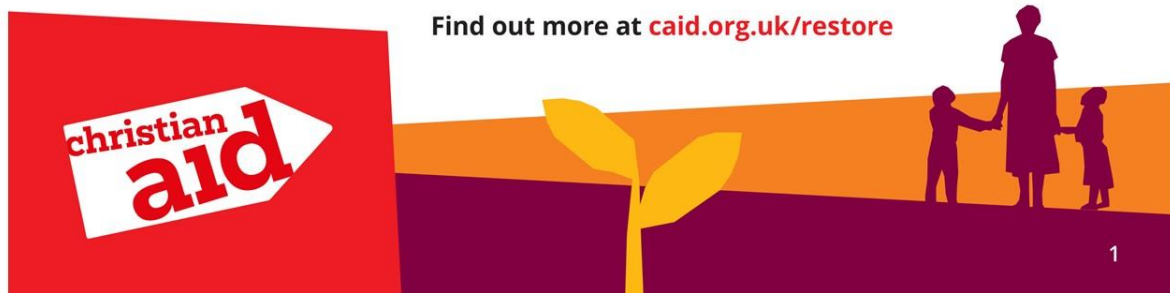
The Restore Campaign in a nutshell

In many countries throughout the global South, including Kenya, the climate crisis is colliding with a debt crisis – trapping people into lives of poverty.

We believe the UK Government can help repair the harm.

The UK Government has the power to introduce new debt justice laws that could help tackle poverty in Kenya. It can also make reckless polluters pay for the climate crisis.

Find out more at caid.org.uk/restore





Mothers' Union (MU) talk Wednesday 20th May: Rachael Phillips who will be talking about the work of Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid. This falls within the MU's Gender Based Violence campaign which aims to end violence against women and girls through advocacy, community awareness and survivor support. Do join us for coffee at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start in the Lebanon Room. Everyone is welcome.



Shoebbox appeal 2026

For kind people who are already considering this year's shoeboxes, it is important to know that Operation Christmas Child has circulated an email alerting everyone that soap is now on the 'Do not include' list.

"Please Do Not Include These Items

SOAP, Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items (e.g. toy guns, model soldiers, military vehicles etc.); seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, knives, sharp or fragile items."

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 and we will try to include it under this section – Christ Church Family News.

Parking at Christ Church



Parking should only be in in marked bays – This applies on every day of the week- including Sundays.

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 MAY 2026



At Purley Food Hub we provide emergency food, toiletries and household essentials to local people going through tough times.

Please consider donating items from May's most needed list:

- Long Life Whole Milk
- Drinking Chocolate requiring only hot water
- Tinned Plain Meat - Corned Beef / Chicken / Ham
- Tomatoes in cartons (*lighter for our clients to carry*)
- Pasta Sauce in cartons
- Tinned Vegetarian Meals - eg, Princes plant based range
- Concentrated Fruit Squash (*in small plastic discs if possible*)
- Tinned Fruit
- Small Bottles of Shampoo
- Unisex Deodorant
- Washing Powder Liquid Pods

Thank you so much **EVERYONE** for your continued kind support.

Since we opened in 2013 we have provided food for

47,400 people - equivalent to more than 425,000 meals.



PURLEY FOOD HUB

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Website: www.purleyfoodhub.net

Charity no: 1152807 | Company no: 08557885

Churches
Together
Purley & Kenley

Helping people
boost practical
life skills
Share ideas.
Make positive change



course #3 in the series
of Positive Life Courses*



How to understand people and establish a strong connection

“Boosting Relationship Skills : an introduction” course

How to boost the top 20 interpersonal skills needed to effectively relate with people including:

- listening & fully engaging in conversations
- recognising & using body language
- mastering assertiveness skills.

Start: **Wednesday 3 June 2026**

Duration: **7 sessions of 2 hours**

When: **Wednesday mornings 10.30-12.30**

Cost: **Free of charge**

Where: **Cube training room, Purley Baptist church,
Banstead Rd, Purley CR8 3EA**

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

*For more information, search (eg via Google) for: [PositiveLifeCourses](#)

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



Safeguarding
at Christ Church Purley

CHRIST CHURCH
PURLEY

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.

- 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



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