

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 this week's edition of Christ Church News

Sunday 8 th June		Romans: Love Romans 12:9-21
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with Communion and CCKids & CCYouth
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service
Monday	9am 9.15am 12noon 8pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study Firelighters prayer gathering PCC
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am 7pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study Carousel Baby and Toddler group Youth
Wed	9am 9.15am 2.30pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study Midweek Fellowship
Thu	9am	Foyer open

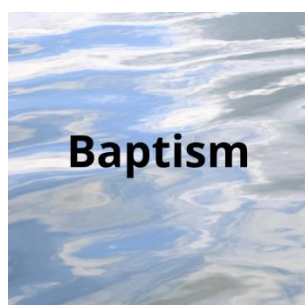
Fri	9am 10-11.30am	Foyer open Mothers Union craft and Chat
Sunday 15 th June		Romans: Behaviour Romans 13
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with CCKids and CCYouth
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You can join the Christ 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.



Baptism



Confirmation

Are you interested in considering?

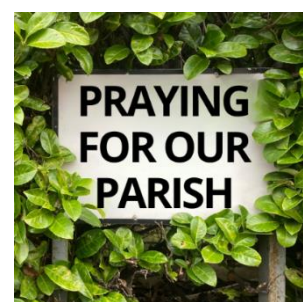
- Publicly Affirming your faith
- Being Baptised,
- Starting to receive Holy Communion as a young person
- Being Confirmed

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 **Montpellier Road** 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.**

Interested? – contact Doug for details.



STREET EVANGELISM

Street Evangelism 5th July 12:30pm- 2:30 pm (1st Saturday of the month)

- Meet in Purley Baptist Church car park.

Go out on twos (or threes) and strike up conversations with people you meet.

Speak of Jesus if the opportunity arises – but only after a conversation about them and if the Holy Spirit leads you to do so.

"A stranger is just a friend you haven't met yet"

(Irish proverb)



**Sign up online to find out more
with this QR code or link**

<https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/srnr9ll8>



OPPORTUNITIES to #SERVE

YOUTH TEAM

We have a large number of young people coming on Tuesday nights many of whom who are seeking faith.

Discussions run more meaningfully the more adults there are to enable them because the groups are smaller.

Come and facilitate a discussion – not a teacher but a catalyst for Holy fire!

Contact Charlotte to find out more.

FOYER TEAM

Servers and listeners needed to maintain our fantastic term time café.

Contact Lynn to find out more about serving.

Contact Doug to find out more about being a listener.

LEADING SERVICES

The 10.15am service should be a lay led service!

This involves:

Welcome prayer

Notices (from script)

Confession

Introduce other members (eg preacher, intercessor, reader)

Closing blessing

All in your own inimitable and prayerful style!

Contact Doug if you think you might be able to do this occasionally.

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**.

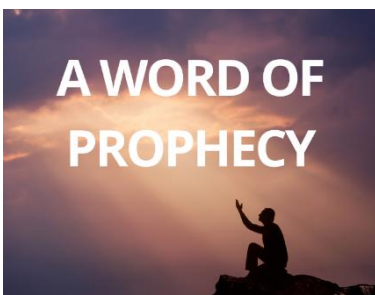
There will be signs on the toilet to remind everyone.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 4th June (evening) – Pastoral training starts (fortnightly)**
 - **Monday 9th June – PCC**
 - **Wednesday 18th June – Midweek Communion**
 - **Monday 30th June Bereavement Support group**
 - **Saturday 5th July 12.30-2.30pm Street Evangelism**
 - **Sunday 6th July – Worship for Everyone**
 - **Sunday 20th July – Mission Partner Sunday**

Click image for our online calendar



Got a picture or verse for Christ Church?

Offer it to the service leader....



Have a look at the Christian Aid thank you for supporting Christian aid week 2025 video
<https://youtu.be/-29BntCfFIQ>



Thank you for supporting
Christian aid week 2025



YOU WILL BE CLOTHED WITH POWER...BE HUMBLE

"I am struggling a bit with my sermon on the Ascension – it's got a bit complicated and tangled"

Overhearing this conversation between a lay preacher and their pastor, I gave an erudite reflection, unbidden by the enquirer.

"He blessed them and left!"

Maybe not so erudite, and possibly some might argue, reductionist. But on one level it's true.

The passage is of course the end of Luke's Gospel where in the first part of the good Doctor's two part story, he has Jesus instructing the disciples for a last time before leaving them to be with his Father.

⁴⁴ He said to them, *"This is what I told you while I was still with you: **Everything must be fulfilled** that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."*

⁴⁵ Then he opened **their minds so they could understand the Scriptures**. ⁴⁶ He told them, *"This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the **forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been **clothed with power from on high**."* (Luke 24:44-49)

Jesus' final preparation for the disciples on the day of his ascension was to confirm fulfilment of his mission, open their minds to the revelation of him and his mission in the scriptures (ie the Hebrew writings), summarised the Gospel, the good news of salvation, and promised that they would receive power to be witnesses.

Jesus spoke of the promise to send the Holy Spirit when speaking to them in the upper room on Maundy Thursday.

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. **Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.** ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: (John 16:7-8)

He had identified the Holy Spirit as the spirit of truth and now says that by leaving them (on the day of Ascension) that makes way for the Holy Spirit to come. And he is our advocate. That means one who speaks for us. He is an encourager. One who strengthens and provides wisdom. The one who powers and directs our ministry to be in line with the will of the Father.

This means that none of this kingdom building we might be called to (that's the Holy Spirit too by the way!) is about us. Our ideas, our strength, our wisdom. None of it.

It's all about Him.

There are two traditional approaches to pray about these things.

"Father please bless our ministry"

"Father show us what you are already blessing and help me join in"

Which do you think might be most real and closer to the Father's heart?

*Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labour in vain. (Psalm 127:1)*

This has been highlighted in the past couple of weeks in two ways.

Firstly, the street evangelism last weekend where 25+ church members from three churches went out in 2s or 3s to chat to the people that they met. I went out with someone from Grace Vineyard and we met a about 3 people that we spoke to. We prayed for one of them, twice, for healing. We didn't speak to everyone we passed. We smiled and said hello but not everyone was accosted for a conversation. We prayed for almost all the people we passed and wished a blessing upon their day and their endeavours. We were only drawn to engage more deeply with some.

Because we asked the Lord which doors were open.

Rather than guessing and hoping (which has its place, don't get me wrong, because words of knowledge and prophecy are imprecise, we can have lots of noise that gets in the way of us hearing properly! – see last week's blog), there is practicality in directing energies into pushing the doors which are already ajar.

There was lots of talk of being nervous and unsure about speaking to people. Some of that might be relieved by knowing that we have been directed by the Lord to have this conversation!

Turn now to the pastoral training sessions. Approximately 25 people are on the courses (Wednesdays – one daytime, one evening). As many are exploring a call to pastoral care there was, not unnaturally, some concerns about "will I be able to do this? What do I do?" etc

Not least around the idea of praying for people.

And that is normal, natural and widespread in the church, especially the parish based Church of England (some of our more free church and especially charismatic/Pentecostal brothers and sisters maybe are more able and willing in this area).

But Jesus' promise and command did not just filter down to some denominations.

As far as he is concerned there is only one church.

His.

So let's look at where Dr Luke picks up the story in volume 2, the book we know as Acts of the Apostles.

⁸ *But you **will receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you **will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.
(Acts 1:8-9)

The essence is the same. Except the language is now more directive.

"You are witnesses" becomes "you **will be** my witnesses"

"Wait until you have been clothed" becomes "you **will receive** power"

Jesus, rather than informing, is now instructing.

And they passed that on to us.

Receive power.

Be witnesses.

Share the Gospel.

Love as Jesus loved us.

And all will be well. Growth will come.

Because Jesus made on further astonishing promise in that upper room:

¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and **they will do even greater things than these**, because I am going to the Father.

Amen.

Every blessing

Doug

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.



 **THY KINGDOM COME**  The Diocese of Southwark

Light Up the World in Prayer

The Diocese of Southwark invites you to join a family-friendly celebration

Sunday 8 June 2025
Southwark Cathedral
3-5pm
Free
All are welcome.

Celebrate the joy of Pentecost with an afternoon filled with fun, creativity and interaction, and an exciting programme of activities for all ages.
Refreshments will be provided.

Please book via: <https://tinyurl.com/2m7uf6xj>



Pentecost!

Sun 8th June 3pm
Southwark Cathedral

A multi-sensory celebration
of the Holy Spirit for families
designed by Sharon Moughtin,
author of Diddy Disciples.




The Diocese of
Southwark

Book here:
bit.ly/PentecostTKC

Save The Date: BISHOP LUCY and RUSH

**19th July 2025 from 3 - 5 pm at Christ
Church, Purley.**

**Come and enjoy an afternoon of games,
music, tea and cakes with Bishop Lucy
and Andrew. Fundraising for Bishop
Lucy, Rush, Kenya**



FUN FOR ALL

BEETLE DRIVE, ENTERTAINMENT, TEA and CAKE

SATURDAY 19TH JULY

At Christ Church, Purley

3-5pm

£5 individual ticket
£12 family ticket
Tickets available Sunday mornings

FUNDRAISING for BISHOP LUCY, RUSH, KENYA

REACHING the UNREACHED through SELF HELP



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SPEAKER EVENT 2025

Thursday June 19th @ 6.30pm

**The Right Reverend
Rose
Hudson Wilkin**

(Bishop of Dover)

***“Community as a
Superpower”***

With speakers from some of the frontline charities
supported by the London Churches Refugee Fund


Email: info@lcrf.org.uk Website: lcrf.org.uk

**St Pancras Church
Euston Road NW1 2BA**


f/b Meeting & Greeting w Refreshments

**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'



course #1
in the
series of
Positive Life
Courses*



How to boost motivation, self-confidence & make effective decisions

“Boosting Life Skills : an introduction” (BLS) course

How to:

- boost motivation & self-confidence, set & achieve goals
- cope with change, challenges/setbacks, criticism & rejection
- break destructive habits, stop procrastination
- say ‘No’, develop courage & move on from a bad situation
- make effective decisions.

Start: **Wednesday 30 July 2025**

Duration: **7 sessions of 2 hours**

When: **Wednesday mornings 10am-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. 😊



FOOD LIST - JUNE 2025



At Purley Food Hub we provide emergency food, toiletries and household essentials to local people going through times of crisis. Please consider donating any of this month's Top 10 priorities:

- Small Bottles of Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Corned Beef, Chicken, Ham
- Tins/Snap Pots of Baked Beans
- Toddler Microwave Meals: 10mths & 12mths+
- Small (500g) Packets of Sugar
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Packets of Custard requiring only hot water
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Small Bottles of Shampoo
- Kitchen Scourers

We are most grateful for everyone's continued kind support. In 12 years your donations have enabled us to provide food for **more than 43,500 people - equivalent to nearly 395,000 meals.**



PURLEY FOOD HUB

Tel: 07546 635295 | Email: purleyfoodhub@gmail.com

Website: www.purleyfoodhub.net

Charity no: 1152807 | Company no: 08557885

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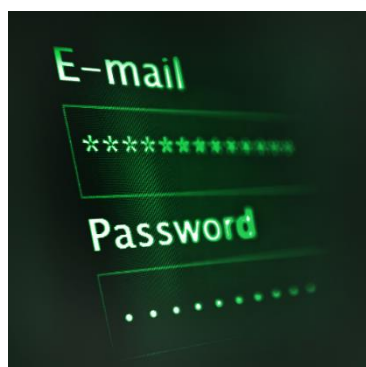
The Creative Christ Church gallery needs you! The current selection of artwork is up for a few more weeks only. New artwork and volunteers are required please, for a late June change over. Any flat A4 or A3 artwork will be considered, all abilities and ages of artist are welcome to submit to the team. There is time to do something special for the next Gallery or have a look through your previously un-displayed artworks, that you may already have. The Deadline – June 21st / 22nd. The wording will need to be emailed (only emails please) to me before June 21st. Include title, name, age, medium used and a couple of sentences about the artwork.

Flat, Size A3 or A4 only; Photography, drawings and paintings should be submitted by June 22nd by placing them in the large black portfolio art folder in the office beside the photocopier. Please inform me if and when you do pop an artwork in the portfolio. Also if you have had artwork in the gallery this time, it will be in the portfolio for you to collect after the change over.

If you would like to help with the gallery selection process and change over, please also get in touch. We always have fun! Often with cake and coffee if that would tempt you! Please email me with offers of help and any queries. I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks, Kate Buckley and team.

Continuing News



Keeping safe online

A friend of mine was recently hacked and an email was sent to me and many of her contacts. The first email seemed quite normal but the next asked for a voucher to be purchased for her. So, I contacted my friend by another way and she confirmed it was not her. If this happens to you take time to think before you respond – is this a normal request for this person? Please do speak to the person or use some other way of contacting them rather than through the same method as the suspicious message arrived.

JL

Some helpful advice on internet password safety from Hubb.church who host our website which I thought was worth sharing with everyone.

“Regularly resetting passwords

We strongly advise everyone to update their passwords regularly, not just their Hubb passwords, but all their passwords for their online services.

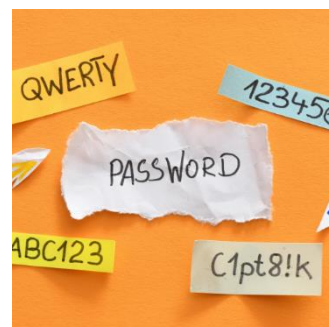
Even if you haven't been hacked, companies you use might have been. If your password is leaked and you don't change it, hackers can log into your account or try that password on other websites.

By changing your passwords on sites you use, you protect yourself.

Action: Why not update your most-used passwords and set a reminder every 3 months to update some others

Having more secure passwords

We are sure you will have strong passwords, but this is a good time to remind you to keep them strong. Weak passwords are easier to guess.



Tip - If your favourite password is 'cambridge' **Don't** just capitalise the first letter, then use the number 1 at the end of a password and then add an exclamation mark. This is no way to outfox hackers.

I'm not saying this is the most secure, but you could try something like this for your Facebook login - **camBridgeFB7"** and for Amazon - **camBridgeAM7"**. You can see I have placed the letters from the service in the password. Again, I'm not saying this is the most secure, but I hope you can see it's helpful to have different passwords for different services that cannot be easily guessed.

Changing the capitalised letter and the number every six or twelve months would be an excellent discipline. I know it takes time, but it's time well spent in today's world.

Multi-Factor Authentication



We strongly recommend exploring and enabling our multi-factor authentication feature for enhanced security when logging in to the web office.

Users frequently reuse passwords, which means that if one site is compromised and passwords are stolen, the hacker has access to numerous other sites where the same password was used.

Multi-factor authentication significantly reduces the risks associated with this because, when logging in, we check something you know (a password) and something you have (a device).

A hacker may have your password, but they cannot log in without being able to enter the 6-digit code generated by your smartphone or another device."

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to a family member, trusted friend or Doug or Jean.

Have you completed online safeguarding training?

If the answer is Yes

Please can you make sure that you link your safeguarding training record so that we can see when you are due for renewals.



You can do this by following the instructions below:

- Log into the Training Portal at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>
- Click on your name in the top right hand corner
- Choose *edit profile*

- Scroll down to the bottom of your profile and paste the e-mail address - safeguarding@christchurchpurley.org.uk - into the *Local reporting...* field.

(Please note, that in order to work, a single, correct e-mail address needs to be entered - please double check that you haven't accidentally copied a space before or after the address.)

- Click the *Update my profile* button

Alternatively you can ask the team at CofE Safeguarding - e-Learning Support to do this for you by sending an email into them directly
their email address is: elarning@mail.safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org

Or you can ask Jean or Charlotte for help in doing this.

Thank you to the 45 people who have already linked their account to safeguarding@christchurchpurley.org.uk



The Mothers Union craft and chat table will now only take place on **the 2nd and 4th week** of the month during term time in the foyer cafe and will operate from **10.00-11.30am**. All are welcome to come along, and feel free to bring along your current craft project or find another one to try!

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

Monday 9th June 12 noon

Tuesday 17th June 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th June 12 noon

Thursday 3rd July 7.30pm

Friday 11th July 12 noon

Monday 14th July 12 noon

Tuesday 22nd July 7.30pm



Do come and join us on a short walk calling in at a church of England, an Egyptian Coptic church and a Hindu Temple between 2-5pm on 5th July.

Penny Smith-Orr Chair

Faiths Together in Croydon

<http://www.faithstogetherincroydon.org.uk/>



Interfaith Walk- All welcome

Saturday 5th July 2025 2-5pm

An Opportunity to visit 3 places of worship in Croydon.

Meet at St Andrews church Woodmansterne Road, Coulsdon CR5 2DD

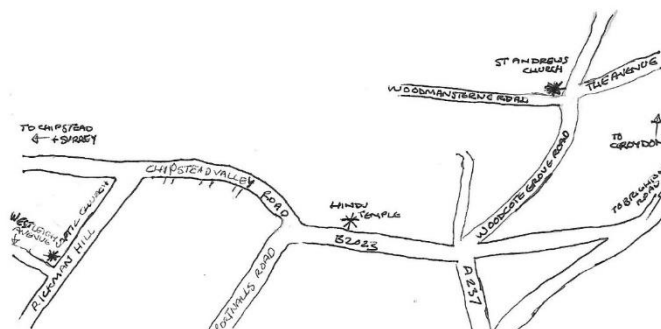
At 2.45 Walk to St. Mary&St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church

At 3.45 walk to South London Sanatan Mandir and Community Centre

where we will share some food together.

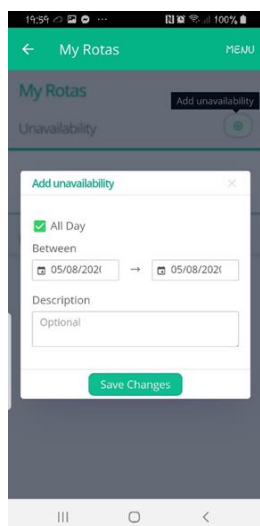
Come and meet people of Faith in Croydon

Please let us know you are coming - fticroydon@gmail.com



Are you on a Church Rota?

In ChurchSuite the My Rotas section helpfully shows you when you are Next Serving and it is also the place for you to add your unavailability.

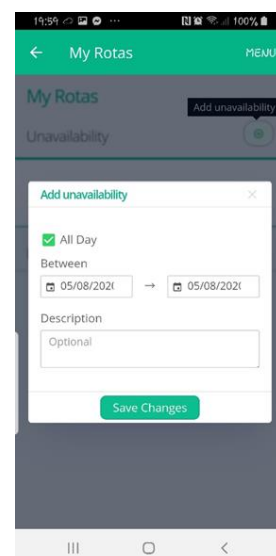


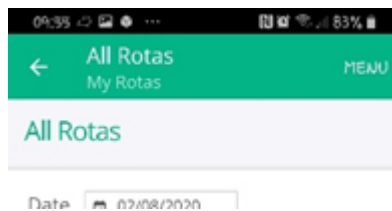
Rota members can add unavailability for themselves and also for any linked family members.

It is really helpful if you can add your unavailability as soon as you know it so that I can avoid adding you to the rota for that date.

This will only show up for me when I add future dates to the rota and not if unavailability is added after the rota is created.

You will also be able to see the All Rotas page; which shows all rotas for a given date.





If a person's name appears in **red and crossed** out it means they are not available on that particular date.

If this is you please can you arrange a swap and make the change on ChurchSuite or let me know.

[Click here to let me know if you have any other questions](#)

CHRIST CHURCH
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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 AT CHRIST CHURCH

A reminder of the Safeguarding Principles we introduced in 2023:

SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES



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
- 5. REPORTING:** Report don't solve or investigate



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