

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 20 th July		Mission Partner Sunday: Bishop Lucy
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service CCkids & CCYouth
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service
Monday		
Tue	7.30pm	School service in church Firelighters prayer meeting
Wed		
Thu	12.30pm	Thanksgiving service

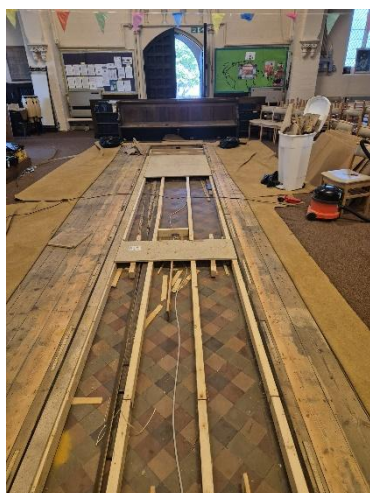
Fri		CARPET CLEANING
Sat		
Sunday 27 th July	Summer Sundays	Creation of the fish & <i>ichthus</i>
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee (only session)
	10.15am	All Age morning worship service
	6.30pm	Gospel Service



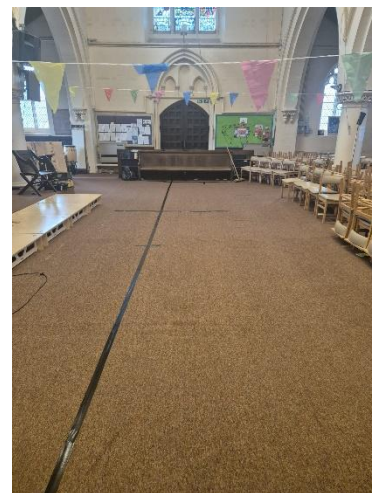
CHURCH FLOOR

Well done and grateful thanks go to Mark and Tom who undertook a repair of a large section of the floor. We hope you can notice the difference!

The work resulted in a lot of dust that has been damp dusted.



Please be aware that there may be some residual settled dust on Sunday.



NEW: GOSPEL SERVICE

Monthly Sunday Evening Gospel service starts on

Sunday 27th July at 6.30pm

(on the last Sunday of the month)

Come along and worship, pray and listen to God.



GIVING AT CHRIST CHURCH

We heard last week the importance of giving as part of our walk of faith. Giving financially to the church provides resources towards our mission to
"Make Passionate Disciples for Christ"

One of the things we would love to do but do not currently have sufficient funds is employ a Youth Pastor to support our burgeoning number of open and fabulous young people as a pastor and evangelist.

We also need to repair and upgrade our church worship space.

This is the start of a conversation that will be ongoing about giving as not a spiritual discipline and response to the abundance of God's love and provision but also a joyful part of being a follower of Christ.

The amount you give is of less importance than the heart with which it is given. With gratitude and filled with hope for what God will do with your gifts.

If you are currently giving – please review.

If you are not – please begin.

If you would like to chat about giving please do speak to Doug.

For more on giving to Christ Church and how to arrange it see the following



Giving to Christ Church



SUMMER SERIES: SOMETHING FISHY....

From 27th July to 24th August we will be having our annual summer all-age series and this year the theme is *Something Fishy*

Fish are a recurrent theme in the bible – as food, in parables, as a living for the disciples!

Fish is also a symbol of Christian faith from the very early days of the church – but there are also hidden meanings in the Greek word for fish – "ICHTHUS"

Note that during this time there will be no CCK and CCY.

There will be 2 services only at 8.45am and 10.15am

Coffee will only be served between 9.30am and 10.15am

27th July	Creation of the fish & <i>ichthus</i>
3rd August	Fishers of men
10th August	Feeding 5000
17th August	Sign of Jonah
24th August	Resurrection proof

END OF SUMMER: SOMETHING SPECIAL....

31st August is the last Sunday of the summer holidays and we are planning a special service :

Location: Christ Church School hall

Churches: Christ Church, Grace Vineyard and others

Theme: Teach the little children

A celebration of Christ Church School and Purley Nursery and an opportunity for us to pray for, bless and support the communities of these two schools – inviting staff and Governors and others to join us in worship and prayer in preparation for the new academic year ahead.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fun for all – *Rush* event – Saturday 19th July from 3 - 5pm

Sunday 20th July – Mission Partner Sunday: Bishop Lucy

Firelighters prayer meetings - Tuesday 22nd July 7.30pm

Friday 25th July – Carpet cleaning

Friday 25th July – Friday 1st August (inclusive) **OFFICE CLOSED**

Summer Sunday services start Sunday 27th July

Holiday @ Home – 29th – 31st July

11th – 15th August (inclusive) office closed

Summer Fun Day 18th August

Schools Celebration service with Grace Vineyard – 31st August



Carpet cleaning

Carpet cleaning will be taking place on Friday 25th July.
Please do not come in and walk on the damp carpets until
they are fully dry on Saturday

“this place runs on cups of strong coffee and love”...



We can only provide this on a Sunday with a strong team!!

We need more people to sign up and help out once every 2 months.

Without this there will be no coffee served over the summer.....

Speak to a person on the team today or sign up online to find out more with this QR code





Save The Date
Refugees - Our Neighbours Monday 29
September 7 - 9 pm

at Christ Church Purley.

Come and find out more about our refugee neighbours with Bishop Rosemarie, Ivanka Lennon and some of our refugee friends.

Christian Aid 2025 collections

The final count up of fundraising by the Purley Churches Christian Aid Group has been done for Christian Aid Week in May this year.



	2025	2024
All Purley churches	£2502	£3317
Including:		
Christ Church	£418	£1125
URC	£1160	
St Swithuns	£727 (including £302 for a walking challenge!)	
St Marks	£244	

Unfortunately, Anne was unable to do a cycle challenge or arrange collections outside Purley station and Tesco's this year. Also, our church collection was less this year, perhaps affected by the timing of the APCM on what would have been Christian Aid Sunday.

If anyone would like to help by arranging the collections outside Purley Railway station and Tesco's or do a walking or cycle challenge, then please let me know and I'll explain what is required.

The money raised will be thankfully received and assist some of the poorest people in the world. A massive thank you to all who donated and to the loyal band of donation envelope deliverers in the parish of Christ Church.

Anne Scoones (Christian Aid rep. for Purley Churches)

A promotional poster for the Metropolitan Police's 'Met Engage' initiative. The top section is a solid blue banner containing the Metropolitan Police crest and logo on the left, and the slogan 'MORE TRUST | LESS CRIME | HIGH STANDARDS' on the right. Below the banner, the title 'MET ENGAGE' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white and yellow capital letters. Underneath the title, the subtitle 'Community crime-fighting' is written in white. The main body of the poster features a photograph of two female police officers in uniform, smiling and engaged in conversation with a woman whose back is to the camera. The background of the photo shows a residential street with houses and trees. Overlaid on the blue background above the photo is white text explaining the initiative: 'We're transforming the Met to become a service that truly delivers for London's communities, and we need your help.' This is followed by two paragraphs of smaller white text describing the platform's purpose and how it allows the public to interact with the police. A yellow box at the bottom of the text area contains the website address 'metengage.co.uk' in black. The bottom of the poster is dominated by the photograph of the three individuals.

METROPOLITAN POLICE

MORE TRUST | LESS CRIME | HIGH STANDARDS

MET ENGAGE

Community crime-fighting

We're transforming the Met to become a service that truly delivers for London's communities, and we need your help.

Through our new platform Met Engage we want the public to get to know their local officers, help shape how we police their local area and have direct access to key information and advice.

This isn't just a platform for us to tell communities what we're doing in their area, it's an opportunity for them to tell us what's concerning them the most so we can take action on the things that truly matter to them. Our service will be tailored to our communities.

Make sure you have signed up, and understand how it can help you.

metengage.co.uk



GIVING IN, GIVING UP OR GIVING OUT?

Churches either are always asking for your money or never talk about it.

There are many ways in which giving financially can be approached in church conversations and many of them are unhelpful.

Here are a few.

You are not giving enough and that makes you a bad Christian.

Guilt never works. In fact its most likely to make people want to go elsewhere.

So please, feel no guilt.

Look at how much all these other people are giving, step up!

Jesus highlighted the gift of the widow who had nothing, not because it represented so much of her almost non-existent wealth (she only gave a mite) but because she gave at all. Her heart was that she wanted to contribute. The amount made little difference to the overall pot but was worth so much more than the abundance that the wealthy chose not only to give but to ensure that others knew how much they had given.

You are not judged by how you rank in the league table of givers.

So please, feel no judgement.

We have these bills to pay.

If the only reason to give is to pay the bills we have missed the point. That is about maintenance of what is, not investing in what can be.

So please, do not worry about the bills.

Give us your money or we will have to close!

So be it.

Please don't give to maintain something that no longer honours God.

It's your Christian duty.

Jesus said to the disciples "Go, make disciples, baptise them...and teach them all that I have commanded"

What did he command?

Well he certainly encouraged the rich young ruler not to hold onto his wealth, but this was in response to his belief that he had kept all the commandments and so had earned his salvation. Jesus encouraged giving to those who have less, but this is shown as a personal transaction – give that man your cloak. He emphasised

treasures that are built in heaven against the treasures we might hold on earth – and this gets closer to the mark, where your treasure is, your heart will be also. The context is to seek first the kingdom of God. And this might be key.

He also said “freely you have received, freely give”. But this is a distraction when talking about money. Because the generosity of spirit he was speaking about here was about giving away the benefits of the Holy Spirit that has been freely given to believers. But the idea that being recipients of grace should lead us to be graceful can also be inferred.

And of course he said that the love of money is the root of all evil – except he didn’t, that was Paul writing to Timothy. But where did Paul get the idea?

So please, do seek the kingdom first, follow the commands of Jesus when making your decisions about financial giving. But do it as an outpouring of your love for the one who loved you first.

OK, so that’s a bunch of reasons not to give / increase your giving. And one which gets closer to the mark – because it is one of the commands of Jesus, at least inferred from them.

But what about this one?

Give because you want to.

If we are to “seek first the kingdom of God” then how does that sit with our vision to *Make Passionate Disciples for Christ*?

This is our purpose from God, I believe, and it means growing as believers and having a passion for the lost. Weeping for those souls who do not yet know the salvation offered by the Father through the love of the Son who died for them. And seeking to share that good news (literal meaning of “Gospel”) with as many as we can.

If that fires your belly, let it stretch your hand deeper into your pockets. Because you want to. Not because I, or anyone else, asked.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

Have an opinion (inspired by that same Holy Spirit) about how the resources can best be used to further the kingdom, that we are seeking first and foremost.

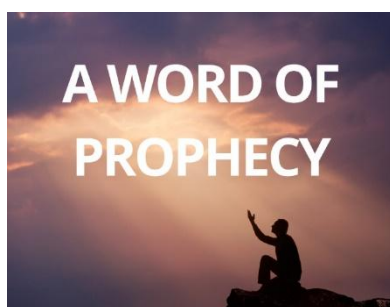
This is a spiritual discipline, that helps us grow closer to God and deeper in our relationship with him. It honours him with the first fruit, that came from him in the first place. It says “you are worth it”.

And as stewards we are all called to use those resources dedicated to him for his glory and towards the kingdom building that he invites us to do alongside him.

<p>Paul's viewpoint:</p> <p><i>⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.</i></p> <p><i>2 Corinthians 9:6-7</i></p>	<p>David's take on it:</p> <p><i>Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. ¹² Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. ¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴ "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand</i></p> <p><i>1 Chronicles 29:11-14</i></p>
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Amen!

Doug



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....

A picture of a balustrade and people going up and down stairs.
God may be saying "I am your balustrade keeping you stable and balanced through the ups and downs of life. Hang on to Me for there is no one else who can deliver from fear and anxiety that eats away at life. "I have come that they may have life and have it in all its fullness" If you hang on to Me you will know the truth of that scripture. I desire that you should be balanced people with zeal and fire to go with this, so that you will by My Spirit make an impact in your local area. People are looking for hope and they can find hope in you as you follow Me.

Family News

Kathy Jhurry sadly died on 19th June.

There will be a service of thanksgiving for her life on Thursday 24th July followed by refreshments in Philippi. All are welcome.

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.



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 **PLOUGH LANE** and all who dwell, work or travel there.



Come and join the team for a day of donkey rides, ice creams, face painting and fun!

If you can help set-up/pack down, steward, supervise a stall, help with crafts or help with refreshments, please sign up with the link below!



Holiday at Home 2025
29-31 July
Sign up online or ask Alison Frost for a
form.



Holiday at Home 2025



CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Are you interested in:



- 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.



Baptism



Confirmation

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



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