

# CHRIST CHURCH

PURLEY

## News

MAKING PASSIONATE DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST

*"God is in the salvation business, and so are we" (APCM May 2025)*

*<sup>14</sup> 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 5 <sup>th</sup> October		
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	<b>Worship for everyone - Harvest</b>
		Coffee
	12noon	Admission to Communion preparation class for Children and Youth
	11.45am	Third service
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Alpha course begins</b>
Monday	9 am	Foyer open
	9.15am	Morning Bible Study

Tue	9.00am 9.30am 7pm	Foyer open Carousel baby and toddler group Tuesday Youth Group
Wed	9am 9.15am	Foyer open Morning Bible Study
Thu	9am	Foyer open
Fri	9am	Foyer open
Sat		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October		
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	<b>Gospel service – led by Gospel Choir</b>
		Coffee
	12noon	Admission to Communion preparation class for Children and Youth
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### 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 the **ROYAL OAK CENTRE** and all who dwell, work or travel there.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Harvest Worship for Everyone (café style) - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Alpha course starts – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Gospel service – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Midweek Communion – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**Midweek Lunch – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**Food celebration after services – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**Muddy Church – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**Bereavement Support Group – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wow party – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Veteran Car (unofficial) pit stop – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Baptism service – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 11am**

**Living with loss service – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**Confirmation service – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 6pm at St John's Old Coulsdon**



Celebrate Harvest and all of God's incredible provision at **Worship for Everyone Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
Please bring canned groceries as a way of thanking God for His provision and a way of blessing others.

For our Harvest Festival we are collecting cans:

**Canned soup (not packets),  
Canned food: vegetables, meat &  
fish, Canned fruit & Canned milk.**



These will be donated to Nightwatch who act as first line of contact for homeless people and sign-post them to other agencies and the Croydon Refuge Day Centre who provide support for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the Croydon area.



	<b>Baptism</b>	<b>Admission to communion</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm Alpha 1 – Jesus?	12noon Prep class 2 (JB)	
12 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm Alpha 2 – die?		
19 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm Alpha 3 – faith?		
26 <sup>th</sup> October			1pm Prep class
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	11am Baptism including by full immersion	First Communion	1pm Prep class
9 <sup>th</sup> November			1pm Prep class (provisional - practice with actual service booklet) <b>Evening confirmation service</b>

IT is our joy and privilege to offer the following over the coming the weeks the following:

**BAPTISM** – is the sacramental pouring of water as a sign of God's grace and welcome into God's church and family of God; available for any age

**ADMISSION TO COMMUNION** – available to children or adults who feel ready to take communion as part of their Christian life and worship but not yet ready for confirmation (see below); an intention to be confirmed in the future is assumed

**CONFIRMATION** – a service led by a Bishop allowing the baptised to make a statement of their faith and be confirmed in full membership of the Church of England; available to those who are ready but generally teenage plus..

**Notes:** Baptism can be on 2<sup>nd</sup> November (for either route) OR if going forward for confirmation can be baptised by the Bishop in that service on 9<sup>th</sup> November. If admitted to communion and requiring baptism a **separate preparation session** to be arranged with Rev Doug (30-60 minutes) before 2<sup>nd</sup> November and after 5<sup>th</sup> October (prep classes for admission to communion).

Please speak to Doug, Jude or Charlotte if this is something you are considering or complete the relevant online form via the website links

## NEW SERMON MINI-SERIES : *How much more?*

After Romans (yes there is life after Romans!) we will be following a short series on ***How much more?***. Drawn from Jesus' promise in Luke 7:11 "*how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*", we will be exploring what it truly means to worship "*in Spirit and in truth*" (John 4:24), and what the more of God might look like. And specifically how we ask for more! **Starts 26<sup>th</sup> October.**



**You're invited**

**For the curious**

**01** Meet new people

**02** Watch a talk

**03** See what you think

**It's free**  
There's no charge for Alpha: it's completely free

**There's no pressure**  
There's no pressure and no follow up. Come for the first week for a taster.

**Everyone's welcome**  
Alpha is for anyone who's curious to explore the Christian faith.

Try Alpha.

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**Who is Alpha for?** Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

Alpha has been running all over the world for the last couple of decades in churches, pubs, prisons & homes where nearly 30 million people have taken part and loved the experience.

### **How does it work? Sunday Afternoon Alpha starting 5<sup>th</sup> October.**

This course starts at 3pm. Each session includes a short video and a discussion in a small group where you can share your thoughts and listen to others.

**Venue: Philippi Room at Christ Church Purley**

Sign up online with this link to find out more.



**Youth Assistant**

### **YOUTH ASSISTANT ROLES**

Due to the incredible growth in numbers attending the Tuesday night Youth Group we urgently need more adult supervision.

Could you be a **YOUTH ASSISTANT** to be a presence alongside the youth team who will lead sessions?

Tuesday nights 6.45-9pm.

The more we have the fewer each person needs to commit to, just sayin'....

It's a joy Contact [office@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk) to express an

interest.

Speak to Charlotte, Jude or Doug for more details



## FIRELIGHTERS PRAYER MEETING

An opportunity to listen to God  
and also to intercede into our troubled world  
– for the world, our nation and our community.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7pm**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 12 noon

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 12 noon

All welcome.



## THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM...

It's an oft used phrase. That there is no "I" in team.

It means that effective teams work together for common goals rather than personal agendas and self-advancement. It is why some very expensive football teams have failed. Great players, all playing for themselves. Whereas, some mediocre teams, made up of hardworking but less gifted (and less expensive) players have done amazing things, just by teamwork.

We know that even the disciples sometimes went their own way. James and John (the Sons of Thunder) asked Jesus if they could sit at Jesus' side in glory – much to the chagrin of the others! Jesus' response was telling; *"whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be bond-servant of all"* (Mark 10:43-44).

But that phrase – there is no "I" in team - got me thinking.

What about *Team Jesus*?

Jesus gathered around him many disciples and 12 apostles who were his closest "team". In the upper room, as he prepared them for his impending death on the cross, he said this:

*"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, **I have called you friends**, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."* (John 15:15).

We lead Collective Worship (aka assemblies) at Christ Church school every Monday morning using the excellent materials from Spinnaker Trust on values. This week it was on "Friendship". Each week there is an object to represent the theme. On Monday it was *"The Friend Ship"*, positing that having friends is like being aboard a ship. It has a crew who work together to make it go in the right direction and sails that catch the wind of the qualities that make for good friends – love, trust, forgiveness and kindness.



Drawing on scripture we considered:

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** *"therefore encourage one another and build each other up"* – words and actions that build up, not tear down.

**Proverbs 17:17** *"Friends love through all kinds of weather"* – even in stormy seas the crew stay together, building up and encouraging and being supportive.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** *"It is better to have a friend than go it alone. Share the work, share the wealth. And if one falls down, the other helps up...with a friend you can face the worst. Round up a third friend? A three stranded rope isn't easily broken"* – heavy lifting is easier alongside others and if one falls the others are there to pick them up; the rope analogy cements all this – a rope of many strands is stronger than the individual strands alone!

So teamwork, and being good friends, means being supportive and cooperating – working together.

But what about *Team Jesus*?

As I was able to say in the Third service on Sunday, he co-partners with us. He is part of the team – since we are his body and he is the head! He sent his Spirit to be our strength, direction, wisdom and counsel and healer – our advocate and the one who grants the charisma – gifts to be used to build up the church.

We are called to be *Team Jesus* – working together.

But here is the rub.

There **is** an "I" in Team Jesus. And there is an "am"

Jesus said it seven times.

**"I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35)** – spiritual sustenance

**"I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12)** – light in darkness

**"I am the Door" (John 10:9)** – access point to the Kingdom

**"I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11, 14)** – carer and protector

**"I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25)** – source of eternal life

**"I am the true Vine" (John 15:1, 5)** – source of spiritual life and fruit

And if there were any doubt as to who the team captain is of *Team Jesus*.....

**"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6)** – no one comes to the Father except through him.

HE is the captain, and we follow him!

There is no "I" in team.

But there is an “I am” in *Team Jesus*!

And that’s what makes it so essential to be part of that team. Literally life changing. It’s only by being in *Team Jesus* that life has meaning and purpose – it’s what we were all made for.

**He** is the way.

**He** is the truth.

**He** is the life.

Get on board, crew the good ship *Team Jesus*.

Kingdom, here we come.

Ship ahoy!

Amen!!

Many Blessings

Doug [vicar@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:vicar@christchurchpurley.org.uk)

## REVIEW OF GIVING



### Why give?

Giving is a response to God’s overflowing generosity to us. **All that we have comes from Him** and we give back to Him the **first fruits** of what we have.

### We should give:

**JOYFULLY:** *God loves a joyful giver (2 Cor 9:7)*

**THANKFULLY:** *All things come from you and of your own do we give you (1 Chron 29:14)*

**SACRIFICALLY:** *Bring to the priest a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest (Leviticus 23)*

**REGULARLY:** *On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up (1 Cor 16:2)*

Giving is a spiritual discipline that is good for our souls and part of growth as a disciple of Christ.

**To set up regular giving to Christ Church or to revise the amounts that you give please see here**



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## DATES FOR 2025 (CCP events)



**4<sup>TH</sup> October Service at Cathedral**

**12<sup>th</sup> October Gospel choir led service**

**15<sup>th</sup> October *Grace will lead me home***

**18<sup>th</sup> October Croydon Area Service**

**19<sup>th</sup> October Food celebration**

**25<sup>th</sup> October Mental health in black community**

**27<sup>th</sup> October Sam Sharpe lecture**

To celebrate Black History Month as a Christ Church Family we are having an African and Caribbean Celebration Lunch on 20<sup>th</sup> October, after the 10:15 service.

This is an opportunity for us to gather as a church family and celebrate with food enjoyed as part of African and Caribbean culture.

If you know how to make African or Caribbean food, and would like to help please let us know.

We are also looking for food to accompany traditional African and Caribbean food, please.

- Coleslaw
- Green Salad
- Humous
- Pitta bread
- Plain Tortilla Chips x 6
- Mac & cheese/ Macaroni pie
- Ice lollies
- Drinks

## Upcoming Black History Month events at CHRIST CHURCH PURLEY

**Sunday 12h October**

Gospel Choir Celebration at 10:15am Service

**Sunday 19th October**

African and Caribbean Celebration Lunch  
at 12:30pm

**Sunday 26th October**

Gospel Night Service at 6:30pm

- monthly service hosted by Christ Church's Gospel choir  
with Guest Speaker - Ada ibezi,  
Founder and CEO of Against Domestic Abuse ADA.

To ensure we have an adequate amount of food, please kindly advise the office/ Caroline, what you would like to contribute.

- We are also looking for people to
- help set up the lunch
- help pack down
- help run the dishwashers.

If you are able to help, please let the Office or Caroline know.

This meal is for everyone to enjoy, so please come along with your family and join in with the festivities.

Looking forward to seeing you.

**Join us for this year's  
Black History Month service of  
Thanksgiving at Southwark  
Cathedral**

Drawing inspiration from Jesus' words in Matthew's Gospel, this year's theme is "Who do you say that I am?", exploring how cultural and social heritage interacts with our God-given identities. The service will be followed by a workshop led by the Area Racial Justice Group Chairs, which will give us all an opportunity to look back and reflect on contributions of the black community to society and the church, whilst looking forward with active hope, and more specifically share what we are actively doing across Southwark in the space of anti-racism. All are welcome at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 4 October, 10:30am - 1:30pm. Register for a free ticket on the diocese website

# Black History Month



*"Who do you say that I am?"*

Matthew 16:15



## A celebration of identity and belonging

Join this year's diocesan *Black History Month* Thanksgiving Service for an exciting day of fellowship, learning and celebration.

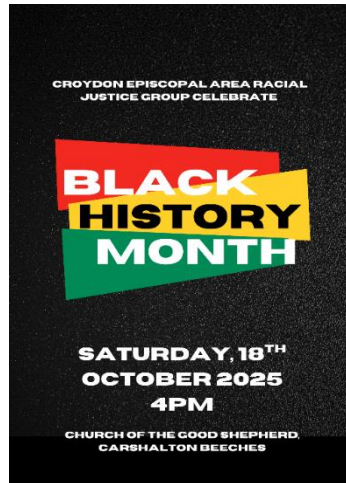
Saturday 4 October 2025, 10.30am-1.30pm  
Southwark Cathedral, SE1 9DA



**SOUTHWARK**  
• CATHEDRAL •



Scan code to  
register for a  
free ticket.



**The Croydon Episcopal Area Black History Month celebration** takes place on **18<sup>th</sup> October** at the **Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches, at 4pm.**

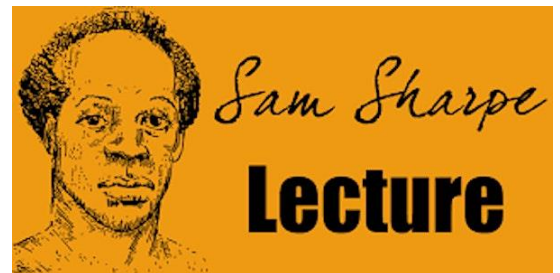
Refreshments will be available after the service

**5<sup>th</sup> October (Saturday):** St Stephen's Church, Norbury—an event organised by their BHM working group, featuring a panel of mental health professionals talking about mental health in the black community. St Stephen's Church, Warwick Road, Thornton Heath CR7 7NH - Evening event



- Concert at Croydon Minster: [Grace Will Lead Me Home Tickets, Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

- The Sam Sharpe Lecture 2025 (delivered by Dr Selina Stone) : [The Annual Sam Sharpe Lecture - 2025 Tickets, Mon 27 Oct 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)



## Email Filtering

**Are you missing out on Christ Church emails?**

**Are the emails ending up in SPAM or JUNK folders?**

**If you are using any email or spam filtering, please add our email**

**address [christpurley@mg.churchsuite.com](mailto:christpurley@mg.churchsuite.com) to your address book and list of 'friends' or approved senders.**





## Operation Christmas Child

[Find out more about the shoe boxes by watching the video on our website](#)



Operation Christmas Child -  
Shoe boxes 2025



## Shoe Boxes 2025

Thank you so much Christ Church for the 101 boxes which you donated last year.

Please complete your box by **November 2**.



Join us for an afternoon of light popular songs,  
with Tea & Cake, in aid of our Southern Oaks  
Supported Living House in Purley

### DATE & TIME:

Friday 17th October 2025  
2.30-4.30pm

### VENUE:

Christ Church Purley, CR8 2BN

To book, please email [trevor55jones@gmail.com](mailto:trevor55jones@gmail.com)

Admission by Programme: £5.00

Payment at the door. Cash only please.

Southern Oaks  
Southern Oaks Nomuch, Old Schools Lane, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 1FL  
020 8394 0050 [enquiries@southern-oaks.org](mailto:enquiries@southern-oaks.org)  
Registered Charity No. 247308

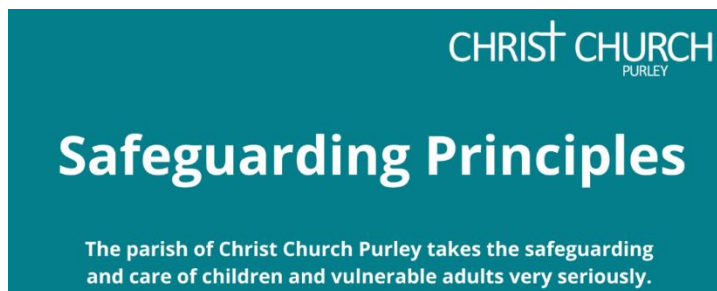


### SUNDAY TOILET FACILITIES:

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



## FOOD LIST - OCTOBER 2025



At Purley Food Hub we provide emergency food, toiletries and household essentials to local people going through a time of crisis. Please consider donating from this month's Top 10 priority items:

- Tinned Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn
- Packet Soup containing several sachets
- Tinned Meat Meals such as Stew, Meatballs, Hot Dogs
- 500g Packets of Long Grain Rice
- Small Jars of Honey
- Tinned Dessert Fruit
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Packets of Custard requiring only hot water
- Small Bottles of Squash
- Adult Toothpaste

Thank you everyone for all your kind and generous support.

Since 2013 you have helped us to provide food for over

***400,000 meals for nearly 45,000 people.***



### PURLEY FOOD HUB

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Charity no: 1152807 | Company no: 08557885

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