

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:




LENT AND HOLY WEEK DATES		
Maundy Thursday	2nd April	8pm Holy Communion (Chancel)
		Matthew 25:31-26:30
		9pm-12 pm Vigil
Good Friday	3rd April	Am Easter event
(Chancel)		2.30pm Hour at the cross Matthew 26:31-27:61
Easter Sunday	5th April	8.45 am and 10.15am
		Matthew 27:62-28:20
(Doug's last Sunday)		

Sunday 5 th April	Easter Day 2 services	Doug's last Sunday Matthew 27:62-28:20
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	All-age Easter service with Holy Communion and band
Monday		Bank Holiday
Tue		Office closed all week
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sunday 12 th April	Low Sunday 2 services	High Priest Hebrews 4:14-5:10 GREG PRIOR (ARCHDEACON OF CROYDON)
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with Holy Communion and band and CCPreschool, CCKids. And CCYouth

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

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	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns	
		Coffee	
	10.15am	Worship service with Holy Communion and band and CCPreschool, CCKids. And CCYouth	
Monday	9.30am	Office reopens	
Tue	9.00 -12noon 9.15am 9.30am	Foyer reopens Morning Bible Study Carousel	
Wed	9am 9.15am 12noon 1pm	Foyer Morning Bible Study Midweek Holy Communion Midweek Lunch	
Thu	9am	Foyer	
Fri	9am	Foyer Next Christ Church News out	
Sat			
Sunday 19 th April	2 services	Mission Partner Sunday – Emmanuel International	 <p>Emmanuel International Christ Church Mission Partner</p>
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns	
		Coffee	
	10.15am	Worship service with band, CCPreschool, CCKids, CCYouth	

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

YouTube live link for Sunday's service

find the link on our website.



*Click to watch the services
live on Sundays*

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE VACANCY?

The wardens, as Bishop's appointees, have formal responsibility for the parish church in a vacancy. There are a small number of things that only an incumbent vicar can legally do (usually signing bits of paper!) and in that case the Area Dean takes the role of incumbent for these. It is also the Area Dean's role to maintain contact with the wardens and offer some support during the vacancy (but note – the Area Dean is not "in charge" and is not the boss of local clergy – its very much "first among equals" role and acting as a conduit for information from the Bishops etc down to local clergy).

The **Archdeacon is directly responsible and will be keeping a close eye on the parish** church and in fact is **your first visiting preacher** and clergy member, coming on 12th April (a week after I have left!) and will be at both services that day!

Services will run as normal as far as is possible and led by:

- Local clergy (Simon and Jeremy Groombridge have offered to cover many services)
- Visiting preachers from local churches including occasional mission partners
- Usual teams for Worship for Everyone
- A small team of lay leaders and worship band leaders for Third Service
- Other volunteer lay leaders for the 10.15am
- Your Readers
- Other visiting clergy to preside at the 8.45am
- The wardens (for gaps)
- You?.....if you think you might be able to help let me know....

Any questions, please let me know or speak to the wardens. Doug.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Friday 2nd – Sunday 12th March – office closed

Good Friday 3rd April -AM Easter event

Good Friday 3rd April – 2.30pm Hour at the cross

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

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

Monday 6th April – Interregnum starts

Foyer reopens on Tuesday 14th April 2026

Wednesday 15th April - Midweek Holy Communion

Tuesday 21st April - Tuesday Youth restarts

Monday 27th April – Bereavement Support Group

Wednesday 6th May Midweek Fellowship

Monday 11th May – Installation of Doug at All Saints Sanderstead – more information after Easter.



I'm afraid I am not in a position to write any more blogs in these last three weeks. My thanks go to all who have inspired them and even more those who have read them!

Every blessing

Your brother in Christ, Doug.

Who is on PCC?

Alison Frost re-elected 2026

Bob Benn re-elected 2026

Kim Watts

Harriet Howgego

Ruth Laws

Chris Hickin

Martin Ryan (also on Deanery Synod) re-elected 2026

Rob Keeler

Dan Burrows

Neil Penn

Peter Wrench

Tomi Ejedenawe

Caroline Obonyo *

John Curror *

Simon Harding *

Simon Stocks

* - newly elected 2026

Sunday 29th March What a wonderful event!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Doug's farewell tea so successful!

Here are just a few images of the event

Please do send any of your photos to the office so we can share them.









My personal thanks go to all who worked so hard to make Sundays event so meaningful and warm. It truly was a wonderful send off (even if I have a week to go!)

Thank you to everyone who has made the last seven years such a blast (in the highs and the lows) and may you know God's blessing now and over the coming days, weeks, months and years.

And as ever – to Him be the Glory!

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Feedback on last year's shoeboxes

I received this message from Operation Christmas Child UK.

*"To our incredible supporters,
Thank you so much for being a part of Operation Christmas Child 2025. With your help, we sent **232,844** shoebox gifts to children around the world. More information about the regions and countries where children received your shoebox gifts can be found here: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/2025-shoebox-destinations>.*

On behalf of the entire Samaritan's Purse team, our volunteers, and the children and families we serve, thank you so much for your support. This would not have been possible without you, and we are truly grateful."

The worldwide total was **12,205,900**. Christ Church sent **97** of the UK boxes. Thank you so much.

Another email informed me that my own boxes went to Albania, where it is likely that most of ours went. (Feedback on other destinations would be most welcome.)

In September (in six months!) the 2026 Shoebox Campaign will be launched at Christ Church with the box and bag of essentials for £5 being available again.

Now would be an excellent time to plan prayerfully what you might put in your box (as some are already doing). If you feel prompted to include a particular item, please take this as an indication that our Father God knows the child who is longing for it.

Safeguarding and safer recruitment – all the stages of the process

1. Complete an application form (online) for your role.

This will then trigger the following stages which can be completed in any order:

2. You will be emailed with DBS application information from Thirtyone-Eight. When completed we will arrange a time to verify your identity documents. The normal documents we need to see are your driving licence, passport and proof of your address A PAPER COPY NOT INTERNET VERSION of a bank statement, council tax bill, utility bill etc.

3. A confidential declaration and references form to be completed online so we can then obtain 2 references.

4. Safeguarding training – at basic and foundation level – the quickest option for this is the online course and a link will be sent to you.

5. You need to link your safeguarding online training account to report to safeguarding@christchurchpurley.org.uk

Any questions please speak to Jean , Caroline or 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.

MAKING SURE OUR SAFEGUARDS ARE UP TO DATE:

How to help us with our church safeguarding records:

Please make sure that you have linked your safeguarding training account now!

How to report that you have completed your training

You can now provide this record directly to your local Parish Safeguarding Officer as follows.

To do this use the [edit profile](#) screen (accessed through the top right of your screen of the safeguarding portal).

Scroll down to the last field entitled Local reporting 'Allow a user with the following email address to look at my training record '. safeguarding@christchurchpurley.org.uk - this corresponds with the profile of the person you would like to view your training records.

Any questions ask Jean Thank you

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.



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 APRIL 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 this month's Top Ten list:

- **Cartons of Long Life Whole Milk**
- **Medium Sized Breakfast Cereals (approx 500g)**
- **Tinned Meat Meals - eg, Mince, Chicken in Sauce**
- **Cartons of Pasta Sauce (*lighter than jars for clients to carry*)**
- **Tinned Vegetarian Meals - eg, Princes plant based range**
- **Tinned Fruit**
- **Tinned Rice Pudding**
- **Unisex Deodorant**
- **Small Bottles of Washing Up Liquid**
- **Washing Powder Liquid Pods**

We thank everyone for your continued generous support. Since we started in 2013 we have provided food for ***nearly 425,000 meals for 47,000 people.***



PURLEY FOOD HUB

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Boosting Life Skills

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



course #6 in the series*
of Positive Life Courses



How to get a good night's sleep every night

“Boosting the Benefits of Sleep” (ref. ‘BBS’) course

- Tackling insomnia & sleep-related problems
- Good sleep ‘hygiene’ & sleep strategies
- The impact of not getting enough sleep

Based on the books *Why We Sleep* by Matthew Walker and *Sleep - Harness the power of sleep for optimal health & wellbeing* by Petra Hawker

Duration: **One 2-hour session**

When: **27th April 2026 7.15-9.15pm**

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. 😊

*For more details of other courses in the *Positive Life* series search: *PositiveLifeCourses*