

# 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 Services

**8.45am Holy Communion Service** with hymns

**10.15am Worship for Everyone** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

**10.15am Worship Service** with Children & Youth ministry  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

**11.45am Third Service** on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays  
With extended worship & ministry  
**(Not 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

**6.30pm Gospel Service** on the last Sunday of the month

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	3 morning services	
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns Matthew 28: 16-20
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship for Everyone
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third Service

Monday		Bank holiday Foyer closed
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am	Foyer Morning Bible Study Carousel
Wed	9am 9.15am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Foyer Morning Bible Study Midweek fellowship Alpha Course
Thu	9am	Foyer Poling station
Fri	9am	Foyer
Sat		
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	3 services	Soul Anchor      Hebrews 6:13-20
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with Holy Communion and band, CCPreschool, CCKids, CCYouth
	11.45am	Third Service



### 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 **Gillam Grove** and all who dwell, work or travel there.



YouTube live link for Sunday services



Sunday broadcast

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	3 morning services	Soul Anchor      Hebrews 6:13-20
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with Holy Communion and band, CCPreschool, CCKids, CCYouth
	11.45am	Third service
Monday	9am 9.15am 7.30pm	Foyer Morning Bible Study Collation of Doug at All Saints Sanderstead <a href="http://www.youtube.com/live/b2Jx5Jg0CAA">www.youtube.com/live/b2Jx5Jg0CAA</a>
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am	Foyer Morning Bible Study Carousel
Wed	9am 9.15am 7.30pm	Foyer Morning Bible Study Alpha Course
Thu	9am	Foyer
Fri	9am	Foyer Next Christ Church News out
Sat		
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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



## 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 **Glenn Avenue** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

**THERE'S  
A SEAT  
FOR YOU**



**Alpha**  
starts on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Sign up here



**Who is Jesus?**

**Explore the answer on an Alpha course**

**The next Alpha courses will be starting on Wednesday 6 May 2026**

**Interested?**

**Want to find out more?**

**Please register your interest below.**

**Who will you invite and bring along?**



**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?** Evening Alpha - starting 6 May 2026

This course runs between 7.30 and 9.15pm on Wednesdays. Each session starts with a meal followed by a short video and a discussion in a small group where you can share your

thoughts.

Venue: Philippi Room at Christ Church Purley

At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

Alpha takes place across eleven sessions.

**How much does it cost? Alpha is free for everyone.**

Any questions please speak to Mike, Peter or Sarah

**Try Alpha.**

## ***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.



### **Are you have a child or young person aged 6-18yrs? Would they like to start taking Holy Communion?**

We are holding a special service on Sunday 14th June admitting young people to Holy Communion! If your child/young person has already been baptised and would like to attend our preparation sessions, please complete the form via this QR code by Friday 8th May!

### **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
- 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](mailto: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 [Pathways by clicking here.](#)

*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**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Worship for everyone.**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 3 morning services**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May Midweek Fellowship**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May ALPHA starts**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 3 morning services**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Collation of Doug at All Saints Sanderstead  
– Tickets are limited, request your ticket now!**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Midweek Holy Communion**



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Muddy church (cancelled if raining)**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May Bereavement Support Group**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Gospel service**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June Worship for Everyone**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 3 services**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 3 services**



**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.



**Mothers' Union (MU) talk Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Shoebox 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***

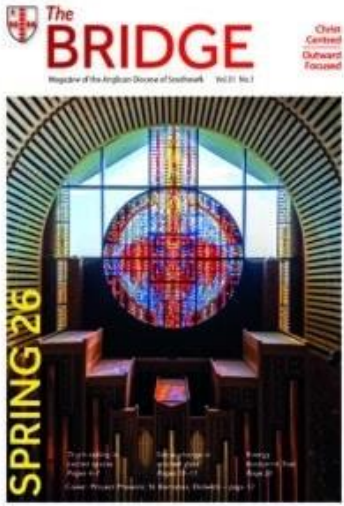
***SOAP, Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items (e.g. toy guns, model soldiers, military vehicles etc.); seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, knives, sharp or fragile items."***



The **MU craft and chat table** will continue to be on Fridays 10.00am -11.30 during term time. All are welcome to bring their own craft or come to learn something new.

## **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](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk) and we will try to include it under this section – Christ Church Family News.*



The Bridge is our Diocesan magazine, which is now published 4 times a year to tell the story of what's happening within the Diocese of Southwark; in the parishes, deaneries and at Diocesan level.

<https://southwark.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Bridge-Spring-2026-web-version.pdf>



### **“The National Gallery: Art On Your Doorstep (from article by Purley in Bloom)**

From the 3rd February to the 5th July 2026, Croydon will be the first London location to host The National Gallery: Art On Your Doorstep, a free outdoor exhibition bringing

30 life-sized reproductions to key locations across the borough.

We are proud to welcome a fantastic Turner painting to the Rotary Field, Purley, which was chosen to reflect the rich railway history in the area.

Built in 1803 The Surrey Iron Railway was the first public railway line in the world and ran through the Rotary Field. Originally used to transport goods on iron rails, the public would use their own horses and wagons on payment of a fee.

A fantastic opportunity to see Joseph Mallard William Turner’s painting – “Rain, Steam and Speed – The Great Western Railway”. “

### **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](http://www.purleyfoodhub.net)

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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