

# 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 this week's edition of Christ Church News.**

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service
Monday	9am 9.15am	Foyer open Morning Bible study
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am 7pm 7.30pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study Carousel Baby and Toddler group Youth Firelighters prayer gathering (please use back entrance to join)

Wed	9am 9.15am 12noon 1pm 2pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study Midweek Communion Matt 6:1-6, 16-18 Midweek Lunch Mothers' Union
Thu	9am	Foyer open
Fri	9am	Foyer open
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June		Romans: Strength Romans 14:1-12
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with CCKids and CCYouth
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### **SUMMER SERIES: SOMETHING FISHY....**



**From 27<sup>th</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **END OF SUMMER: SOMETHING SPECIAL....**

**31<sup>st</sup> 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.**



### YouTube live link for 10.15am and 11.45am services

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 website.

**Firefighters Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – please note that entry will be through the **back door only**. If you need to use the toilets please only use the ones on the back corridor and not the ones by the Foyer. Youth Group meet in the front part of the centre including Foyer, hall etc.



### NEW: GOSPEL SERVICE

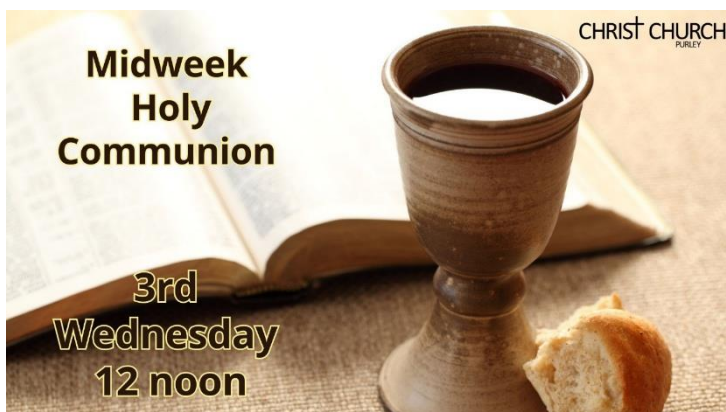


**Monthly Sunday Evening Gospel service** starts on

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm**

(on the last Sunday of the month)

Come along and worship, pray and listen to God.



### NEXT SERVICES:

June 18<sup>th</sup>

July 16<sup>th</sup>

September 17<sup>th</sup>

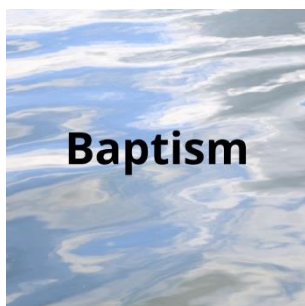
October 15<sup>th</sup>

November 19<sup>th</sup>

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**Are you interested in:**

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



Baptism



Confirmation

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



***"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 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

### #SERVE: FOCUS



[You can sign up online to find out more  
https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/srnr9ll8](https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/srnr9ll8)



### 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.**

### 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



- **Firelighters prayer meetings - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm**
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Midweek Communion**
- **Firelighters prayer meetings - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 12 noon**
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June Bereavement Support group**
- **Firelighters prayer meetings - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 7.30pm**
  - **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 12.30-2.30pm Street Evangelism**
  - **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Worship for Everyone**
- **Firelighters prayer meetings - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon**
  - **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Mission Partner Sunday**
- **Firelighters prayer meetings - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 7.30pm**



*The*  
**BRIDGE**  
*Newspaper of the Anglican Diocese of Southwark*



The Bridge  
Diocese of Southwark

The latest edition of The Bridge is now available online:

[southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](https://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)

Have a read of this month's copy of The Bridge.  
You will find 2 church members included in it.  
Can you find which pages they are on?

# Recognising Croydon's volunteer chaplains

On Tuesday 6 May, Pauline Chapman, Puspa Visrolia, Rose Headlam and Sheila Moloney, volunteer chaplains at Croydon University NHS Hospital Trust, were awarded certificates by the Civic Mayor of Croydon Cllr Kola Agboola in recognition of their volunteering service at Croydon Town Hall.

Anglican Chaplain Pauline has 29 years of service and specialises in paediatric chaplaincy and bereavement care. With 20 years of service, Pushpa supports Hindu staff and patients, leads training and conducts Hindu funerals. Over the last 35 years, Rose who is the longest-serving chaplaincy volunteer at the Trust, has been providing weekly ward

communion at the bedside of more than 29,000 Roman Catholic patients. Sheila has served for 20 years – she provides spiritual care, mentors Roman Catholic priests, leads services, supports end-of-life care and coordinates 24/7 chaplaincy support.

The 84 chaplaincy staff and volunteers of all faiths at the hospital, are supported by

the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Team led by The Revd Andy Dovey.

Andy said, "Without the presence of a multi-faith chaplaincy volunteering team, the chaplaincy team would not be able to provide the highly respected pastoral, spiritual and religious care that the team are known and respected for to everyone who crosses the doors of the hospital."

## Cynthia Smith, MU member at Christ Church, Purley – 'Tea and Talk'

Cynthia has developed an initiative – 'Tea and Talk' – to support refugees and asylum seekers staying at a hotel in South Croydon. Each Thursday, a group of seven volunteers from three different churches meets at the hotel to offer support, tea and a chat. The group helps those for whom English is not their first language, using various resources.

Cynthia said, "Many do speak English and so we chat and do craft. If we have children present, we play games with them or do craft work. Some of our helpers keep in touch with those who have left us and moved away. When we are at the Hotel, we take in food treats each week and gifts at Christmas.

"We do all this as we want refugees to feel welcomed and we know it makes a difference in our community."



**INFORMATION MORNING**

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**9.30AM-11.30AM**  
**CHRIST CENTRAL CHURCH**

Join us for coffee & croissants to hear about the work of Samaritan's Purse along with David Gibbons, Regional Manager and a brief report from Anne Park following her trip to Romania

ALL WELCOME

Please sign up via QR code



**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July at Christ Central Church in Penge** are hosting an Operation Christmas Child information morning to enable people to learn about the ministry. This will include hearing from Anne (from Christ Central) who has recently returned from Romania where she witnessed first-hand Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts being received by children.

To better understand how many are planning to come, registration is requested via the following link (the same as scanning the QR on the attached image):

<https://christcentralchurch.churchsuite.com/events/ryxfxulx>



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## **GARDEN PARTY**

At 2 Purley Knoll, Purley CR8 3AE  
on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
2.00pm - 4.30pm

Admission is FREE ✦ Phone: 020 8660 5194

*Come and enjoy Tea and Cake (£5)  
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### **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS?**

Q: Can you name the Christ Church safeguarding officers?

Could you point them out?

A: Jean Loh and Allison Flexman



### **EASY CONSCIENCE BUT NO VICTORY?**

One of the things I learned to do in my previous parish whenever someone told me a story of what used to happen in parish or in the church was to ask "when did that happen?" Very often the answer would be 30 or 40 years ago!

It was an interesting Surrey "village" in amongst the outer Croydon suburbs of Coulsdon and the Surrey highlights of leafy Banstead and Chipstead. My observation, affirmed by a friend who lived in a prime spot to watch the comings and goings in the village, is that the population in some ways operated in two dimensions.

One was an older generation for whom the village feel was as it was in the 1950s and 60s. Fond memories of Young Wives (the homemaking spouses of the men who went out to work) who formed life long bonds of friendship. In the village everybody knew everybody else and what was going on in their lives. Community cohesion was easier to achieve and the Rector was a civic leader, with the big house in the centre of the village. Opening fetes and a go to person in matters of parish amenity and community alike.

The village of the 2010's was a quite different place. Those who remembered the old days were still there. But living alongside many new families, for this is a place that many have over generations moved to when starting a family, who could only afford their home by



both parents going out to work. Child minders were now one of the dominant business opportunities.

Friendships were made but in smaller networks and circles and not necessarily centring on those who live around you, possibly further afield through (two sets of) work contacts. These two sets of residents, it seemed to me, rubbed alongside each other, not in conflict but not in a cohesive community. More atomised and with social circles less porous than they were in the 1950's.

This makes mission harder, when one doesn't know ones neighbour. And as society becomes less Christianised – many at an infant nativity knew NONE of the Carols – then civic influence has diluted over the decades too.

Part of the narrative while I was there was to encourage that "we are no longer the church of the 1950's"

Yet.....

*"Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God". **Psalms 90:2***

*"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth". **Isaiah 40:28***

*"Because I, the LORD, do not change". **Malachi 3:6***

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" **Hebrews 13:8***

What else was God doing in the 1950's?

By 1949 the Second World War was a four-year-old memory. Rationing remained in the time of reconstruction. The days of never having it so good" were still to come. But it was the brink of the 1950's.

On the Isle of Lewis, one of the Hebridean Islands off the west coast of Scotland, the following happened:

*The Hebrides Revival began with two sisters: Peggy and Christine Smith. One was 84 years of age and blind, the other 82 and crippled with arthritis. They were greatly burdened because they'd been told no young person attended public worship at their church. They decided to pray twice a week. On Tuesdays and Fridays they got on their knees at ten in the evening, and remained there until three or four in the morning; two old women in a very humble cottage.*

*Then Peggy had a vision of the church crowded with young people. They persuaded their minister to call 'a session'. Seven men covenanted 'not to give rest nor peace to the Almighty until He made their Jerusalem a praise in the earth'. Those men also began to meet on Tuesday and Friday nights for some months*

*Then one night in November a young man began to pray, 'God, are my hands clean? Is my heart pure?'*

*But he got no further. He fell into a trance and lay on the floor of the barn. Within a matter of minutes three other elders also fell into a trance. The minister and other*

*intercessors were gripped by the conviction that a God-sent revival must always be related to holiness and godliness.*

*Are my hands clean? Is my heart pure?*

*An awareness of God gripped the whole community. Little work was done as men and women gave themselves to thinking about eternal things, 'and God seemed to be everywhere.' In the little cottage the two sisters knew God had kept His promise and told their minister to invite a missionary to come and help them.*

*Duncan Campbell was called to lead a series of meetings. For the first week of evening meetings little happened, though five young people found God. (Would that every church might have five young people find faith!)*

*Then on 13 December 1949, at the end of the meeting, all had left except Campbell and one other. The deacon said, 'Don't be discouraged. God is hovering over us, and he'll break through any moment. I can already hear the rumbling of heaven's chariot wheels.'*

*He began to pray before falling to the ground in a trance. Five minutes later the local blacksmith came back to the church and said, 'Mr Campbell, something wonderful has happened. We were praying that God would pour water on the thirsty and floods upon the dry ground, and listen, He's done it! He's done it! Will you come to the door, and see the crowd that's here?'*

*Even though it was 11 at night between **six and seven hundred people had gathered around the church.** They'd been moved by a power they could not explain. A hunger and thirst gripped them and the meeting continued until 4 in the morning. Strong men were bowed down and trembled in God's presence. Nearby a dance was in progress but the young people ran from it, 'as though fleeing from a plague', and made for the church.*

*In a matter of minutes, the dance hall was empty.*

*Others who had gone to bed were woken by the Holy Spirit, got dressed, and made for the church. There had been no publicity except for an announcement from the pulpit on Sunday that a man would be conducting a series of meetings in the parish for ten days. God became his own publicity agent.*

*Over the next few nights hundreds gathered in different places. In churches and barns or in fields and homes. There was a prayer meeting every day at noon and those converted the night before were expected to attend. All work stopped for two hours and people gathered for prayer. No appeals were made. People made their way to the prayer meeting to praise God for His salvation.*

*So it continued for several years and it spread to many of the islands. People who had never been near a meeting before were suddenly arrested by the Spirit of God, stopped work, and gave themselves to seeking God. Men were found walking the roads at night in distress of soul, while others were found during the day among the rocks. Social evils were swept away as by a flood, and whole districts were completely changed. A wonderful sense of God seemed to pervade the whole place.*

*(Source: [https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/608089/The\\_Hebrides\\_Revival.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/608089/The_Hebrides_Revival.aspx) )*

In preparation for my own visit to the Isle of Lewis I have started reading *Sounds from heaven* by Colin and Mary Peckham which is a history of the revival on Lewis between 1949 and 1952. In the Forward Rev Brian Edwards exalts the power of "persistent, insistent, believing prayer" and quotes the following phrase (p7):

*"Many of us pray just enough to ease the conscience but not enough to win any decisive victory"*

The Smiths were in their 80's, in poor health, and yet were convicted to pray twice a week for young people.

The effects of the waves of the Holy Spirit that followed convicted the hearts of hundreds over a period of years.

The sisters prayed not just to ease conscience but for victory.

What's holding us back?

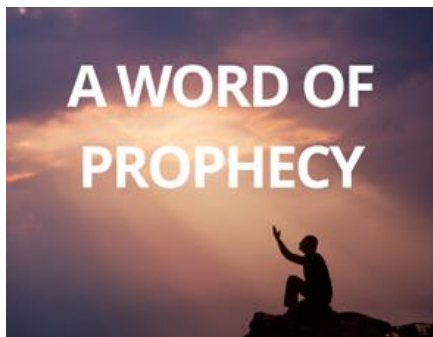
The Lord does not change and is the same yesterday, today and forever. What he has done he is ready to do again.

I'll report back in a couple of weeks' time about what I find on the Lewis of the 2020's.

Seventy-five years on.....

Every blessing

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 hand opened and then tightly clenched

God may be saying "I have opened my hands to you on the cross to bring you to Myself. I could have clenched my hands in pain but I gave Myself for you all. Open your hands to others in help and encouragement not clenched as though you will look locked in unforgiveness and it will be given to you and more than you could ever think. I am a gracious God and love to give to My children for I am love."

# 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.



## 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 **More Close** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

**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



## Save The Date: BISHOP LUCY and RUSH

19<sup>th</sup> July 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

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The wording will need to be emailed (only emails please) to me before June 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## SPEAKER EVENT 2025

**Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:info@lcrf.org.uk) Website: [lcrf.org.uk](http://lcrf.org.uk)

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

f/b Meeting & Greeting w Refreshments



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- 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](mailto:office@purleybaptist.org)).

There are limited places; so, to avoid disappointment, book early. 😊



# 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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