

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:

Sunday 8 th February		Signs and wonders Hebrews 2:1-4
	8.45am	Traditional Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Morning Worship with Holy communion, with CCP, CCK & CCYouth
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service
Monday	9am 9.15am	Foyer open Morning Bible Study
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am 7pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study 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 15 th February		2 services only Fully human Hebrews 2:5-18
	8.45am	Traditional Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Morning Worship or Muddy Church
		Coffee
		NO Third service



How Much More? – Spirit filled worship...what next?

SERVICE CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY 2026

Advance notice that a small change will take place to the service schedule from February 2026.

IN ESSENCE:.....There will NOT be a Third service on the third and fourth Sundays. Everything else is unchanged.

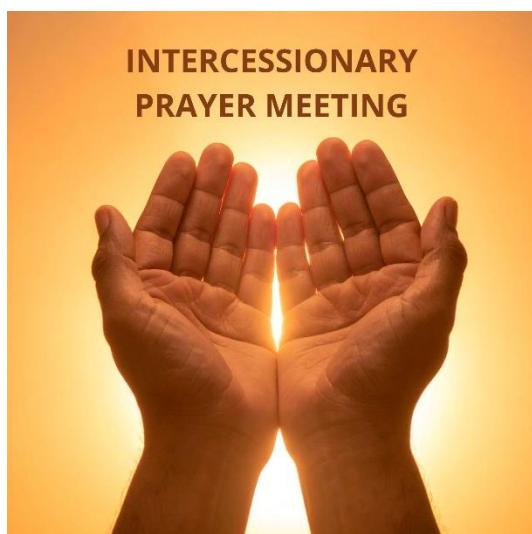
	FIRST SUNDAY (Unchanged)	SECOND SUNDAY (Unchanged)	THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SUNDAYS	
8.45AM	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY COMMUNION	Traditional Common Worship with hymns and organ
10.15AM	WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE	MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION	MORNING WORSHIP "THIRD SERVICE" STYLE	Various styles with band led worship
11.45AM	THIRD SERVICE	THIRD SERVICE	NO THIRD SERVICE	Sung worship led by band with short reflection and ministry time response

*"how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
(Luke 11:13)*

LENT AND HOLY WEEK DATES		
Ash Wednesday	18th February	12 noon (Midweek Communion)
Palm Sunday	29th March	
Maundy Thursday	2nd April	8pm followed by vigil
Good Friday	3rd April	Am Easter event
		2.30pm Hour at the cross
Easter Sunday	5th April	8.45 am and 10.15am
(Doug's last Sunday)		

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please note that the Ashing Service for Ash Wednesday will be in the daytime at **12 noon on Wednesday 18th February** (incorporating the Midweek Holy Communion) not in the evening. If you need to find an evening service to attend please let Doug know and he can signpost you to churches holding evening services that day.



INTERCESSIONARY PRAYER MEETING

**The next intercession prayer meeting is
12 noon Monday 16th February**

Praying for protection, direction, healing and blessing on the church at this time of change.

All both welcome and encouraged to join when free.

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 **Bourne Court** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

Click to watch the services
live on Sundays

YouTube live link for 10.15am and 11.45am services – find the link on our website

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 17th February – Shrove Tuesday

Sunday 15th February – Muddy Church

Foyer closed in half term 16th to 20th February

**Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday service
12noon**

Wednesday 18th February – Midweek Lunch

Sunday 22nd March APCM



Come and join us on Sunday 15th February at Riddlesdown common @ 10:15 for our MUDDY CHURCH!

Join us as we walk, wander, wonder and spend time with God in nature followed by hot chocolate and cake!



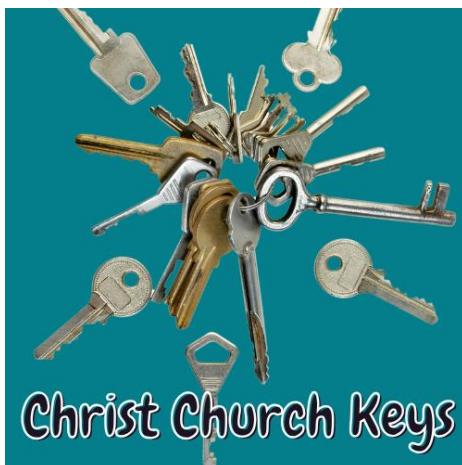
Bereavement Journey-

The Bereavement Journey is for anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way.

By means of a series of films and discussion groups it gently guides bereaved people through the most common aspects of grief, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps.

Usually run by churches The Bereavement Journey uniquely offers a final session on faith questions in bereavement provided from a Christian perspective. This is optional, thus making The Bereavement Journey suitable for people of any faith or none.

Next course starts on **Tuesday 10th March at 2.30pm**.
Booking essential as places are limited.



For insurance purposes we need to hold details of everyone with keys and who can access the premises.

If you hold any church keys please complete this form (if you have not already done so)

*Doug's
Blog*

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE FOLLOWING SAFETY ANOUNCEMENT...

Having just come back from holiday which involved a flight or two, I was inspired by the safety announcement at the start of the flight, to make an analogous blog, about the Christian faith and life. Strap yourselves in and enjoy!.....

We'll be taking off momentarily, so please make sure your carry-on baggage is stowed securely, either in an overhead compartment or under the seat in front of you.

God above and God before you. Ready for him when he comes again. We don't know when take-off is – even Jesus didn't know – only the Father knows – so best be prepared and ready for take-off into the journey of a (eternal) lifetime!

Mobile phones and other electronic devices should be turned off.

No distractions. Nothing to interfere with the connection with the one and only one that deserves our attention. The signal and content can seriously damage the operating system of salvation and discipleship, especially when draws us away from the truth and towards the "flesh, world and devil".

There are six exits on this plane – 3 doors, on each side. All exits are clearly marked with an exit sign. Please take the time to find the exit nearest you.

While remembering that there is only one gate and a narrow way. Many will take the wrong gate onto the wide and spacious way – easy but leads to destruction. Find the exit and determine to only go that way.

If you're seated in an exit row, please review the responsibilities for emergency exit seating, on the back of the safety information card which is in your seat pocket. If you are unable, or prefer not to do this, please let us know, and we will be happy to find you another seat.

Take seriously how we lead others towards the exit. Only take this on if ready and ensure that those that do are supported and informed and truthful.

If there is a loss of cabin pressure, the panels above your seat will open, and oxygen masks will drop down.

God has from the beginning provided the *ruach* – wind, breathe, Spirit – to give life, maintain life and guide to the exit! To keep us alive in the life to which we are called. Even when the vehicle that carries us loses power and direction.

If this happens, place the mask over your nose and mouth, and adjust it as necessary. Be sure to adjust your own mask before helping others.

We can only be sustained and give direction and help to others if we ourselves are filled with the life giving breathe. Without it we are good to nobody and will probably make a hash of it or perish or both.

In the event of a water landing, life vests are under your seat.

With Jesus in the boat we have a lifeline. Remember how Peter walked on the water in power and then when he doubted, looked at the waves and fell in, Jesus lifted him out. Jesus is our spiritual life vest, keeping us above the waves.

Whenever the seat belt sign is on, please make sure your seat belt is fastened.

The ride may be bumpy but the belt of truth holds us fast. Always come back to God's word to keep us secure in him and on the right path for the journey – in this life and into the next.

Smoking is not allowed on our flights, and law prohibits tampering with, disabling, or destroying a smoke detector.

The purity of the Holy Spirit is not the only airborne presence we may come across. Smoke might indicate to us the presence of something that seeks to destroy us – the work of the enemy and his demonic supporters. Do not turn off or ignore the indicators of his activity and presence – the word of God is our yardstick of what is of God and anything "repugnant to it" is definite smoke suggesting a destructive fire.

Thank you for your attention. We hope you enjoy your flight!

The destination is the purpose of life – with God forever and in this life he made us for. If the Christian life is the flight then it is intended to be enjoyed – literally filled with joy. There are struggles and definitely requires discipline (see above) but the knowledge of God, his Word and his salvation and presence is – pure joy!

Enjoy.

Doug

Vicar@christchurchpurley.org.uk



APCM VACANCIES

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be on 22nd March at 10.15am.

If you think that God may be calling you to serve on PCC then please contact me for a chat about what is involved. Vicar@christchurchpurley.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE THAT TO SERVE ON PCC OR DEANERY YOU MUST:

- BE 16 OR OVER
- BE AN ACTUAL COMMUNICANT
- BE ON THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL
- NOT BE DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING A CHARITY TRUSTEE

This year there will be elections for:

Wardens – 2

PCC members

Deanery Synod (2026-2029) 4 members

If you are not sure about any of the above then please do contact Doug to find out more.

HOW TO FIND THE NOMINATION, PROPOSAL AND SECONDING FORMS FOR CHURCHWARDEN, DEANERY SYNOD AND PCC.

All the forms for the APCM can be found on the [church website](#) or via the QR codes below

On the nomination form you will need to include your name and the names of the Proposer and Seconder.



APCM Church Warden nomination consent form



APCM Church Warden proposer for nomination form



APCM Church Warden seconder form



If you are a ministry team leader – please look out for your email requesting a report for the APMC.

This year the booklet will be a **short** bulletpoint report with photos.

If you have any photos taken over the last year that

can be used in the booklet please email them to
office@christchurchpurley.org.uk

Or WhatsApp them to 07395 133640

Christ Church meals ministry

If you, or someone you know has suffered ill health or has been discharged from hospital recently and would appreciate some help with meals, the pastoral team would love to provide some home-cooked dishes from our pastoral freezer. Please talk to either Jenny Hird or Amanda Shortland in confidence.

Family News

Julie Bleach: The funeral for Julie will be in church on **Monday 9th February at 12noon.**

We are expecting this to be a busy service and would ask that where ever possible church family do not park in the car park but walk here or car share and park elsewhere. Thank you.

Dress code - colourful!

There will be an informal reception at Christ Church following the service – if you can help serving tea and coffee, make a cake, set up or clear up please let Debbie or Jean know via the office.

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.



Don't forget to sign up on the electoral roll!

SIGN UP NOW READY FOR THE APCM!!

Have you joined the current Christ Church Electoral roll?

This allows you to vote and stand for election at the annual meeting.

If you are not on the roll you will need to apply.

In order to apply you need to complete an application for enrolment form.

New Electoral Rolls will also be prepared in 2031 and 2037.

Are you new to joining the electoral roll?

You can use the QR code to sign up

<https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ktq9wuyh>



Why join the electoral roll?

Do you want to vote at the APCM?

Do you want to have a voice at the APCM?

Do you want to join the PCC or deanery synod?

- If the answer is **YES** to any of these you need to be on the church's electoral roll!

Parking at Christ Church



Parking should only be 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.



FOOD LIST FEBRUARY 2026



At Purley Food Hub we provide emergency food, toiletries and household essentials to local people living in great hardship. Please consider donating items from this month's priority list:

- Boxes of 40 & 80 Tea Bags
- Tinned Plain Meat - Chicken, Ham
- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Jars of Meat Paste & Fish Paste
- Packet Dried Potatoes
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Medium (500g) Boxes of Breakfast Cereal
- Tinned Dessert Fruit
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Bars of Soap
- Unisex Deodorant
- Children's & Adults' Toothbrushes

We thank everyone for your continued kind generosity. Since we opened 13 years ago you have helped us to provide food for **417,500 meals for more than 46,000 people.**



PURLEY FOOD HUB

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Website: www.purleyfoodhub.net

Charity no: 1152807 | Company no: 08557885

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Peaced Together

“Brokenness is an opportunity for creative design”

By exploring mosaic, decoupage, quilting, weaving and painting, we will show you how the creative arts can ignite a hope in you that your life can also be pieced together.

10 week course starting
Wednesday 25th February 2026
1.00pm-3.00pm
in the Lebanon Room at Christ
Church, Purley CR8 2BN
Cost £30 includes all materials
email : francescaking23@gmail.com
to secure a place



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Boosting Life Skills



course #2 in the series of
Positive Life Courses

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

How to be a highly effective person

“Boosting 7 Highly Effective Characteristics” course

How, in a highly effective way, to:

- approach problems and balance our resources, energy & health
- check we’re going in the right direction and manage time
- get agreements, collaborate and listen.

Based on the book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* (by Stephen Covey)

Start: **Wednesday 25 February 2026**

Duration: **3 sessions of 2 hours**

When: **Wednesday mornings 10.30-12.30** (25.2.26, 4.3.26 & 11.3.26)

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. ☺

Date	Name
Address	
Email	Phone

I am...

looking to receive the Christ Church News each week
 here for the first time / a returning visitor
 new to the area
 looking to find out more about Christ Church
 interested in getting involved at Christ church

By ticking this box I understand that

- I give permission to the church to contact me with information about the church and activities.
- I can withdraw my consent at any time.

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CHRIST CHURCH
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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.



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