

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 15 th February		Third Sunday - 2 services only Fully human Hebrews 2:5-18
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Morning Worship or Muddy Church
		Coffee
		NO Third service
Monday	9am 12noon	Foyer closed all week Intercession prayer meeting
Tue		
Wed	12noon 1pm	Ash Wednesday Midweek Communion Ashing Service Midweek Lunch
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sunday 22 nd February		Fourth Sunday - 2 services only Greater than Moses Hebrews 3

	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Morning Worship with CCPreschool, CCKids and CCYouth
		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.**

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

NEW SERVICE FORMAT on Third and Fourth Sundays

What is the start time?

Same as now – 10.15am.

Are we all in together?

As now, all together for the first couple of songs when groups are on, then CCPS, CCK and CCY go out to their groups (NB: Muddy Church this week so no groups on this Sunday)

What about sung worship?

This is something different in that there will be significantly more sung worship in the service, moving from the usual 3 songs to several more songs, usually in two blocks – one at the beginning and one at the end.

Will it be the same every time?

No, the format is basically worship, word and ministry but within that different service leaders may structure things differently or even change up during the service as the Spirit leads.

What else might feel different?

Initially it may not feel that different but over time it is intended that we can press into an expectation that all can be filled by the Holy Spirit. This may mean opportunities for prayer ministry or even calls to the front for all to have the opportunity to receive from Him. Also a greater emphasis on prayer ministry and healing prayer as well as creative approaches to intercession where all are invited to have the opportunity to intercede.

Will the talk be shorter like the Third service?

No, the service is designed to combine both a more extensive sermon exploring God's Word, as currently, and extended times of sung worship with more space for Holy Spirit ministry time.

When is the service planned to end?

Initially the plan is to aim to end at 11.30am to allow parents and carers to collect children but we will keep this under review as the service develops (in conjunction with the children's group leaders).

²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Sunday Services

8.45am Holy Communion Service with hymns

10.15am Worship for Everyone 1st Sunday

10.15am Worship Service
With Children & Youth ministry
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays

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

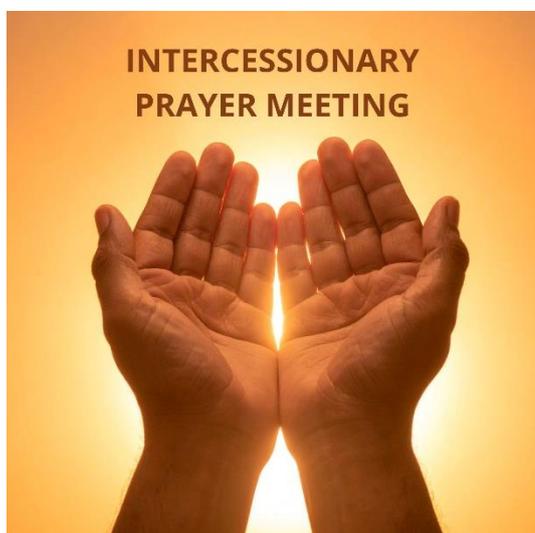
6.30pm Gospel Service on
the last Sunday of the month

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



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.

LENTEN PRAYER GATHERING – Praying for the

church:

All are invited to prayer gatherings during Lent (fasting during the day is optional):

All 7.30-8.30pm

Tuesday 24th February

Wednesday 4th March

Thursday 12th March

Monday 16th March

Tuesday 24th March

Monday 31st March

PARISH PROFILE

Standing Committee have made a start on preparing the new Parish Profile ready to start recruiting the new Vicar after May when Doug will be installed at Sanderstead. A draft of all that goes on at Christ Church has been started and a **survey of thoughts sent to PCC and Staff Team**. These will be **discussed at the next PCC on 23rd February**.

After that a **survey of thoughts will come out to all congregation members**, so all will have an opportunity to feed into the Parish Profile. There will also be time in the **APCM on 22nd March to discuss** these thoughts and feedback.

Standing Committee will then take all these comments on board and **finalise the document** which will in time be **adopted by the PCC**.

After that we will be in a position to **advertise and recruit**.

PHOTOGRAPHS – can you help?

To give a good visual impression of Christ Church we want to include several photographs. If you have good photos of events and activities at Christ Church that you would be willing to share, let Alison or Bob (Church Wardens) know. This could be a group, an outdoor event, a service, a social event or a house group or anything else.

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 **Brancaster Lane** 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

https://youtube.com/live/WYqd_BGyg8Y?feature=share

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.
Or find the link on our website.

After Sunday the services can be found on the website at
[Christ Church Purley : Online Services](#)



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

Monday 23rd February - PCC

Sunday 22nd March - APCM

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

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

Good Friday 3rd April -AM Easter event

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

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



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.

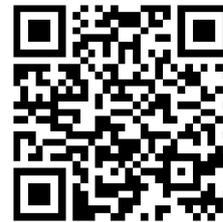
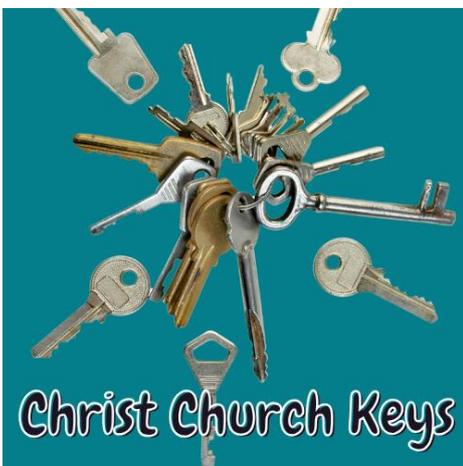
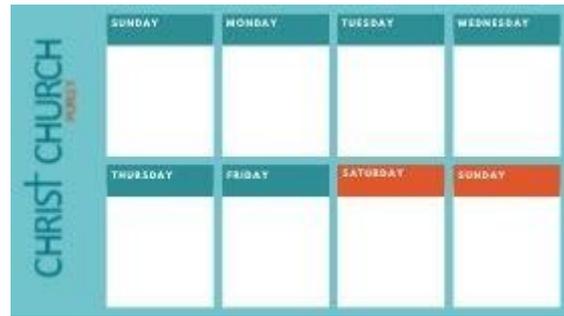
Usually run by churches The Bereavement Journey uniquely offers a final session on faith questions in bereavement provided from a Christian perspective. This is optional, thus making The Bereavement Journey suitable for people of any faith or none.

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

<https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ahmsbt7p>



Click image for our online calendar



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

If you hold any church keys please complete this form (if you have not already done so) <https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/kkxd2b0h>

Doug's Blog

GETTING BACK TO BASIC PRICIPLES....

My father was an engineer. He was also an argumentative wotsit! He could argue about anything and loved the verbal jousting involved. He loved arguing so much that he would shift his position 180 degrees if needed to keep the discussion going. I was wise to his tactics often and so would bring him back to where he started, calling out his manoeuvres!

But there was one phrase he would use that always wound me up.

"Let's get back to basic principles..."

He was a trained engineer and that systematic approach was inherent in his thinking. He needed to understand something and so would demand to get back to the purpose and workings of any problem.

It took me years to realise that he was right!

It struck me that currently I am juggling three things that require "getting back to basic principles".

Firstly, I have started meeting with colleagues about the role of Area Dean and the future of the Deanery. Many have asked me *"what do you want to do with the Deanery?"* and my honest answer has been *"I don't know!"* My approach is to ask clergy colleagues, lay leaders and in time Deanery reps from the churches. Determining the future programme from the middle so to speak.

I've asked a couple of questions – *What is Deanery for? And What would make Synod/Chapter unmissable?*

Back to basic principles – because if we don't know what something is for then how can we determine what it should look like?

A second is the work being done by Standing Committee on the Parish profile which will soon come out to all members to comment. And those basic principles come into play here too. *"Where is God leading us? Where are we? What sort of leader do we need to get there under their leadership?"* These are basic principles questions – what are we about?

The last example that comes to mind is the new services that start this Sunday. The basic principles question is *"what is Spirit filled worship?"* How does our worship support the vision of the church – *"Making Passionate Disciples for Christ"?*

Well Jesus' words help us here.

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24)

Jesus is speaking to the Samaritan woman he meets at the well. There is some discussion about where worship should take place. And about the focus and purpose of that worship. Yet Jesus goes back to basic principles.

The where doesn't matter.

The who doesn't matter either.

But the intent does. The content too.

Spirit *and* truth.

David Watson once said this:

"All Word and no Spirit, you dry up.

All Spirit and no Word, you blow up.

Both Word and Spirit, you grow up."

Therefore, Spirit filled worship is a balance.

Firstly, between the intellectual knowledge element that comes from exploring God's Word. The sermon is the classic monologue way of sharing wisdom. However, dialogue and discussion can also be an effective way for the body of Christ to all grow together. And the sermon itself is about getting a balance between teaching (imparting knowledge and providing tools for further study) and preaching (proclamation of Good News).

Secondly, about making room for the Spirit to move. For encounter – being filled, receiving healing, receiving and utilising spiritual gifts. For the Spirit to minister, to strengthen, to bring peace, for believers to experience God’s abundant love, to hear God’s voice and to be built up for service.

The services may begin looking like they used to – a sermon with a few more songs! But with intentionality to press in then these services can develop in both Word and Spirit!

When developing this idea discussions were informed by three basic principles shared at the New Wine Leaders conference last year:

- **The Holy Spirit is my pastor**
- **Presence of God is transformational**
- **God is the most important person in the room**

Added to which was the idea that in any conversation with someone seeking faith is the principle that *"I could tell you about Jesus or you could meet him for yourself"*

I commend this approach to you – to be part of something I believe God is calling Christ Church into. Many are excited for what this could mean going forward. Some are wary.

Bring yourselves ready to offer your sacrifice of praise to the "audience of one".

May you find many blessings and be a blessing in turn to others.

Your brother in Christ

Doug

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DEANERY SYNOD

A number of our current reps on Deanery will have to step down this year.

Consider the opportunity to support other churches and be a voice in the conversation.

I hear the new Area Dean’s quite funky too....

Want to know more, ask Doug.



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 (see attached leaflet to find out more)

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 links below or by using the QR codes on display in the noticeboard in the Foyer

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





<https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/mkevk9d1>



<https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/isu5k1zo>



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

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

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



or this link 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 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. 😊