

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 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

Sunday 19 th April	2 services	Mission Partner Sunday – Emmanuel International Genesis 2:8-15
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with band, CCPreschool, CKids, CCYouth
Monday	9am 9.15am	Foyer Morning Bible study
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am	Foyer Morning Bible Study Carousel

Wed	9am 9.15am	Foyer Morning Bible Study
Thu	9am	Foyer
Fri	9am	Foyer
Sat		
Sunday 26 th April	2 services	Stay in Christ Hebrews 5:11-6:12
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with band, CCPreschool, CCKids, CCYouth
	6.30pm	Gospel 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 **Foxley Hill Road** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

Week beginning 26 April



Sunday 26 th April	2 morning services	Stay in Christ Hebrews 5:11-6:12
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with band, CCPreschool, CCKids, CCYouth
	6.30pm	Gospel Service
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Tue	9.00 9.15am 9.30am	Foyer Morning Bible Study Carousel
Wed	9am 9.15am	Foyer Morning Bible Study
Thu	9am	Foyer
Fri	9am	Foyer Next Christ Church News out
Sat		
Sunday 3 rd May	3 morning services	Worship for Everyone
	8.45am	Holy Communion service with hymns
		Coffee
	10.15am	Worship for Everyone
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third Service



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**THERE'S
A SEAT
FOR YOU**



Alpha
starts on
Wednesday 6th May

Sign up here



Who is Jesus?

Explore the answer on an Alpha course

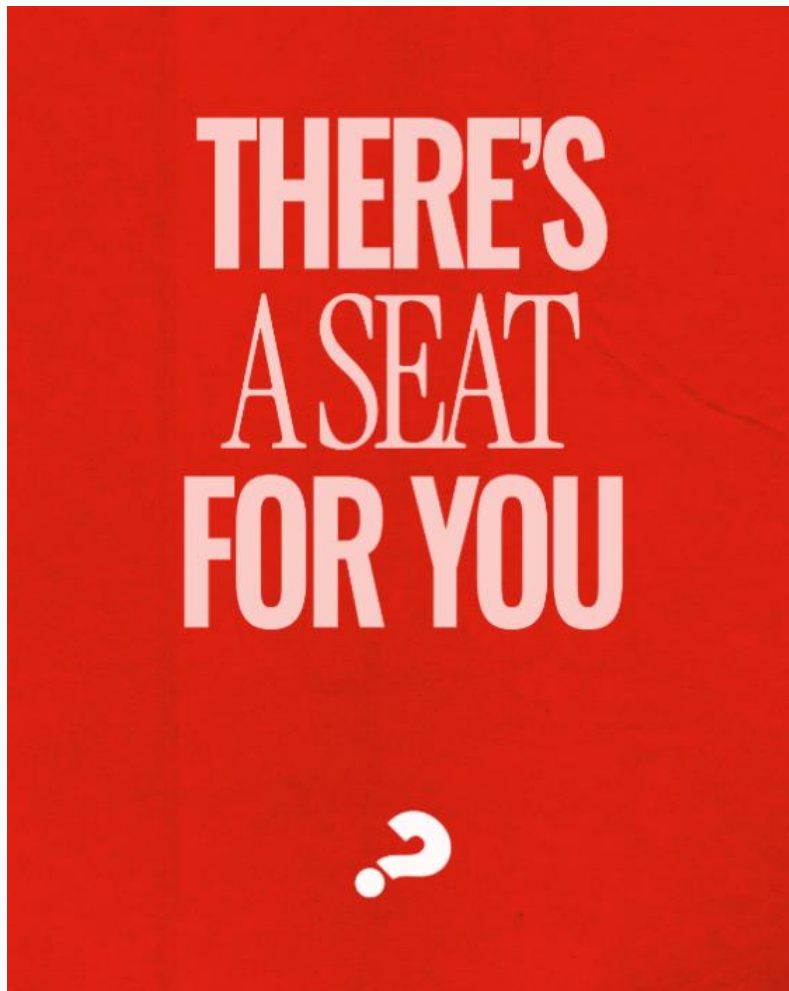
The next Alpha courses will be starting on Wednesday 6 May 2026

Interested?

Want to find out more?

Who will you invite and bring along?

Find out more on Sunday 26th April at the welcome tea from 3-4.30pm



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

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.

Ticket requests for Collation of Doug at All Saints Sanderstead

All Saints' with St. Antony's, Sanderstead invite you to the Collation Service of Reverend Doug McHardie as Rector By The Right Revd. Dr Rosemarie Mallett Bishop of Croydon At All Saints' Church, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, CR2 9AB. Monday 11th May 2026, 7.30pm. Seated by 7.15pm. Please stay for refreshments afterwards. The livestream link for those unable to attend in person is www.youtube.com/live/b2Jx5Jg0CAA

RSVP to request a ticket office@christchurchpurley.org.uk

- First come first served basis.
- We only have a limited number of spaces and will operate a waiting list when we have reached that number.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday 21st April - Tuesday Youth restarts

Sunday 26th April – Welcome Tea

Sunday 26th April – Gospel Service

Monday 27th April – Bereavement Support Group

Sunday 3rd May – Worship for everyone

Sunday 3rd May – 3 morning services

Wednesday 6th May Midweek Fellowship

Wednesday 6th May ALPHA starts

Sunday 10th May – 3 morning services

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

Sunday 24th May Pentecost

Sunday 24th May – Muddy church (cancelled if raining)

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Welcome Tea

Sunday 26th April @ 3-4.30pm

We would love to invite you to a Welcome Tea where you will have the opportunity to:

Meet us in a relaxed and sociable setting.
Find out some more about Christ Church.
Find out about how to get involved in church life.

Tea or coffee with cake
and meet a selection of members of staff, PCC members,
Discipleship Group leaders, Team leaders & church members.

The whole family is welcome whatever that means to you.

RSVP if possible by Wednesday 22 April
with any dietary requirements and numbers in your family to
help us plan. (Welcome to turn up on day!)

Jean at office@christchurchpurley.org.uk



Who is on PCC?

Alison Frost re-elected 2026

Bob Benn re-elected 2026

Kim Watts

Harriet Howgego

Ruth Laws

Chris Hickin

Jenny Hird

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

Neil Penn

Peter Wrench

Tomi Ejedenawe

Caroline Obonyo *

John Curror *

Simon Harding *

Simon Stocks

Nicola Hawes – (also on Deanery synod) *

Richard Slade *

* - newly elected / Co-opted 2026



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 or Caroline



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.

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.

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*

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

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Safeguarding Principles

The parish of Christ Church Purley takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously.



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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