



CHRIST CHURCH

Swanley

8th March 2020



1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 121 : 1-3, 6-8

Our vision is to make the love of Jesus clearly visible to one another and to the world around us.

Welcome to Christ Church Swanley!

Today's Services

"Water and Spirit"

08.45am: Early Morning Worship

Service Leader: Andy Hammond

Scripture: Psalm 121 and John 3:1-17



"Come up here"

10.30am: Morning Communion Service with
Membership Promises



Service Leader: Reverend George Kalu

Scripture: Genesis 12-1-4a, Matthew 17:1-9, Revelation 4:1-11

Wine served at Holy Communion Services is non-alcoholic, and suitable for children

After a time of worship and Holy Communion (at the 10.30am service) our children and youth move to the centre for their individual groups:

Glo-worms (pre-school) : God made the sky and birds

Sunbeams (school years R-3) : Being accepted

Comets (school years 4-7) : Fruit of the Spirit : Peace

Super Nova (school years 8-13) :

PLEASE NOTE : When our Spectrum Sunday School groups are in duration the centre becomes a Safeguarding area with restricted access until after the service has finished. Please use the facilities at the front entrance of the church and speak to June or Mark PH (Safeguarding officers) for more information. Thank you

Please join us for refreshments in The Centre after both services

Next Weeks Service

10.30am Morning Worship

Prayer this Week

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4 : 6-7

The World - Thank you, dear Lord, for pastors, church-planters and evangelists who serve You in the face of opposition and violence in places where Christians are a despised minority. May Your Holy Spirit equip and empower them spiritually, just as You meet their material needs. Protect them from attacks from the majority community, harassment from the authorities and unjust penalties for their service to You. Please make their ministries fruitful, in lives transformed by the truth of the Gospel of Christ and churches strengthened to face persecution with courage and perseverance. [B.F. prayer diary]

The Country - Lord, we pray for all those infected or affected by the Coronavirus which is continuing to spread. Give strength and protect all those in public services and for families caring for sick individuals. Lord, give us wisdom in how to react and behave during this time and give comfort to those who are afraid or concerned for their own well being. May we be compassionate to those suffering and a good Samaritan to those in need.

Our Town – We pray protection over Swanley and surrounding areas, for all its residents as well as those passing through. As we move forward with God’s Revival plans for our town may His ‘all consuming’ Love be felt by everyone and may Christ Church be a guiding beacon of Light ready to receive all who enter in. Amen.

Our Church - For everyone who steps inside Christ Church, may they find Jesus and proclaim Him as their Lord and Saviour. Amen.

We pray also, for those in our church who are suffering through illness, chronic pain, disability or bereavement including: Les A; Keith B; Vanessa B; Sharon B; Terry C; Fiona D; Geoff F; Marcus G; Phil G; Aida H; Louise H; Mollie K; Ada M; Joy M; Vicky R; Shirley T; George V; Janice W; Peter W;

Prayer meetings

We meet every Tuesday in the church at 10.00am and 8.00pm to pray for our church family; our town; our nation and our world.

Everyone is invited to join us even if you just wish to sit quietly in the background.

Prayer chain

If you have an immediate prayer need please text Janice Webb on 07305 782969

Thought For The Week

Come up here! (Rev. 4:1) Mentioning thrones immediately evokes thoughts of royalty, authority and influence. Thrones are usually higher and more ornately decorated than other seats in view and from them monarchs issue decrees and directives. Once in a while, they invite someone to approach their throne as a mark of favour or to whisper something confidential. Either way, it is a mark of personal recognition. Prophetic visions in Revelation and other Scriptures variously describe God as seated on a throne high and lifted (see Isaiah 6:1). From there, as the eternal Ruler of all creation, He directs the affairs of the world He created. He is the final arbiter in all matters Who sees and knows everything. He is: “the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen” (1 Timothy 6:15-16). Just imagine yourself, like John and Isaiah, being called up to that glorious throne of God, with blinding lights blazing and fanfare music playing – what an awe-inspiring experience that would be. Well, that is what we will experience physically when Christ comes. But, what if I told you that you do not have to wait that long to experience this glorious encounter? That heaven is beckoning on us daily to “approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” (Hebrews 4:6). Once again, He says to you, Come Up Here! What a privilege!



Reverend George Kalu

This Weeks Diary

Monday

- 1.30pm Handicraft & More! (Centre)
- 7.00pm Healthy Living Group (Centre)
- 7.30pm House Group 1
- 8.00pm Badminton (Centre)

Tuesday

- 10.00am Prayer Meeting in the church
- 2.30pm House Group 3 at The Manse
- 8.00pm Prayer Meeting in the church

Wednesday

- 6.00pm Galaxy Club (Centre)
- 8.00pm 7Plus House Group

Thursday

- 4.00pm Handicraft & More! (Centre)
- 8.00pm House Group 2
- 8.00pm GTR House Group

Friday

- 10.00am Bulrushes
- 7.30pm Worship Band rehearsal

Looking ahead...

- 14th March : 10.00am—4.00pm Church / Centre Maintenance Day
- 18th April : 9.00am—12.00noon Churches Together (CTSD) Healing Centre at Christ Church Swanley

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News

- **After you have enjoyed your refreshments on Sunday**, if you are able, please help by clearing the lounge area (stacking chairs and moving tables), vacuuming the carpeted area, and tidying any toys/games left out. Thank you.
 - We are looking to hold a **baptism service** during Easter. If you would like to know more about adult baptism or have already decided you wish to be baptised, please speak to George.
 - If you are available and able to help at our **Church & Centre Maintenance Working Day** on Saturday 14th March, please add your name to the list on the unit behind the pulpit. Breakfast will be available to everyone who comes along for the morning session. There are jobs for all levels of fitness or DIY skillset, so please speak to Mark Price Haworth if you are unsure or would like more information.
 - KCC are resurfacing the road outside our church during March. We have been informed the **road will be closed to traffic** between 8.00pm and 6.00am from Wednesday 11th March for 16 nights (including Saturday's). We aren't sure how this will impact our church & centre groups and also external clubs at the moment, but hopefully will receive more information soon.
 - Swanley Town Council are organising litter picking as part of the **Great British Spring Clean** during the period 20 - 23 March. In order for them to plan when and where to pick, they are asking for an idea of the number of volunteers and their availability. If you are interested in volunteering to litter pick, please can you let Peter and Jane Webber know. Their telephone number is: 01322 664219. Thank you.
 - Later this year we will be opening the **Christ Church time capsule** which was 'filled and buried' ten years ago. As part of this service we shall be creating a new time capsule which we will 'bury' on the premises to be opened again in the year 2030. Calvin is asking people to start thinking of things which should be put in our next time capsule so we have a good collection of current memorabilia when we hold this service. If you would like to know more, please speak to Calvin.
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News

- We are coming to the end of **Fairtrade fortnight** so please consider supporting those struggling to make a living in some of the world's poorest countries by purchasing fairly traded products from shops, online and our own Traidcraft stall. The Spring catalogue is now available so please have a look and see if there is anything you would like to buy. There is a catalogue in the leaflet rack in the corridor and spare catalogues can be borrowed from the Traidcraft stall. Please give any orders to Jane Webber. Have a look at the Easter eggs made with fairly traded chocolate and a story book about the real meaning of Easter.
- Thankyou for supporting the **Big Brew coffee morning** - £30 was raised for Traidcraft exchange which provides help and advice to producers in the developing world.
- **Sunny and Niki** will be having their wedding ceremony at Christ Church next Sunday (15th March) at 2.00pm. Anybody from the Christ Church family who wishes to attend are most welcome to do so and it will be an immense honour and privilege for the bride and groom! A reception is being held later in the evening at a different location but due to limited seating with the organiser, this has been reserved for those with an invite-only.
- Calling all those with green fingers! With the glorious spring weather, **the church garden** is in need of a tidy. If you are available next Saturday (14th March), please join us at the church and centre maintenance day so we can spruce up our outside areas. There are limited garden tools available, so if you have your own, please bring them with you. As always, copious amounts of tea and coffee will be on tap!
- Do you enjoy crafts? Would you like to help with the planning of **craft activities** for Bulrushes and our church services. Please speak to Brenda for more information (tel: 409993)



Did you know that recordings from our Sunday Services are available to listen to on iTunes? If you subscribe to Christ Church Swanley Media you will be able to catch up on talks you have missed, or want to listen to again. Search for us on iTunes Podcasts or email the church office and we will send you the hyperlink directly for you to 'click' on!
