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# WORSHIP

FEBRUARY		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>11.15am</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	<b>7</b>	All Age Worship on Zoom led by Rev Cameron Kirkwood Rev Stephen Day's service on YouTube
<b>Sunday</b> <b>11.15am</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	<b>14</b>	All Age Worship on Zoom led by Rev Choi Rev Stephen Day's service on YouTube
<b>Sunday</b> <b>11.15am</b> <b>3.00pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>21</b>	All Age Worship on Zoom led by Rev Pam Clews Rev Stephen Day's service on YouTube Café Worship led by Paul Parkinson
<b>Sunday</b> <b>11.15am</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	<b>28</b>	All Age Worship on Zoom led by Rev Choi Rev Stephen Day's service on YouTube

Our worship continues via the internet and telephone. The link to **Rev Stephen Day's 3.00pm service** for either live or later viewing is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjsqXYbmrBE9GD4hNOUVEjg?feature=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fchannel%2FUCjsqXYbmrBE9GD4hNOUVEjg%3Ffeature%3Dem-lsb-owner>

**Christ Church All Age Worship takes place at 11.15am on Sundays via Zoom or landline** – the links are on the email sending out the weekly Keeping in Touch sheet. Don't forget you can listen to previous services via the Christ Church website and also view 'special' services: <https://www.christchurchmeth.org.uk/worshi/sunday-worship>

**Cafe Worship on 21 February at 5.00pm** – the Zoom link will be sent out by email from Wendy. If you don't receive it, please contact her.

Also on Sunday mornings, **Early prayers** are being held weekly at 9.40am for half an hour on Zoom. If you would like to join in, please contact Fiona.

**Christ Church Sunday worship** is recorded and CDs are available. If you would like to receive a weekly CD, please contact either Revd Choi or Adrian Pickett.

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**Welcome to the February edition.** We hope you enjoy reading the magazine. Any suggestions to Fiona please or email [bingham144@hotmail.com](mailto:bingham144@hotmail.com), *Please note that any opinions expressed in articles are personal to the authors and may not be endorsed by the editors.*

**COPY DEADLINE FOR MARCH** by **Sunday, 21 February** either by email to [ccmamagazine@hotmail.com](mailto:ccmamagazine@hotmail.com) or by phone to Fiona Assaly on 8654 1296. Requests for email version to above address. Thanks as always to all contributors.

*Editorial team*

## OUR MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter, while I enjoy looking out over beautiful daffodils in our front garden. I think it is a bit early to see them sprouting in January, but surprisingly they are surviving cold weather and unusual snow. What I like in looking at daffodils is that I can see 'life' in there, which has endured the tough environment, and hope in God's creation. Particularly at such a time like this, when so many lives are lost because of Covid-19 and so many people are struggling to cope with daily life, these just handful of flowers give me a new hope and challenge me to get on with the work I have been entrusted with.



Actually, I cannot deny that Covid-19 has brought us serious questions about life and living: Where, and how can we find joy under social distancing and physically cut-off from our communities? How much of life can we live meaningfully over the internet, through Zoom or on the phone? These are the questions we all are trying hard to sort out. But, these questions seem to remind us that life is not lived in isolation, as an individual. We are all closely bound up with our neighbours and our families, and are responsible for each other's health and wellbeing, whether you like it or not. Over the last twelve months, we have experienced that connectedness in many ways, which might have led to some sorts of sacrifice. For some people, that must have meant serious sacrifice; our key workers are putting their lives at risk every day to save or enable life. For others it has meant putting life on pause and staying at home, keeping social distance with masks on and giving up hugs or other human contacts. What we've learned from this pandemic is that no one is an island, everyone is a part of the whole. Everyone's sacrifice, big or small, can make a difference. And, God's goodness is expressed through the goodness all around us now.

We might be asking where God has been over the last year, in the midst of Covid-19. But perhaps God has been the front-line workers sacrificing their health to save others. Maybe God has been the friends and neighbours who have helped with shopping for the people in shielding. Maybe God has been in our conversation while talking to our friends on the phone. Maybe God is at work as vaccines are developed. In all of these, we see God with us and inviting us to be co-workers in these difficult times.

So, I pray that, even in darkness and loneliness of lockdown, each of us may turn to God and experience God's good gift of life, so that we all may become God's goodness, through which the world may see the Kingdom of God break through.

Every blessing,  
Rev. SC Choi.

## **Croydon Food Bank Donations**

There will be an opportunity to donate items for the Croydon Food Bank on Saturday 13th February at Christ Church between 10.30am and 12noon.



Thank you, Sue.

# **Christ Church Worship**

## **Update from the Stewards**



Firstly, a somewhat belated thank you to everyone who contributed to our Advent and Christmas services. We understand that these services were greatly appreciated by many of our congregation.

Last Autumn the Church Council agreed that the Church Stewards introduce a gradual, phased re-opening of the Church for Worship, once they are confident the technical and human resources are in place to do so.

A survey of our worshippers back in the summer showed that a large number of people would prefer to continue to participate in worship via Zoom as long as the pandemic continued. This together with the restriction of numbers able to attend church services due to social distancing meant that we should consider the possibility of continuing to broadcast a live stream from the Church even when the Church reopened to some worshippers.

Practical and technical measures have now been put in place and some services have been transmitted from the Church, including over the Advent and Christmas period. A bookings system for those wishing to attend worship in the Church has been designed and safety stewards will be trained ready for a gradual and phased opening to worshippers.

Due to the current national lockdown the Stewards will continue to review the situation and possible timescales to enable this. In the meantime, we thank you for your patience and continued prayers for all our church family.

*The Church Stewards*

# FAMILY NEWS



So many of us now have either contracted Covid or their family members or friends have been infected by the new variant, meaning self-isolation for a period. We ask for God's prayers for us all and for those who have needed time in hospital, we thank God for the wonderful care being given by our brilliant NHS staff. With the vaccination a reality for many of us, the joy of hope has meant a huge difference to our lives.

Congratulations to Paul Parkinson who has recently completed his first stage of local preacher training and has now become a 'local preacher on trial'. We look forward to welcoming Paul to lead whole services as we worship together as the Christ Church community.

Love Essel sends her love and heartfelt thanks to everyone for their continued prayers for her family over the last year or so in every situation that has arisen. She appreciates it so much. And she thanks God for his awesome grace and care in shepherding the family through thick and thin.

Barbara Langsdale was overwhelmed by her greetings from all those who remembered her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 28 January and sends her love and grateful thanks. Georgiana Hedd was touched by receiving a card from the church and from other friends in the congregation for her birthday on 14 January. She appreciates it so much.

*Please tell/send any family news to Fiona Assaly: 020 8654 1296 or [bingham144@hotmail.com](mailto:bingham144@hotmail.com). We really want to make sure our prayers are offered for all our friends. Do remember the prayer chain – again, contact me if you would like to include anyone on the prayer chain but remember to ask their (or a family member's) permission first.*

## **Announcement from the Circuit Stewards**

Dear Friends,

You will remember that in July the Circuit Meeting agreed for an independent review of lay employees to take place due to the significant financial constraints we have been, and continue to be, under. The Circuit Meeting voted for a consultation redundancy process to take place. Following consultation and careful consideration, the process concluded that the Lay Development Worker role should be made redundant and it is with regret that Lindsey Macfarlane will be leaving her employment with the Croydon Circuit on 9 February 2021.

We give thanks for the work that Lindsey has contributed to the Croydon Circuit in the last 17 years and wish her and her family the very best moving forward. We appreciate the current difficulties presented by the pandemic and are seeking to take steps to ensure that Lindsey and her family are provided for in order to make the transition as smooth as possible. We want to express our thanks as a Circuit for her time with us and the contribution she has made over the years and would like to find a way to mark her time with the Circuit.

We recognise that this will be a difficult time for Lindsey and we invite you to continue to hold Lindsey and her family in your prayers at this time.

*The Circuit Stewards  
January 2021*



*See weekly Keeping in Touch sheet  
for updates or email me.*

*The link will be on the Keeping in Touch sheet*

We will meet on  
**SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021**  
at 5pm on Zoom

**Led by Paul Parkinson**

*All are welcome for an informal hour of worship and fellowship*

We are not able to worship on church premises at the moment due to the continuing coronavirus restrictions but we haven't stopped worshipping. We will also meet on 21 March 2021

*Wendy Thompson*

**A LENT GROUP** will be starting on Tuesday 16 February at 7.30pm on Zoom. This will run for six weeks. Look out for more details in the Keeping in Touch sheet. All are very welcome.

*Fiona*





Methodist  
relief and  
development

As you know, Christ Church is a partner church with All We Can and our congregation has been very generous in contributing over the last year to their campaign 'Change begins with a bicycle'. Each month, All We Can will be featured in the magazine, keeping you abreast of what they are doing in various parts of the world. This month, we feature:

### **Celebrating the path to sustainable development**



All We Can has been working alongside a number of local organisations in Cameroon for the last 15 years and this year they celebrate the fact that they have now all graduated from All We Can's support.

***'All We Can is exceptional in their approach and way they work with partners; in their humility and valuing differences among different partners. Without All We Can, I am not sure we would have lasted to today.'***

These are words from Francis, the director of a local organisation in Cameroon that All We Can shared partnership with and is located in the North West Province of Cameroon. It started as a small organisation – but over the course of the partnership, has grown both the depth and scope of its work in supporting and advocating for the rights of elderly

people and other vulnerable communities. There are now more than 300 elderly social groups established to combat loneliness among older people. Incredibly, the organisation has indirectly benefited the lives of 27.7 million elderly people by playing an instrumental role in drafting the National Policy on Ageing in Cameroon.

All We Can's partnership approach is committed to supporting local organisations long-term, which enables All We Can to responsibly exit from them – leaving them in a stronger position than before, and equipped to continue well beyond All We Can's support.

***'These are difficult times on our country; particularly with the ongoing civil strife since 2016. With All We Can's support we have remained resilient and are equipped for graduation. With the capacity that we have acquired over time, the experience, and the profile that we have built, we are confident that we can continue our development work.'***

This quote is from Vincent – Chief Executive of another local organisation in Cameroon that has graduated from All We Can's support this year. All We Can first partnered with this local organisation back in 2006. In the first few years of partnership, their mission to improve the socio-economic status of thousands of community members, particularly women and youth, was focused in the South West region of Cameroon. Since then they have been able to scale up their community assistance work to expand into other two additional regions as well.

***'It has been a wonderful relationship with All We Can, it is never easy to say goodbye but we know that All We Can is always there to reach out to and tell them what we are doing'*** said Vincent. All We Can remains in close contact with all their partners and continues to monitor and encourage them, as the friendships built and lessons learned over the 15-year partnerships are an essential part of the All We Can movement.

*[Excerpt from the January All We Can newsletter. Daphne Jones is our All We Can contact]*

## **From Small Beginnings**

When did you last meet somebody who was prejudiced, someone who had made up their mind about someone's behaviour? If I'm honest I must admit to being prejudiced to certain members of the Royal Family. This, I admit, is silly. I picked up this prejudice as a young lad listening to my mother ranting, and accepted what she said then, and for years since, without question. So from where I am sitting I can see the act of questioning and careful thinking could have sorted my inherited view differently. Everyone needs to make balanced appraisals, but we often trip into prejudice unconsciously. Snap judgements come from a rushed acceptance, and, perhaps, unconscious pride, like a slinking mouse skittering by a skirting board, to complete our condemnation.

Jury service is a civic duty, an obligation, viewed differently by people in different jobs. Travel expenses are covered but for the self employed, it can mean loss of profits and so on. Each member of the chosen 12 will be a collection of biases which will colour all that they see and hear in the following trial. For some 'Let's get a decision and get out of here quick' will cloud all their senses while others will determinedly want to keep an open mind as different witnesses trail through the hearing. Later, in the jury room, the talkers and the silent ones will jockey for position. Patience and impatience will clash and solo, or pockets of obstinacy, may live under the surface. The job of the foreman/woman is to require reflective thought from all. It is little wonder that books and films have been written about such a mix of needs and desires, but the principle of the jury decision, like democracy, can disappoint but these are the best devices we have so far.

This is beginning to sound like a homily but for me it is an exploration into why Donald Trump has gathered and maintained such a sizeable, devoted and prejudiced

following. From this has grown mob violence and the wholesale acceptance of the many times repeated lies such as the lie that the final national ballot was rigged.

Journalists have, for the last four years, confronted Trump supporters with true reports that contradict his repeated lies, and then hearing answers like, "Oh well, I'd need to see evidence of that before I would believe it". Hitler's followers were also full of similar blind spots. Unlike Trump, Hitler did read books and he wrote one, Mein Kampf. He nursed similar prejudice in his followers. Both he and Trump lived with economies that had caused mass discontent and the humiliating unemployment of workers. Both made speeches in over simple terms, suggesting that the fear and frustration of people out of work could be solved. "We can do this together. Encouraging pride, and unthinking obedience, have been key to both bands of supporters.

One of my relations from Germany stopped me in my tracks, saying "You don't think Hitler could have succeeded here? Well, wake up; he could have!". As I mulled this over I remembered my National Service (late 1940s) and my initial square bashing. Watching a recruit turn left causing chaos, when the order was to turn right, was as funny to see as a Chaplin film – until I had to do it. Square bashing is about spit and polish and repeated drill on the parade ground. It looks good at the Edinburgh Tattoo – precision! There is real pride in all who take part, but the purpose of parade ground drill is to ensure that a group of armed soldiers will act with blind obedience when ordered to fight. In Hitler's hands this led to great evil and, certainly, in Trump's hands, it would too. Even under good leaders obedience ought never be blind but when you are 18 and proud .....

Tolerant thoughtful appraisal, or is this an over simplification?

*Rex*

## Is it Dawn?

It's 5.30 in the morning  
And my alarm, it started to play  
Ringing in a reminder  
Of another Covid day.

It's Tesco delivery time  
And my slot opens at six  
I was lucky to get this one  
A customer out in the sticks.

I went to the shops yesterday  
My scooter it ran smooth as silk  
Though a delivery was due in the morning  
I found I was quite out of milk.

Of all the things that I order  
Having no white stuffs the worst  
And I knew that at six in the morning  
I was going to have a great thirst.

Here I sit contemplating  
A long word to try to spell  
It's 6.30 in the morning  
And I'm still waiting on the door bell.

My early morning cuppa  
It's started getting quite cold  
To rise at this time in the morning  
Well, I'm getting rather too old!

Twenty to seven, where is he?  
Should I chance it and go back to bed?  
At last there's the buzzer  
Just forget the moaning, I said.



*Bob Horne – January 2021*

## Circuit Minister's Letter



Dear friends,

Greetings to you and your families at the beginning of this new year. Christmas may have felt very strange since we couldn't meet family and friends or worship together. However, hopefully we could still celebrate the wondrous mystery of the Son of God coming to dwell amongst us in the vulnerability of flesh and blood.

We begin this year in a lockdown seeing the continuing impact of Covid upon our lives, our families and our communities. We pray for one another as Covid affects us in many and varied ways. We thank God for the rollout of vaccines, from which some of us are already benefitting, which give hope of a different future, albeit with its own challenges.

In my letter last month I reported on the generosity of circuit members which enabled us to present a Christmas gift to every staff member at Hall Grange. I share below an email I received from Ms Abi Williams, the Home Manager:

I would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of myself and my colleagues at Hall Grange, for such a wonderful and thoughtful gesture of card and voucher received from yourself and the Croydon Methodist Circuit.

Each and every staff members at Hall Grange are ever so grateful and most obliged by this gesture, the thought, kind words and gift goes a long way in realising how much we are appreciated, it is also a reminder that there are wonderful people out there thinking and praying for us, during these unprecedented and uncertain times.

If we look back at this year we all remember the difficulties we faced in March and April when nobody in the world knew how to

respond to the attack of the coronavirus, the lack of PPE and the endless runs to the Council and other Authorities to retrieve some tools and information, the high number of residents we lost. Still, we came together and we all helped each other at the best of our abilities. Unfortunately, we are now in the middle of the second wave of crisis.

And now, more than ever, we can only wish for the best and also work towards it: as we all stay together, believe in each other, and pray for God's mercy and light to shine on each of us.

With all my heart, I wish you all kindness, hope and a better time to come soon.

From me and on behalf of my colleagues at Hall Grange: please extend our sincere appreciation to every partaker of this kind gesture, we wish you all a prosperous new year.

Abi's comments connect us to the theme of Covenant. Our Covenant services provide a powerful reminder about celebrating and valuing our relationship with the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and with one another. We recall the words of Christ: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing' (John 15:5). We bear fruit to God's glory is the outworking of the life and love of Christ within our lives as we abide in him. This is a dynamic relationship: 'My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples' (John 15:8). We may recognise that sense of becoming disciples of Christ as we abide in his love and bear fruit. We are not the people we were because of all we have experienced during the past year. At the start of 2021, the Covenant service allows us, together, to re-commit ourselves to abiding in Christ the true vine and bear fruit to God's glory.

We remind ourselves of the words of the Covenant Prayer:

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,  
wherever you may place me,  
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;  
when there is work for me and when there is none;  
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.  
Your will be done when I am valued and when I am  
disregarded; when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;  
when I have all things, and when I have nothing.  
I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you,  
as and where you choose.  
Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
May it be so for ever.  
Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven.

God bless,





## *Memories from 1921*

My mother Nellie was born in 1907 and she turned 14 in 1921. At that time, school leaving age was 14 so mum said goodbye to formal learning the day she turned 14. Her mother felt that the girls should go into service to learn how to run a home.

Mum's father was disabled and learned shoe repairing at Barnardos. Her mother was a dressmaker. There had been seven live births but mum's little brother had died after pulling a table cloth and a pot of tea falling on him. After two days, my grandmother took him to hospital. There was no free NHS in those days. On the way to the hospital, the news placards were about a tea table tragedy. My grandmother really took heart when the coroner had said he was really well cared for. She told me that when she was 86. It must have meant something.

Mum's father was a great music lover and helped out financially by busking. The children had a poor but very happy childhood. The eldest son often walked them from Kilburn to Stanmore (a distance of 8½ miles) to see their uncle who was a milkman with a horse and cart. This was when the two girls were about six or seven, no more.

By the time mum left school, the family were living in Colliers Wood and her first job was at a large house in Wimbledon. She found the work hard – up at 6am to light the fires and then into the kitchen, once being told to scramble some eggs so she just dropped them on the floor! The mistress was kind and mum learned a lot.

Her second job was in another house where she did much more cleaning. One day she lifted the carpet to clean under it only to find a farthing (a quarter of one old penny) under the middle of the carpet. She handed it to the lady of the house only to be told that it must have

rolled there! Mum realised it had been put there to test her honesty. She promptly took off her apron and told the lady to keep her job and walked out, saying “You can keep your lousy job”!

She then got a job in a shop selling dairy produce. One day she noticed a row of boys from the butchers opposite watching the window. She mentioned this to the owner who went outside and realised she was showing a little too much leg. He was a really good employer who put her to a different task! She stayed there quite a while. She worked until she married but it taught her how to run a home.



### **Libraries consultation**

The Council proposes to close five of its 13 library buildings - Bradmore Green, Shirley, Sanderstead, South Norwood and Broad Green - unless viable alternative plans are found that require no public money.

They want your views on the proposals, ideas for the library service and suggestions for alternative ways the library buildings could be used to help them further develop options and consult again on these, before taking a proposal to cabinet for a decision in summer 2021.

Libraries consultation website and

questionnaire: [www.croydon.gov.uk/library-consultation](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/library-consultation)

Phone number (answerphone) for requesting paper copy:

020 7884 5159

Email address for enquiries: [librariesconsultation@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:librariesconsultation@croydon.gov.uk)

### **Public consultation timetable:**

Initial consultation on proposals begins	14 January 2021
Initial consultation ends (survey closes)	7 March 2021
Consultation outcome & options report	April 2021
Consultation finishes	May 2021
Final report	June 2021
Final decision	Summer 2021
Implementation	September 2021 (expected)

# Croydon Churches Forum update

## St Mary Magdalene Vacancy

Magdalene Preschool seeks to appoint an Early Years preschool practitioner.

We are looking for an experienced preschool practitioner for a temporary role with the prospect of a permanent position.

Temporary position February 2021 – July 2021

34 hours per week (Hours of work 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. :8.30am -12.30pm Wednesday)

Term time only

Please see attachment and

email [Magdalenepreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:Magdalenepreschool@hotmail.com) for further enquiries and an application form

Closing date 19th February 2021

## Care for the Family Bereavement Care Awareness

Care for the Family [\*Bereavement Care Awareness\*](#) training is designed to help and equip churches support those in their community coping with heartache after the death of a loved one. The aim is to develop knowledge, skills and understanding of how churches can be involved in providing appropriate levels of on-going support, after the funeral.

We have moved the training online and developed the content in response to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis.

The training is free and delivered via Zoom. It lasts for three hours, with a mix of talks, group activities, videos and individual reflection.

We are running the training throughout 2021. Here are the dates for the next two months, click to book your place:

[Saturday 6 February](#)

[Saturday 13 February](#)

[Saturday 20 February](#)

[Saturday 6 March](#)

[Wednesday 17 March](#)

[Saturday 20 March](#)

## DECIMAL DAY

I wonder how many of you reading this article remember 15 February 1971? Yes it was decimal day when the UK updated its notes and coins and we were able to calculate how much money we were spending in units of 10 rather the old system which was based on 12 pennies in a shilling. There were 20 shillings in a pound and among the coins were the threepenny bits, tanners and half a crown.

I was at primary school and had already begun to work out how far money went. There were no calculators or spreadsheets so we had to do all the calculations in our heads or with a pen and paper. I welcomed the move to 100 pennies in a pound, the same system we still use today. Then we only had coins, notes and cheques but today most of us have learnt to use debit cards and internet banking too so currency is ever changing.



We had special lessons at school to ensure we were ready and on decimal day itself some children who had been to the sweet shop on the way to school told us how much they had spent and which coins they had used. My parents bought us the card game Snipsnap and I still have it (see picture); it has pictures of old coins and their replacements. My dad as

an accountant working entirely with pen, paper and no calculator could do the calculations in his head very fast but he did get used to the new system and eventually decided calculators were OK too, he never tried spreadsheets but his mental arithmetic skills never left him.

*Wendy Thompson*

### ***Extract from a recent article in the Croydon Advertiser***

February 15th 1971 was the day the nation said goodbye to pounds, shillings and pence and embraced decimal currency. There were fears elderly people would never understand the new changes and some shopkeepers said it would increase prices. The BBC ran five minute specials called "Decimal Five" to explain the new coins while ITV broadcast "Granny Gets the Point". Banks were closed for four days before Decimal Day to prepare for the changeover.

## Layworker's Last



I have sometimes wondered what this article will look like. It is finally before me. A little friendly robin has pitched up to help.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 I will be made redundant. I will no longer work for the Croydon Circuit and possibly no longer live here either. For over 17 years I have enjoyed sharing the seeds of God's Good News amongst you. I am blessed.

Each September an annual pattern has opened a seasonal range of activities to the year. Many familiar events mixed with the new. Many familiar faces along with others to be welcomed. I have been privileged to be amongst you. Children have grown to be adults. Young people are now youth leaders. Hundreds of people have helped; many for even longer than I have! Thank you. There are lots of special memories to share.

Our family find that when we are working in the garden a little robin turns up to watch. We are encouraged. We chat, we smile, we laugh as the robin joins us. We are aware that over many years you have been alongside us, prayed with us, lived with us and loved us. We are so grateful. God embraces us with the Holy Spirit and with each other.

In absence of an event, I am organising my own Farewell. You are all invited. It will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30pm via Zoom. You can phone in or video call. The Zoom Meeting ID is 856 6471 3650, passcode Farewell. For those who wish to listen in by phone, dial 0203 051 2874, enter meeting ID 856 6471 3650, then (no participant ID) just enter # and phonecode 7741 9756.

This time together will include contributions from Rev John Pritchard, Pastor Damian Luke and the CE Bishop of Croydon, Jonathan Clark. I hope it will be a simple time of thanks to God, who called me here, to sow seeds of love and encouragement, to bring to mind happiness and do good.

Recently, I have found the following words helpful and I share them with you as, together with Alistair, Esther & Daniel, we thank you for sharing with us and wish you God's continuing blessings.

*Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.  
St. Teresa of Avila*

With love and best wishes,

**Lindsey Macfarlane & family**

**Croydon Circuit Youth Development & Safeguarding Officer**

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### **Future Events**

We ask that you pray for blessings on our community as we live in a different way.

### **Prayers please:**

on **Monday** for **Children and those who are Vulnerable**

on **Tuesday** for **Families and those who Care**

on **Wednesday** for **Brownies, Guides and Scouts**

on **Thursday** for **Girls' & Boys' Brigade**

on **Friday** for **Young People, Schools & Futures**

on **Saturday** for **Special Occasions and Celebrations**

on **Sunday** for **All Ages and Community**

<b>Weekly Services and Meetings at Christ Church</b> <i>(We hope that worship and meetings/groups will be back at Church soon)</i>			
09.15	Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)		
09.30	Time for quiet prayer (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)		
10.10	Songs for Worship (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	Karen Taylor	8656 0975
10.30	Morning Service (Parade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)		
10.30	Holy Communion (4 <sup>th</sup> Sun)		
10.30	Junior Church / Youth Fellowship		
10.30	Crèche		
17.00	Cafe Worship (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)	Wendy Thompson	8656 4287
<b>Monday</b>			
09.30	0-5 Stay & Play	Adelle Goode	8777 5148
18.00	Monday Club (monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)	Adelle Goode	8777 5148
<b>Tuesday</b>			
19.00	Rangers (fortnightly)	Rosemary Dalrymple	8655 2629
19.30	Emmaus Bible Study Group	Fiona Assaly	8654 1296
<b>Wednesday</b>			
18.30	Guides	Rosemary Dalrymple	8655 2629
<b>Thursday</b>			
09.30	0-5 Stay & Play	Adelle Goode	8777 5148
18.45	Brownies	Sally Francis	07854 456887

<b>Minister</b>	Revd Soon Cheol Choi	8654 5481
<b>Church Stewards</b>	Adrian Pickett	8771 7222
	Gill Haslam	8656 4610
	Sue Astington	8662 0034
	Natalie Thomas	07403 309692
Sunday morning services only →	Andrew Thynne	8656 5744
Sunday morning services only →	Fiona Assaly	8654 1296
	Karen Taylor	8656 0975
<b>Room Bookings</b>	Pat Bates	8656 4553