

Christ Church News

5th July 2021

CHRIST CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD

WELCOME NIC!

We have been so blessed with our new Curate, Nicolette Wolf, and extend a warm Christ Church welcome to her and her family as they join us. If you missed her first preach on Sunday you can catch up on our You Tube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80Y7ewlPRg>



SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30am Holy Communion – in person service and on line. [Click here](#) to sign up to attend the in person service.

10.30am Morning Worship Communion – in person service IN THE CHURCHYARD and online. Includes Kids groups for 5-10 year olds, and Youth service for ages 10 and up. [Click here](#) to sign up to attend the in person service.

6.00pm Evening Service – in person and live streamed – [click here](#) to sign up to attend the in person service.

SERVICE THEMES

Very challenging teaching from Jesus

11th July

Choose Christ

Matthew 11v1-19 - David Hall

18th July

Come to me and I will give you rest

Matthew 11 v20-30 – David Hall

JOB VACANCY - PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Following on from recommendations in the Truscott Report, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has approved the creation of an additional post of Pastoral Assistant within the church's Pastoral Ministry, which is headed up by Tracy Brown as Pastoral Minister and in which Laura Joiner serves as a Pastoral Assistant. This will be a year round part-time post of 3 days a week (22.5 hours). The initial contract is for a period of six months and the successful candidate needs to be a car driver. If you would like to receive full details and an application form, please contact me by sending an email to Sylvia.Mann@cccw.org.uk or calling me on 07921 661605.

Sylvia Manm, Chair of the HR Care Group

PROM PRAISE TOGETHER!

17TH July 6pm – Live Stream

Prom Praise will not take place at the Royal Albert Hall in 2021 due to the complexities and restrictions we are still experiencing globally resulting from Covid – 2019. (But fear not, we have a date in 2022!)

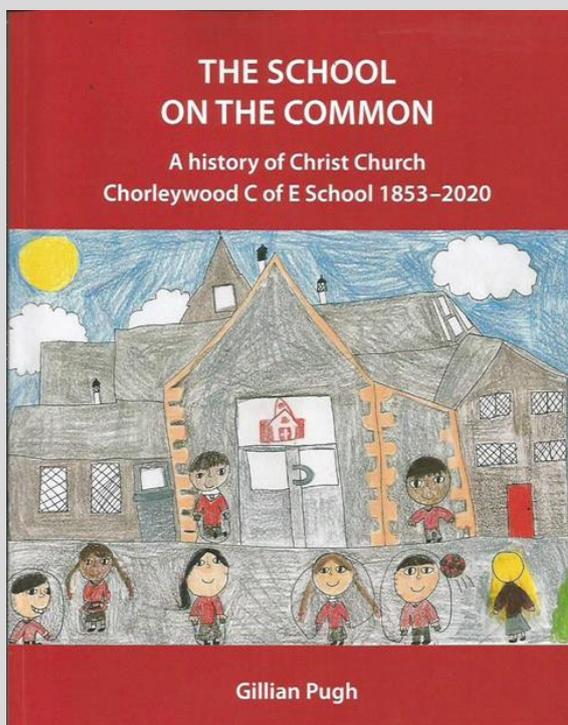
The All Souls Orchestra and Special Guests will be coming together at All Souls Church, London, UK on Saturday 17 July 2021 to livestream an evening of the thrilling and diverse music that Prom Praise audiences have come to love year after year. Music will range from an original orchestral overture written expressly for this season, appearances from well loved classical and contemporary artists and musicians joining us virtually from the USA and from right in the heart of the UK.

Plan a watch party with friends, family, your choir, church - even the whole community! (Government guidelines followed, of course!) Celebrate with us, Remember with us, Share with us, Sing with us - as together we find our footing in emerging from a long season of being apart. The link to view will become available on the homepage of <http://www.allsoulsmusic.org> in the week leading up to Prom Praise TOGETHER. You will be able to share this link out to friends and family.

EXCITING NEWS OF GUEST ARTISTS - we can announce guest artists will include Noel Robinson, soprano Joanne McGahon, Geraldine Latty, Rend Collective and Matt Redman.



THE SCHOOL ON THE COMMON



The School on the Common is a history of Christ Church School from its beginnings in 1853, as seen through the eyes of teachers, pupils, parents and governors over the years. The book also reflects on what it means to be a church school, on changes to what children learn and how they are taught, on the advantages of being located on the Common, and on the changing nature of Chorleywood over this period.

Dame Gillian Pugh is a former chair of governors of the school. Published by Rickmansworth Historical Society.

160 pages, 95 photographs.

Price £12.00. Available from Chorleywood Bookshop, or from Gillian Pugh (Gillian.pugh@gmail.com). Staff, parents and governors at the school can purchase through the school.

All proceeds from the book sold by the school and by Gillian will go to the school once the costs are covered.

KISIMA SCHOOL ALUMNUS

Christ Church are delighted to be able to welcome Mark Abuongor Ibuya to the morning service on Sunday 11th July. Mark attended Kisima School between 2009-2012 and is the first Kisima School alumni to study in the UK and to visit Christ Church.

One of seven children, Mark was born into a Turkana village in Samburu District of Northern Kenya. His father was a herdsman who owned just two cows and ten goats and his parents were forced to leave their home because of insecurity. Mark did exceptionally well at his Primary School but his parents could not afford to send him to a secondary school so he was offered a free place at Kisima School in Nyahururu. Mark was sponsored by Kevin and Flo Watson from Christ Church and Kevin visited the Kisima School in 2010 with a group of students from Watford Grammar School.

After completing his first degree in Kenya, Mark is now studying a Masters in engineering at Birmingham University on a UK funded scholarship.

Kisima School has been supported by Christ Church and the Mission Action Group since its inception in 2005. It currently needs sponsors for the new class of 2021 who are about to start at the school. If you would like to sponsor one of the children, please pick up a sponsorship leaflet ('TEFT - Changing Lives in Kenya') from The Junction or make contact with Richard Walton or Julie Dickins. Sponsors pay £25 per month for four years.

PLEASE PRAY



AHEAD OF THE WEEK

For the stage team as they prepare their drama, full of adventure and daring!

For the team. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prompt people to respond and join the team.

For the Age Group Leaders as they prepare the teaching programme on the story of Joseph

For all other preparation: sound, band, set construction, craft, sport, refreshments, Risk Assessments, marquees, security

THE WEEK ITSELF

For the children, that they will learn more of Jesus' love and power, and have a wonderful time in a loving and covid safe environment.

DETONATE 2021 – desperate for help!!!

Detonate will be back at the Russell School in Chorleywood this Summer from Monday 26 July to Friday 30 July.

Each day there is an Early Birds session, where the leaders and helpers can safely leave their own children, while they prepare for the day and pray together. You may not be able to help full-time at Detonate, but helping at the beginning of the day at Early Birds either for the whole week or on just a couple of the days might work for you and will be a tremendous help and a great contribution to the week.

The session opens at 8.30 am, but helpers need to be there between 8.00 and 8.15 am in order to set up. Early Birds finishes in the school at about 10.15 am, when the children are taken over to their groups. Between 25 and 40 children usually attend Early Birds. This year we also need someone who would enjoy taking 10-15 of the children onto the football pitch between 9.00 and 10.00 am.

If you can help you will need to have DBS clearance, which is easily arranged through the Church of England's umbrella safeguarding organisation - 31:8.

We hope you feel led to help and/or know of someone who can take on those enthusiastic young footballers. Please contact Sarah Barnett, who will be leading Early Birds this year, on sarahbarnett9@gmail.com mobile 07788 878492.



Food Bank Prayer Diary July 2021

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. Psalm 89:15



Life can be pretty hard at times and perhaps especially during the season we are passing through at the moment. The present can be very confusing and the future very unclear. That is particularly true for most of the clients of the Food Bank.

The psalmist in the above verse gives a clear answer to us. First he says we must “acclaim God” which means that we are to give God His rightful place in our lives, praising Him and acknowledging Him as Lord at all times.

Secondly we are “walk in the light of His presence”, spending our days with Him. This will give us clarity to see things as they really are, and the solutions that He has prepared for us. Acknowledging God as Lord of our lives and following His guidance is the very best way to live life. Enjoy the summer with God!

Lord we thank you for guiding P & C as they have taken the first step in the next chapter of their lives, vacating their home to move in with family out of the area, before the next step. We continue to pray for them as they now jointly pray & trust you to meet their family’s needs.

Life is indeed hard for G. Please continue to lift her to the Lord & her daughter J who lives with her.

Lord we praise your name & thank you for J, who has recently been acutely unwell physically, but is gradually returning to a place of stability & accepting help from professional services.

The Trust is planning on issuing vouchers to schools, via their named supplier for logo’d uniform items to assist families that are struggling to purchase school uniforms. Please pray that this reaches those that need the help.

As a Trust we continue to look to God for all our direction & guidance. Please pray for all the following aspects of our role in the community. As food shortages are predicted nationally and which will undoubtedly be reflected in rising costs, we may well experience an increase in uptake at the foodbank. Also, as C, our mental health worker via the Healthy Hub, is seeing more Foodbank clients struggling with a variety of mental health issues & domestic abuse that we are able to support appropriately. Planning of re-opening of the café during the summer is dependant on restrictions being lifted, which may well be a blessing to many families to access free meals during the school holidays. All of these issues alongside the long-term dilemma over day to day management, the garden, premises, storage & security, we ask God to guide and lead us.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME GROUP USE

27th June TRUSTING GOD WHEN THINGS GET HARDER...

Matthew 10 v16-33

Question 1 - Icebreaker: Think of a frightening moment in your life, and how God saw you through it.

1. DON'T BE SURPRISED

²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

Question 2: Why are Christians persecuted?

Question 3: Have you ever experienced persecution personally?

Question 4: What were the longer term consequences?

2. DON'T GIVE-UP

¹⁶ "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Question 5: What things do the images of sheep, wolves, serpents and doves suggest to you?

Question 6: Respecting confidentiality, can spiritual issues cause serious problems in families?

3. DON'T BE AFRAID

²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Question 7: Do you find it surprising that Jesus mentions hell? What are the implications of that for Christians?

Question 8: How do these verses challenge our fears? Question 9: What is the main message you take from this passage?

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4 July 2021

Choose Life Matthew 10:34-42

Question 1 - Icebreaker: Think of a moment in your life when you realised you were far from God. What happened as a result?

A. My Way or Jesus' Way

³⁴ Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Question 2: Can you describe the definition of being a Christian?

Question 3: What do you think your part is within Jesus' mission on earth? Question 4: What does the word "sword" mean to you?

B. Choose Life

³⁵ For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law – ³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household." ³⁷ Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Question 5: Are you willing to give up everything and put Jesus as supreme? Question 6: What do you spend the most time cherishing? Is God first?

Question 7: If not, why not?

C. You Will Be Rewarded

³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰ He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

Question 7: How does God want you to "lose your life" for his sake?

Question 8: What is the reward if you do?

Question 9: What is the first step God wants you to take when you study v41-42?

Question 10: How can the answer to question 9 play out in your day-to-day living?

