

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 this week's edition of Christ Church News.

Sunday 19 th October		Mission Partner Sunday – Refugee Day Centre
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with CCKids & CCYouth
		Coffee
		AFRICAN & CARRIBEAN CELEBRATION LUNCH
	11.45am	Third service
	1pm	Confirmation Preparation 1
	3pm	Alpha course
Monday	9 am	Foyer open
	9.15am	Morning Bible Study
Tue	9.00am	Foyer open
	9.30am	Carousel baby and toddler group
	7pm	Tuesday Youth Group
Wed	9am	Foyer open
	9.15am	Morning Bible Study

Thu	9am	Foyer open
Fri	9am	Foyer open
Sat		
Sunday 26 th October		New sermon series starts today - <i>How much more?</i>
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	Worship Service Or Muddy Church
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service
	1pm	Confirmation Preparation

Find the link on our website



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Food celebration after services – Sunday 19th October

Muddy Church – Sunday 26th October

Bereavement Support Group – Monday 27th October

Foyer closed all week for half term break

No Carousel on 28 October

WOW party – Friday 31st October - **BOOKING NOW OPEN**

Veteran Car (unofficial) pit stop – Sunday 2nd November

Baptism service – Sunday 2nd November **11am**

Living with loss service – Sunday 2nd November

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 9th November

Confirmation service – Sunday 9th November 6pm at St John's Old Coulsdon



Starts 26th October: NEW SERMON MINI-SERIES - *How much more?*

After Romans (yes there is life after Romans!) we will be following a short series on ***How much more?***. Drawn from Jesus' promise in Luke 7:11 "*how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*", we will be exploring what it truly means to worship "*in Spirit and in truth*" (John 4:24), and **what the more of God might look like**. And specifically, how we ask for more!



Pull on your wellies and join us at Riddlesdown Common!

On Sunday 26th October at 10.15am Come and join us on Sunday 26th October at Riddlesdown common @ 10:15 for our MUDDY CHURCH!



Wow Party! 31 October 4.30pm-6.30pm

Doors open at 4.15pm

For primary school aged children 11 and under

Under 3's go free.

Come dressed as part of our light theme. Be creative! You could come as a firework, lighthouse, a star or something else. The sky's the limit!

Adults must stay with the children

Price £3 for pre-booked spaces (booking closes 12noon 31 October)

£3.50 on the door (in cash correct money please)

Can You help at the WOW party?
Sign up to be part of the WOW party team

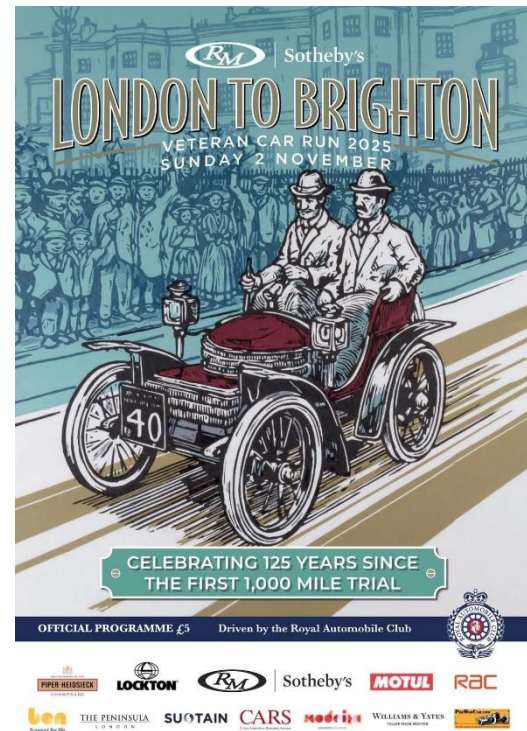


Veteran car pit stop (Unofficial)



Car run with our unofficial pit stop. A chance for them to rest their cars, top up with water and have a hot drink and sandwich. Please do come and see the cars but make sure that you park in the surrounding roads – not on the Brighton Road or in our car park.

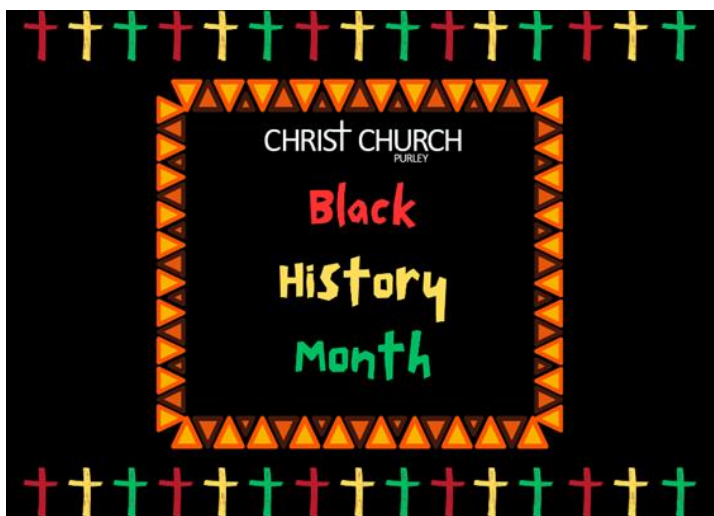
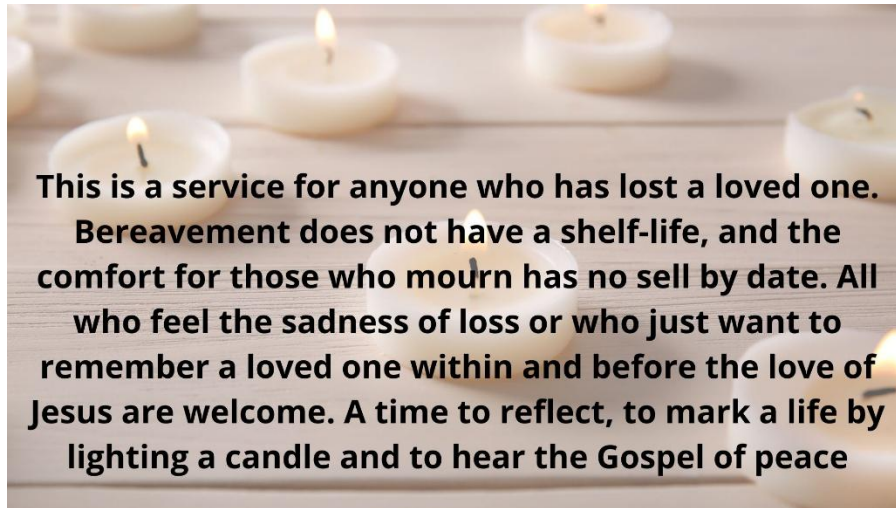
Sunday 2nd November there is **ONE** morning service at Christ Church at 11am. There will be no parking in the car park until this service, before this we will be blessing the people on the Veteran



Living with Loss service

**a service for anyone
who has lost a loved one.**

Sunday 3pm



DATES FOR 2025

18th October Croydon Area Service

19th October Food celebration

25th October Mental health in black community

27th October Sam Sharpe lecture



To celebrate Black History Month as a Christ Church Family we are having an African and Caribbean Celebration Lunch on this Sunday - 19th October, after the 10.15am service.

This is an opportunity for us to gather as a church family and celebrate with food enjoyed as part of African and Caribbean culture.

If you know how to make African or Caribbean food, and would like to help please let us know.

We are also looking for food to accompany traditional African and Caribbean food, please.

- Coleslaw
- Green Salad
- Humous
- Pitta bread
- Plain Tortilla Chips x 6
- Mac & cheese/ Macaroni pie
- Ice lollies
- Drinks

To ensure we have an adequate amount of food, please kindly advise the office/ Caroline, what you would like to contribute.

We are also looking for people to

- help set up the lunch
- help pack down
- help run the dishwashers.

If you are able to help, please let the Office or Caroline know.

This meal is for everyone to enjoy, so please come along with your family and join in with the festivities.

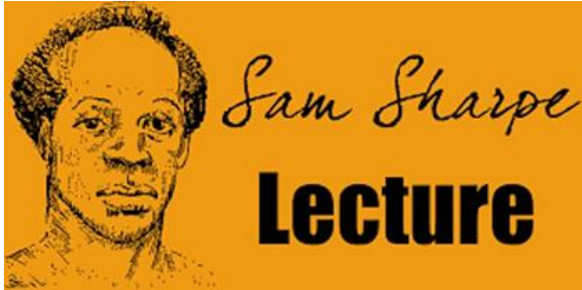
Looking forward to seeing you.

The Croydon Episcopal Area Black History Month celebration takes place on **18th October at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches, at 4pm.**

Refreshments will be available after the service

25th October (Saturday): St Stephen's Church, Norbury

An event organised by their BHM working group, featuring a panel of mental health professionals talking about mental health in the black community. St Stephen's Church, Warwick Road, Thornton Heath CR7 7NH – Evening event



The Sam Sharpe Lecture

2025 (delivered by Dr Selina Stone)

[The Annual Sam Sharpe Lecture – 2025](#)

[Tickets, Mon 27 Oct 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

The Diocese of Southwark website will be updated with other events, so do keep an eye out.

[Home - The Diocese of Southwark](#)



WEAK FLESH, WILLING SPIRIT

"Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.'
And all of them said the same."

Peter spoke for all of the friends on the night before Jesus died. Bold words of commitment to stand by their Lord, master, teacher, brother and friend.

No wonder that just a short while later, as Jesus returned from praying - asking his Father to take the cup he must drink away from him - that he could say over the sleeping disciples " the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak".

And so it would prove to be. A few hours later, challenged about his association with the one facing trial, Peter would deny Jesus - three times. And then the cock crowed.

Jesus knew. Our flesh, our human nature, is weak even when our spirit , our soul, our connection to God, is willing and enabled.

But the Holy Spirit is strong and wise and willing and able to do more than we can imagine through us. But we need to co-partner with that work.

Our vision at Christ Church is Making Passionate Disciples for Christ. Undergirding this are three things:

- Rooted and grounded in God's Word
- Led by the Holy Spirit
- Giving it away

There is a diagram on the church door that has been there since the Welcome Tea that encapsulates the elements of how we aim to live that out. We are a worshipping family looking up to God and giving him glory and praise. We seek to grow as disciples (followers or apprentices) in many ways. We invite others into that family by sharing the good news of the Gospel (we call that Evangelism) and we demonstrate God's love for us in the way we seek to love and care for one another. This is another way others outside of church may see that we are disciples of Christ, by the love shown to each other. And we get the opportunity to share love and evangelise through the community connections we make.

This all accords with the intention of the new book published by two friends from the Evangelical Alliance. "Good News People" is Gavin Calver and Phil Knox's attempt to capture the hopefulness of evangelicalism "yesterday, today and tomorrow".

They outline what evangelical means (and what it doesn't!), the core beliefs and outworkings of an evangelical understanding of faith in Christ and then go on to outline ways in which evangelicals can live out that faith.

Evangelical, like the word Gospel, stems from the Greek for "Good News", therefore Evangelicals should at root be "Good News People".

Their prescription is a winsome set of pairs:

- brave and kind
- culturally relevant without selling out
- hopeful and realistic
- go for decisions (commitment to Christ) and make disciples
- United and diverse

They outline what Evangelicalism should be and are honest about where it has historically fallen short.

At root the liturgy and formularies of the Church of England assume an Evangelical understanding (all things for salvation being found in Holy Scripture) manifesting in a range of practices to live that out. Not all would agree!

To be an Evangelical means being "rooted and grounded in God's word". It means desiring that the Good News be given away, so that others may make the decision for themselves to receive that Good News in their hearts, and by proclaiming with their mouths that "Jesus is Lord". And, it means a reliance on the Holy Spirit to "open up our minds so that we can understand the Scriptures" and also to equip us and guide us to do God's perfect will.

Words can get twisted. Meanings lost.

Sin is one that needs to be reclaimed as both a reality of existence and the source of our need to be saved. Without acknowledging the existence of and consequences of sin we cannot repent and therefore we cannot commit to Jesus who saves us.

Another is Evangelical, which has been distorted to mean all sorts of things which are anything but "good".

Let us both reclaim the meaning of Evangelical and seek to live out the both/ands that Phil and Gavin suggest.

God gave his Word and endowed his Spirit to help us receive that Word as acts of His love for us. We are called in turn to live this Word inspired life in love for him and for others.

That they might know that we are His disciples.

Weak in flesh but willing in spirit, strengthened by His Spirit to do all that he would have us be.

Amen.

Every blessing

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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 **RUSSELL HILL** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

	Baptism	Admission to communion	Confirmation
19 th October	3pm Alpha 3		
26 th October			1pm Prep class
2 nd November	11am Baptism including by full immersion	First Communion	1pm Prep class
9 th November			1pm Prep class (provisional - practice with actual service booklet) Evening confirmation service

IT is our joy and privilege to offer the following over the coming the weeks the following:

BAPTISM – is the sacramental pouring of water as a sign of God's grace and welcome into God's church and family of God; available for any age

ADMISSION TO COMMUNION – available to children or adults who feel ready to take communion as part of their Christian life and worship but not yet ready for confirmation (see below); an intention to be confirmed in the future is assumed

CONFIRMATION – a service led by a Bishop allowing the baptised to make a statement of their faith and be confirmed in full membership of the Church of England; available to those who are ready but generally teenage plus..

Notes: Baptism can be on 2nd November (for either route) OR if going forward for confirmation can be baptised by the Bishop in that service on 9th November. If admitted to communion and requiring baptism a **separate preparation session** to be arranged with Rev Doug (30-60 minutes) before 2nd November and after 5th October (prep classes for admission to communion).

Please speak to Doug, Jude or Charlotte if this is something you are considering or complete the relevant online form via the website links

YOUTH ASSISTANT ROLES

Due to the incredible growth in numbers attending the Tuesday night Youth Group we urgently need more adult supervision.

Could you be a **YOUTH ASSISTANT** to be a presence alongside the youth team who will lead sessions?

Tuesday nights 6.45-9pm.

The more we have the fewer each person needs to commit to, just sayin'....

It's a joy

Contact office@christchurchpurley.org.uk to express an interest.

Speak to Charlotte, Jude or Doug for more details



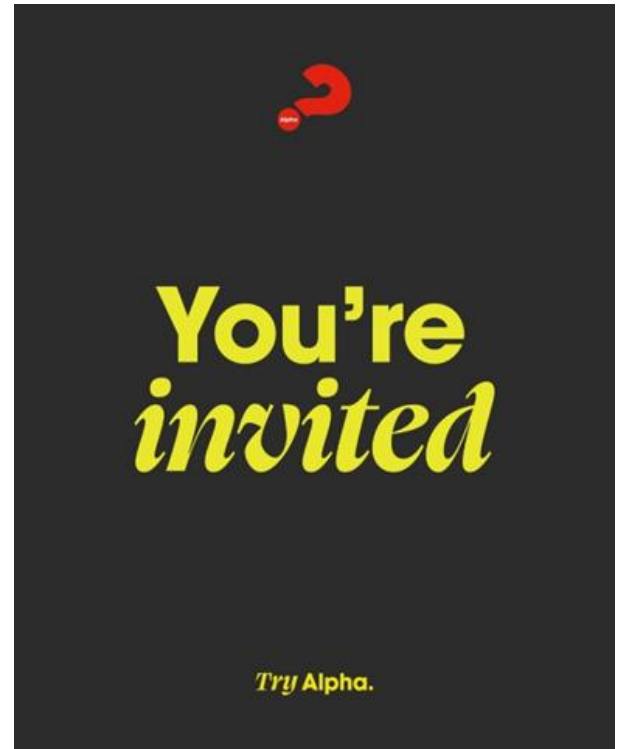
Last chance to join the current Alpha course!!

(Next one starting in Feb/March 2026).

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?

Sunday Afternoon Alpha.

This course starts at 3pm. Each session includes a short video and a discussion in a small group where you can share your thoughts and listen to others.



Alpha @ Christ Church Purley

Venue: Philippi Room at Christ Church Purley

Sign up online with this link to find out more.

SUNDAY TOILET FACILITIES:

The toilets on the **back corridor are for unaccompanied children** and youth only at all times (on Sundays).

The main block of toilets is for **adults only or parents who need to accompany their child.**

There will be signs on the toilet to remind everyone.

Thank you to everyone who generously brought in donations for our Harvest celebration last Sunday. These are being sent to Nightwatch and Croydon Refugee Day Centre



Email Filtering

Are you missing out on Christ Church emails?

Are the emails ending up in SPAM or JUNK folders?

If you are using any email or spam filtering, please add our email address christpurley@mg.churchsuite.com to your address book and list of 'friends' or approved senders.



Operation Christmas Child -
Shoe boxes 2025

Operation Christmas Child [Click to find out more about the shoe boxes on our website](#)

Safeguarding Principles

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

SAFEGUARDING AT CHRIST CHURCH

A reminder of the Safeguarding Principles we introduced in 2023:

SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES



Safeguarding principles

Everyone protects boundaries and vulnerabilities by reporting.

- 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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