



CHRIST CHURCH

Swanley

15th March 2020



O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are

his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Psalm 95 verses 1-6

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 Service

"Come Up Here!" (Part Two)



10.30am: Morning Worship

Service Leader: Reverend George Kalu

Scripture: Exodus 24:1-4, 9-18; Colossians 3:1-11;
Revelation 4:1-11

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 Sea and Fish

Sunbeams (school years R-3) : Being Included

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

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 the service

Sunny and Niki will be having their wedding ceremony at Christ Church this afternoon (15th March) at 2.00pm. Anybody from the Christ Church family who wishes to attend is 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.

Next Weeks Services

08.45am Early Morning Communion 10.30am Morning Communion

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 - Lord, we pray for our world in the grips of this COVID-19 pandemic (Coronavirus). We especially ask for Wisdom and Discernment over world leaders. Grant them understanding and give them the strength they need to lead us. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, guide us through this and help us to draw closer to you. Teach us to love and care and not to isolate ourselves or others over the coming months. May Christians lead the way in showing love and compassion for our neighbours and may all those who turn to you receive compassion and Love which knows no boundaries.

The Country - Lord, we continue to pray for all those infected or affected by the Coronavirus within the UK. 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

Dear friends, the current Corona Virus (COVID 19) pandemic is one that requires vigilance from all. Follow the advice from government and medical authorities to keep safe. This includes regular hand-washing with soap, not touching sensitive parts of the body including your face, and self-isolation if you suspect anything. Do remember to call 111 or 999 if seriously unwell.



Here in the church, we are very mindful of the dangers that large gatherings pose as potential distribution points for the virus. Although services will continue unhindered, we are taking every precaution to ensure that no one is put at risk. Our Church had long been sensible in adopting individual cups for communion and the bread is already cut to size. So, there is a low risk of infection here. Nevertheless, we need to safeguard ourselves on other fronts. For example, we may need to adopt blow-kissing and waving instead of handshakes, hugs, physical kisses, etc. Also, with the scarcity of sanitizer gels, we have provided antiseptic wet wipes for all to wipe their hands before coming into the church.

Whilst not succumbing to fear, we need to be sensible how we live, physically and spiritually. The Scripture aptly admonishes us in 1 Peter 5:8 to “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour”. So, let us not fall prey to this virus. Shalom!

This Weeks Diary

Reverend George Kalu

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 10.00am Prayer Meeting in the church
- 8.00pm Prayer Meeting in the church

Wednesday

- 6.00pm Galaxy Club (Centre)

Thursday

- 4.00pm Handicraft & More! (Centre)

Friday

- 10.00am Bulrushes
- 7.30pm Worship Band rehearsal

Looking ahead...

- 21st March : 12.45pm
Community Lunch
(Centre)
- 18th April : 10.00am—
12.00noon Churches
Together (CTSD)
Healing Centre at Christ
Church Swanley

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News

- 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.
- It is with sadness we inform you of the sudden **passing of Gwen** (Luffman) who died on Tuesday morning. Gwen attended St Mary's church but was part of our Handicraft & More Fellowship group and known to many people in our church as a regular attender at our Community Lunch. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.
- 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). If you attend any evening groups in our church or centre please check with the organisers if you are concerned about them taking place during this time.
- 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. We shall also be creating a new one which will be buried on the premises to be opened again in the year 2030. Calvin is asking people to start gathering memorabilia for the next time capsule. If you would like to know more, please speak to Calvin.
- As part of the **Great British Spring Clean**, some of the Community Action Vision Team will be litter picking along Swanley Lane on Monday 23 March. If you are interested, please meet at the front of the church at 10.00am. It would be great if you can join us for some of the time and we will provide gloves, pickers, Hi viz vests and black bags. If raining we won't be picking. For any more details, please talk to Peter or Jane Webber.

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