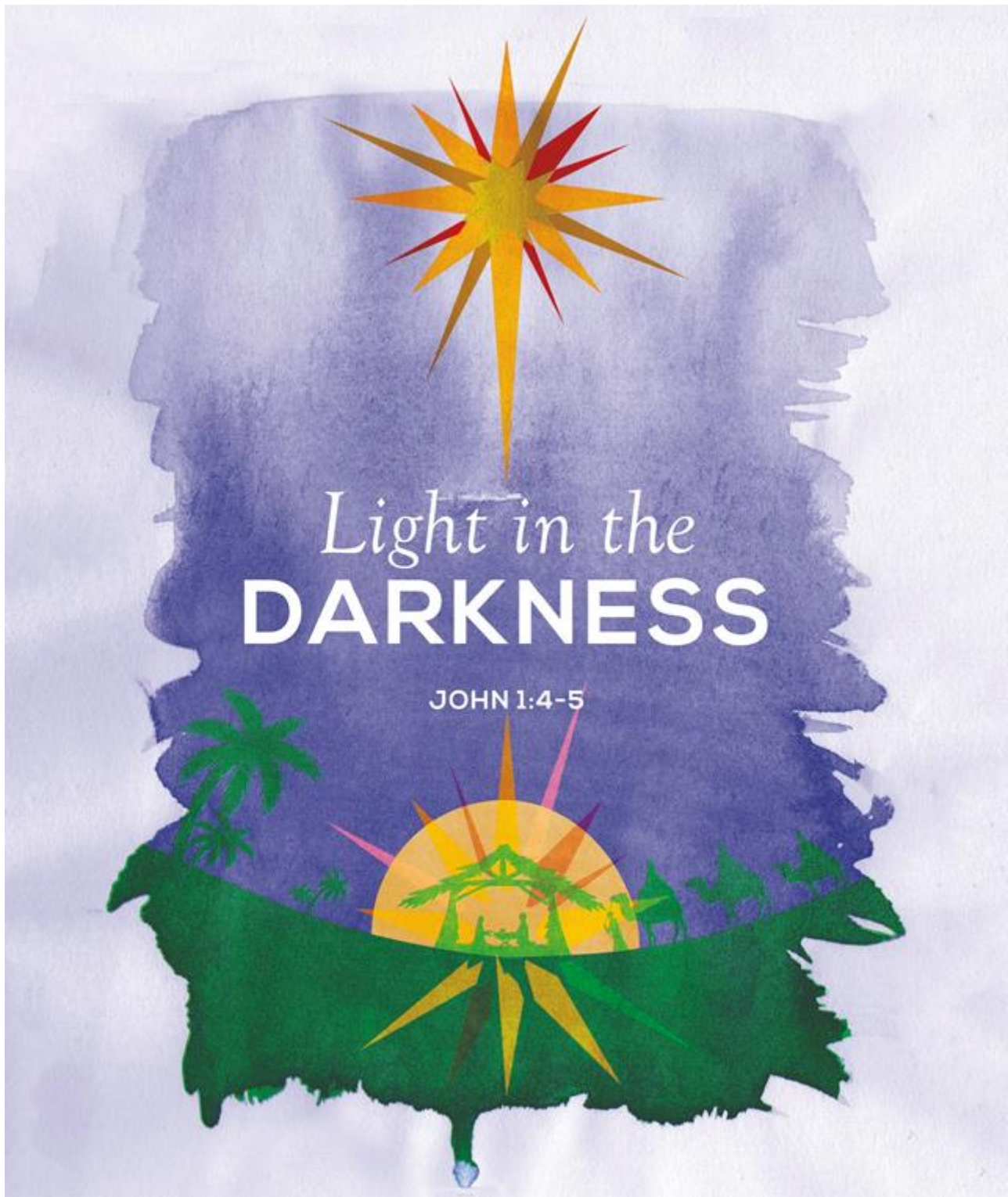


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## January & February 2019



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Orpington

## **Interregnum is at an end...**

Thanks to all those who have contributed to this section of nwp

## **Sharon's Sharings**

Dear Christ Church,

I just wanted to say how delighted I am to be coming to Christ Church Orpington as your new vicar. I feel very humbled to have been asked, and look forward to serving you faithfully in Orpington for many years to come. I have been asked to say a little about myself, so have put a few thoughts down about where I come from, and my hopes for the future.

Firstly, I have not always been a Christian. Having been brought up in the Salvation Army and attending a Roman Catholic Convent for my primary education, I walked away from God in my teens. It wasn't until I started my own family that I began the journey back towards the risen Christ and found my home in the Church of England where I have been ever since.

My main Christian influence comes from a total of ten happy years spent worshipping, serving, and working at Soul Survivor Watford church, and serving at the Soul Survivor summer festivals. It is whilst I was there that I developed a real love for God, love for people, and love for bringing people closer to God. I also developed a deep love for God's word and see it as a treasure chest of jewels that He has given us to

explore and delight in. 'Soul Survivor' became my "sending church" who put me forward into ministry, and I still enjoy visiting them occasionally.

Another interest in my life is astrophysics and for those who are interested my PhD was about looking at the disks of spiral galaxies. Exploring God's universe and His creation is a joy, and far from arguing about where the Bible and science might appear not to agree, rather I am amazed at just how well they do agree!

While I am waiting to come to you, I am praying that God would pour out His blessings on you, and that He would draw you even closer to Himself. I am so excited for the next season of what God has for Christ Church, and excited that I will have the privilege of journeying into it with you. I pray that together we will go deeper, higher, wider and further into knowledge and love of Him, as we joyfully venture with Him wherever He wants to take us.

With much love,

Sharon

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**Institution of  
Rev Dr Sharon Smith  
at Christ Church Orpington  
will take place on**

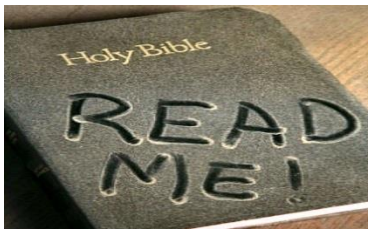
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# New Year Bible Course

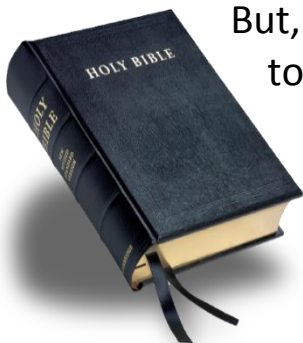
## @ Christ Church

The very name means “Books”.  
There are 66 different books within it.  
It is still the biggest selling book in the world.



Though it does sometimes gather dust on the book shelf!

Yes, we as Christians have  
The Bible, the Word of God.



But, we sometimes need to APPRECIATE it more.  
If we believe it truly is the Word of God, by definition God is speaking to us through its words.

And we may wish to BELIEVE it more. But hasn’t science and discoveries disproved the Bible? Certainly Not – as we hope you will discover.

We also want to have CONFIDENCE in understanding the Bible more. Good. Read on.

Now, to help us all, we at Christ Church will be using a “Bible Society” course. It has 8 sections, each covering some of the books which make up the whole Bible. Each section will have an Introduction, by

Bob Kendall who will act as facilitator, a couple of video bits, and a chance to discuss and learn more. We believe the course will benefit all those – whatever your Bible knowledge and background – who are keen to discover more about how the Bible is made up, who wrote the 66 books, why, who compiled the whole thing, who translated it into English, and loads of other questions you didn’t know you didn’t know.

Because we want as many people as possible to benefit, we are running each section twice. On Tuesday mornings, 11.00 until 12.00, using the Community Club spiritual slot (thanks to Mel Ketchin for agreeing to this. Yes, we want you to join the Community Club regulars, but of course they will stay on for their lunch afterwards!); also on Thursday evenings, for those of you who can’t make the daytime. You choose which of the timings suit you best, all have the same content – you don’t have to commit to the same one each week, it’s totally up to you. The sessions each last about 1 hour.

The first sessions will be on  
Tuesday 29th January and  
Thursday 31st January,  
continuing for (most of) the 8 weeks up to Easter. So, watch out for details and times, which will be well publicised. And we should love to welcome you, and hope you can attend and benefit from our Bible Course!!

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# ATSOC POD



It's a Saturday afternoon, 4pm, and I am meeting 4 young people/young adults for coffee and bible study in Costa! One of our young people suggested we meet for a bible study for those aged 15+, and this has proved a real blessing this term. The book was a nice, easy one to start with... Job! We thought about why bad things happen to good people, about friends - how we can be a good friend, and about what we have and that it can be gone in seconds.

My experience of this year has been that people don't want to attend activities, so several events which have been advertised have been cancelled. It has therefore been refreshing to meet this loyal, committed and dedicated group, to learn how their week has been, and see them interacting with the bible.

I am also very excited to announce that three of those who attend this group will be coming on a mission trip with me, in August 2019, to Romania!! Details on page 11!!



This may look like "teenagers glued to their phones" (which is a usual sight for me during youth groups!!!) (but the young people at ATSOC all have the YouVersion Bible App downloaded onto their phones, and we look up the relevant verses in different translations!

Andrena Palmer

Wondering what ATSOC stands for?  
its COSTA backwards

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## Help our hedgehogs – or lose them forever



The UK has lost half of its hedgehog population since the year 2000. The Christian conservation charity, A Rocha UK, is out to stop the decline. 'Project Hedgehog' is one result, a joint initiative between A Rocha UK and the Lea Brook Valley Project.

'Project Hedgehog' provides purpose-built, cat-proof hedgehog boxes for private gardens. There are also detailed information leaflets on how to make gardens hedgehog-friendly. 'We need to do this, for God, for nature and for people – and we need your help,' says Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha UK.

If you could help hedgehogs, visit: <https://arocha.org.uk/>

<https://leabrookvalley.wixsite.com/thelbv/project-hedgehog>

## **Sleeping Out in Bromley**

### **Andy Goddard:**

One of the things I love is my bed. And I'm always keen to get at least eight hours good sleep. Yet in October, reading a post by a local minister on Facebook about a Sleep Out being held by Bromley churches who run a night shelter for the homeless each winter, I felt I needed to do more than just give money – that's so easy to do and isn't really a sacrifice. Fast forward to 16th November and I'm joined by my husband, two eldest daughters and a friend, Judith Motto at the Parish Church in Bromley. We're eating a lovely curry before making our beds outside for the night.

There were probably some 30 people sleeping outside the church that night. Although rather damp, it was quite mild for the time of year as we all laid out roll mats, sleeping bags, ground sheets, large dustbin bags (to put our sleeping bags in), Ikea blue bags (very useful items for a sleep out). Judith did something very clever with pegs to keep all her gear together!

Then we tried to sleep. One hint for anyone attempting a sponsored sleep out – choose a location that doesn't have a church bell that chimes the hour on hour all through the night!! Although we had to laugh in the morning when it woke our eldest daughter and her first sentence was 'Wasn't it good of them to turn off the chimes between midnight and six'.

We were pleased as a group to be able to put out faith into action and help as we did. Of course, it was not like simulating being homeless as we were safe (among friends with Shelter staff awake all night to watch over us) and had our lovely beds to sleep in the next night, but it was a reminder of how tough it is to be homeless. If any of you want to join them next year, who knows, we might join you.

### **Judith Motto:**

I decided to volunteer to sleep out to raise money for the Bromley Homeless Shelter because every day I commute, I see people begging, often saying they need money for a shelter. I feel guilty passing them by but don't know if they are genuine (as I hear some are not) and I don't want to contribute to a drug or alcohol habit. I also wonder what it must be like to sleep out in the cold.

We were fortunate the it was relatively mild for November and just a light drizzle, not soaking rain. We were well prepared with lots of layers of warm clothes and I had a very warm sleeping bag with a hood, so the cold wasn't such a problem. But the ground was very hard!

It was an interesting experience but I still have no real idea what it would be like to actually be homeless. I have come back to a comfortable, clean warm home with food in the fridge and clean dry clothes and more than one pair of shoes. During the sleeping/ waking I wondered what I would do if someone ran off with my boots at the end of my sleeping bag. Also, I was amongst friends at an organised event. But what if I

was on the street subjected to theft, violence  
fear and the unknown?

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Between us all, we have raised some  
£1,660 with Gift Aid for the shelter.  
The Shelter have said that they have  
collected over £10,000 via the  
My Donate site we all used. Cash  
donations have yet to be returned so  
this total will increase over time.

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**So what is the Bromley Night shelter?**

The Bromley Homeless Shelter is a project  
run by Bromley Churches to help homeless  
people, giving preference to those who have  
a connection to Bromley Borough. They are  
supported by a number of local churches,  
businesses and many local residents.

During the coldest and most difficult time  
of the year (November to March), they  
operate a Night Shelter for homeless people  
in Central Bromley. This winter, they are  
operating an additional Night Shelter in the  
North-West of the Borough. In the evenings  
they share a meal together in a church. The  
guests (as they call the homeless people)  
then sleep overnight in a warm, safe hall and  
in the morning are served a hot or cold  
breakfast. During the mornings, they try to  
create opportunity to for them to meet up  
with other support and advice services.  
There are no exclusions due to sex, sexual  
orientation, gender reassignment, race,  
nationality, religion, or belief. However,  
there are no special arrangements for  
couples.

Volunteers are needed for the current  
winter night shelter season, which started in  
November 2018 – cooks and helpers to

provide the evening meal, helpers for  
breakfast, and overnight volunteers to join  
the guests for dinner and then stay to  
supervise them overnight. If you would like  
to get involved or donate please visit their  
website:

[https://bromleyshelter.weebly.com/  
want-to-help.html](https://bromleyshelter.weebly.com/want-to-help.html).



Setting up for the night



Andy, Hannah, Meggie and Judith



Andy's husband is in there somewhere!

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Our trips to



Susan and I wanted to ask you all a question - how many of you have ever heard of or been to Lee Abbey? It is situated near Lynton & Lynmouth in Devon, and is a Christian centre where you can go to listen to talks on different subjects throughout the year. Lee Abbey was also featured on Songs of Praise on BBC1 recently. Susan and I have visited four times since we were married. The speakers that we have heard there are David Wenham, Marilyn Baker, Tracy Williamson, John Irvine and this year we heard Gemma Simmonds.

Lee Abbey is quiet, peaceful and in a beautiful setting, with the most amazing sunsets. Facilities include its own beach and tea cottage, and there are even self-catering cottages if you do not want to stay in the main house.



Everything is included in the price – your room, three meals a day breakfast, lunch, dinner, even hot chocolate before bedtime. There is also a centre for schools and groups, where they hold summer camps for ages 13's-18's & 18's-30's.

The daily programme runs like this – morning prayer, breakfast, talk, coffee, talk, lunch. The afternoon is free time, or there are activities put on for you to go to, then dinner. After dinner, there is an evening activity, hot chocolate, evening prayer, then bedtime. On the last evening they have a service of holy communion.

You get to meet other Christians from all over the country, and from different church denominations. There is a host team each week made up of four people from the Lee Abbey community who come from different parts of the world, and also a pastoral helper team consisting of two people who are available throughout the week if you need prayer.

All we ask is if you have never been, give it a try – it so rewarding and you will get a lot out of the week.

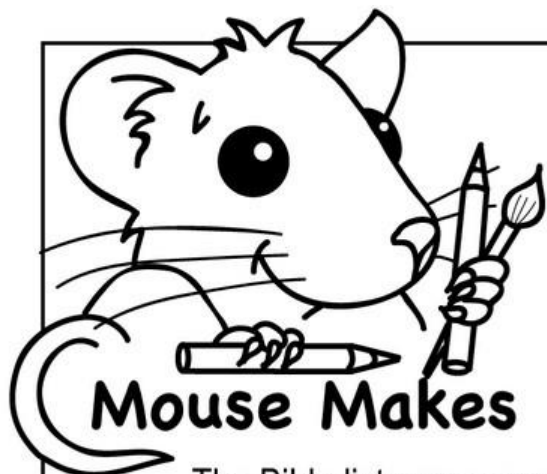
Martin & Susan Hiett

For more details about Lee Abbey Christian Community, go to <https://leeabbeydevon.org.uk/>

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Eight days after their baby had been born, Mary and Joseph named him with the name the angel Gabriel had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.



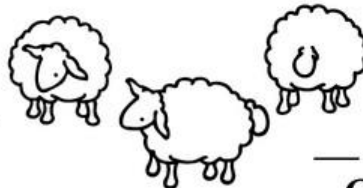
*"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins."*

Read Luke 2:21-38

The Bible lists many names and titles that were given to Jesus. There are 28 to find in the wordsearch, most are listed below but for some you will have to look up the Bible verses!

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John 14:6

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John 10:11



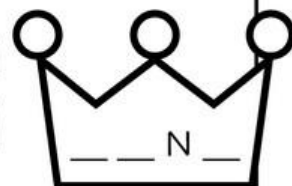
OF GOD  
John 1:29



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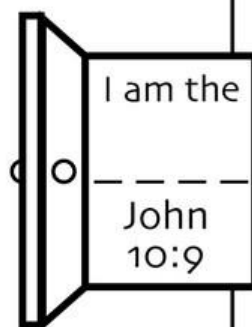
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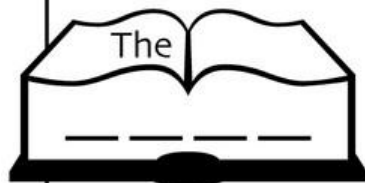
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John 6:35



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John 10:9



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John 1:1-5

ALPHA • LORD • JESUS • MESSIAH • LIFE  
TRUTH • PROPHET • PRINCE • JUDGE  
SON OF GOD • SON OF MAN • CHRIST  
VINE • ROCK • REDEEMER • MEDIATOR  
CORNERSTONE • EMMANUEL • OMEGA



Luke 2:11

S \_\_\_\_\_ R



# Mystery Sudoku

Sudoku with a twist – solve the puzzle and you’ll discover that one of the rows/columns/blocks spells out a word, phrase, place or a song

	MEL		NDB		PAR			
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Last edition's **4word** solution

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## Word Search

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Gaspar (or Caspar), Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, they brought three gifts to Jesus. Gold was a gift given to kings. Frankincense was used in the Temple during the worship of God. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial. So the Wise Men thus honoured Jesus with gold because he was King of the Jews, with frankincense because he was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because he would also become a sacrifice and die for his people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They worshipped Him through faith in God's promises about Him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

MAGI	PEOPLE
GASPAR	GENTILES
MELCHIOR	FAITH
BALTHASAR	TERRAIN
THREE	PROMISES
GIFTS	ISAIAH
GOLD	RESPONSE
FRANKINCENSE	LIGHT
MYRRH	DAWN
KING	BRIGHTNESS
WORSHIP	SAW
SACRIFICE	CLEARLY
DIE	

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Last edition's solution



"I must say, I can't wait to see our vicar bungee-jumping off the church tower with the bride and groom"

# Youth Ministry Mission Trip Romania 2019!



The dates of the trip are  
Saturday 3rd August to  
Sunday 11th August 2019

- We will be flying from Luton airport to Cluj, and from there we will be travelling via coach to our base Hotel in Turga Mures (1,382 miles from Church!)
- We will be working alongside the Impact Romania team and delivering day camps during the week. These camps will include games, arts and crafts, songs and bible dramas. As well as working in Turga Mures, we will also be going to Mures River camp (which is a community who don't have much contact with the outside world).

## Typical day:

- Rise and Shine and Breakfast - 6:00
- Morning Celebration - 7:00
- Camp - 8:00-4:00 (lunch around 12:00)
- Free Time - 4:00-6:00
- Dinner - 6:00
- Worship - 7:00
- Devotions - 8:30-9:00
- Free Time/Activities - 9:00-11:00
- Lights Out - 11:00

As each young person will be required to raise £700, we will be doing various group fundraising activities and all working hard to find ways to fundraise - watch this space!

Andrena Palmer

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**Full extent of Church of England work to support local communities revealed**

More than 33,000 social action projects - from food banks to debt counselling - are run or supported by churches, according to figures setting out for the first time the full scale of the Church of England's service to communities.

The findings – which amount to the largest survey to date of the extent of the Church of England's work with some of the most vulnerable in society – show that 80% of congregations are involved in one or more forms of social action.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, says: "From food banks to debt counselling and lunch clubs to language classes, these figures spell out for the first time the sheer scale and range of our churches' commitment to their communities.

"We are doing more to love and help people in need than at any time since 1945.

"We don't just do this to be 'nice' but because our faith in Jesus Christ compels us to act."

Data gathered from 13,000 churches shows that the biggest area of work is in food banks - with 60%, or nearly 8,000 churches - involved in either running or supporting food banks through volunteers, donations and providing venues.

Nearly a third, or 32%, of Church of England churches run or support parent and toddler groups; just over a quarter, or 26%, lunch clubs; and just over one in five, or 22%, community cafes. Holiday clubs and breakfast clubs, often providing meals to

children from low income families, are supported or run by nearly 17% of churches.

Other community action projects supported or run by the Church of England's churches involved a range of activities from bereavement support and community gardens to music events and English language tuition.

The figures on the extent of social action by Church of England churches were collected as part of the annual Statistics for Mission 2017 survey. One such project hosted by the Church of England is Micah Liverpool, the social justice charity based at Liverpool Cathedral. It runs a food bank which is one of the biggest food bank pantries in the North West. It also feeds more than 200 people on a regular basis.

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**Four out of five Christians have 'taken action' on poverty**

There is a link between reading the Bible and wanting to relieve poverty.

So found a recent poll by the research firm Barna Group, on behalf of Tearfund. In fact, 87% of Christians have taken action on poverty in this past year alone, and say they see it as a core part of their discipleship.

Now a report on the poll, *Christians Who Make a Difference*, has been released. It considers the links between Christian belief and practice – and how it responds to poverty.

The research found Christians more likely to donate to charity: 73% as opposed to 63% of all other UK adults.

Furthermore, 49% of Christians has personally given food, clothing, furniture or other resources to someone in need.

Christians were also slightly more likely to recycle, eat less meat, and use a green energy provider, (39% as opposed to 35% of all other UK adults). Among those Christians who go to church at least once a month, the percentages were even higher.

The study also discovered that growing up in a Christian household is a significant predictor of later poverty activism. Six out of ten poverty activists grew up in a home where Christianity was practised regularly, even though they no longer attend church.

Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund said: ‘This new research shows that serving those in need plays an important role in spiritual growth. An end to extreme poverty is possible - but we must act together, as the Church, united in a whole life response to extreme poverty.’

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**Caring for the Vicar**

The Church of England is looking into ways of giving more support to vicars. You may think here’s a nice life: house provided, regular salary, job security – and only one day’s work a week! But from my own personal experience I can assure you it’s not like that.

In my working life I’ve had four jobs: teacher, then journalist, then BBC producer and finally vicar. The last was by some

distance the most satisfying and rewarding, but also by far the most demanding. Your home is also the office seven days a week. It’s true Sunday is the ‘public’ bit of your work, but while you may be free to pick up the kids from school forget about cosy evenings with the family. The bit of the vicar’s work that is public is on Sundays, true. But the really defining part of the job is largely unseen and takes place all through the week.

It was funny coming from an ordinary job to parish ministry. Previously, I had known what I was expected to do, the hours I was required to work and to whom I was answerable. Well vicars are technically ‘self-employed’, though they are licenced by the bishop and paid by the Church Commissioners. In practice, their work is determined by the local church – its needs, potential, aspirations. The churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council also help to shape the work-load. If all that sounds a bit confusing, yes, it is. Possibly the Church’s current research may look into that.

What won’t change, I’m sure, is the priestly vocation. It is not a job, even if I’ve used the word, but a vocation – like nursing, teaching or care-work. It is always hopeless to treat a vocation as a job! Mind you, that is all the more reason for those who shape the work patterns of those ‘called’ with sensitivity and care. Clergy burn-out is not unknown, and nor is depression which stems from a feeling of failure. So, don’t only just *pray* for the vicar. *Show* him or her how much you value them and, where possible, share their burden.

Canon David Winter

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# 2019 Diary...

## Wednesday 2nd January

10.00am Holy Communion

## Baptism of Christ

### Sunday 6th January

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm No evening service as

Epiphany Service at

Holy Innocents from 7.30pm



## Saturday 12th January

Institution of Rev Dr Sharon Smith

## Sunday 13th January

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship

## Sunday 20th January

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm No evening service as

Churches Together in Orpington

United Service at

Orpington Baptist Church, 7pm

## Sunday 27th January

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship

## Sunday 3rd February

10.30am Holy Communion

**6.30pm** Songs of Praise

## Wednesday 6th February

10.00am Holy Communion

## Sunday 10th February

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship

## Sunday 17th February

10.30am Morning Worship – MAF visitation

6.30pm Holy Communion

## Sunday 24th February

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship

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## Have you ever wondered where the name 'Jesus' comes from?

The name Jesus is a transliteration of a name that occurs in several languages. It is of Hebrew origin, 'Yehosua', or Joshua. Or there is the Hebrew-Aramaic form, 'Yesua'. In Greek, it became 'Ἰησοῦς' (*Iēsoûs*), and in Latin it became 'Iesus'.

The meaning of the name is 'Yahweh delivers' or 'Yahweh rescues', or 'Yahweh is salvation'. No wonder the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-33 told Mary to name her baby Jesus: "because He will save His people from their sins".

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**Children's Groups**

**On Sunday's**

**During Morning Services:**

**The Rainbow Room** Crèche is a fun, supervised soft play facility available on Sunday mornings for babies and children aged 0-3 years (inclusive)

**CLIMBERS** is for children aged 3 to 7 years and meet in the Small Hall. Activities each week include singing, Bible stories, games and craft

**EXPLORERS** is for children aged 7 to 11 years and meet in the Large Hall for singing and crafts in a framework of Christian teaching

**Pathfinders** is for young people aged 11 to 14+ and meet in the basement of the church for games, videos, drama and discussions, looking at the Bible and discussing relevant issues

**During Evening Services:**

**JUICE** meets on a Sunday evening (6pm-8pm) in the café area and is for young people who are year 9 and above who want to know God and spend time with great friends.

**JUICE** is a place where you can be yourself and hear something about how great our God is!

**JUICE** begins with refreshments in the café and worship with the evening congregation. We then move downstairs to the Undercroft for our session

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Can't scare me

My wife and I were watching the gorillas at the zoo when several of them charged at the enclosure fence, yelling terribly, rolling their eyes around, and clenching their fists. They looked quite terrifying. The crowd scattered except for one frail, elderly man, who did not bat an eye. Later, my wife asked him how he had kept his composure. 'Oh, easy,' he said cheerfully. 'You see, I used to run the youth group at my church.'

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Know your spouse

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace were told by the instructor that it was essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other. He addressed Tom. 'For instance, can you name your wife's favourite flower?'

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's self-raising, isn't it?' The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here.

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Winter travel

A government warning said that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take: shovel, blankets, sleeping bag, scarf, hat and gloves, 24 hours supply of food and drink, de-icer, rock salt, torch, spare batteries, road flares, reflective triangles, tow rope, a petrol can, first aid kit, and jump leads. So looked a complete numpty on the bus this morning!

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Middle Age

Middle age is when you lean over to pick something up off the floor, and you ask yourself if there is anything else you need to do while you are down there.

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Windows

A wife texted her husband on a cold winter morning: "Windows frozen." Her husband texted back: "Pour some lukewarm water over it." The wife texted back five minutes later: "Computer's completely not working now."

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Sure prognosis

'Doctor,' said the worried woman, 'I'd like you to evaluate my 13-year-old son.'

'OK. He's suffering from a transient psychosis with intermittent rage disorder, punctuated by episodic radical mood swings, but his prognosis is excellent for a full recovery.'

'How can you say all that without even meeting him?'

'I thought you said he's 13?'

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New job...

So your new job gives you lots of freedom? Absolutely. I get here any time I want before 8am, and leave just when I please after 5pm.

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LONG AGO WHEN MEN CURSED AND  
BEAT THE GROUND WITH STICKS,  
IT WAS CALLED WITCHCRAFT.  
TODAY, IT'S CALLED GOLF.

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