

Welcome to Catford Community Church

whether you're a regular or a visitor, you're very welcome

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. - John 10:10

We Believe... in one God

Welcome to our Sunday morning service, which today is led by Margaret George, with Ian Butcher leading sung worship. We're continuing to look at our core beliefs, including What does it mean to believe in one God? What other gods distract and call for our attention? What did it mean for Israel to be different from its neighbours and believe in just one God, and what can we learn from them now? Stuart Checkley will help us explore some of these issues and look for answers in the Bible.

CCC Gift Day 2019



Our 2019 Gift Day extends over the next two Sundays, and there are cards available for you to use if you're able to make a one-off gift. (You'll see that this also includes bank account details if you prefer to give that way.)

This has been an expensive year and it looks like we may end with a deficit of several thousand pounds following Point refurbishment and lease expenses, additional costs for our weekend away at Ashburnham and other areas we want to keep supporting like our links with One Way School.

You can probably think of other things that are important and need finances to enable them to run.

So, please think and pray about your financial giving to CCC. We're very grateful for all the ways that God provides for us at CCC. Please pray and think about what God is asking you to give financially, and may God bless you whether or not you're able to make a gift at this time.

Tea at The Point

Today we're getting together for afternoon tea at The Point to give God thanks for what has happened already and to ask God for more! So we'll share tea, coffee and cake, as well as memories of the last 10 years and ideas for the future.



Diary Dates

Sunday 13 October

Point Relaunch @ 4-5:30pm @ The Point

Monday 14 October

PlayPoint @ The Point @ 1:30pm

Saturday 19 October

Men's Breakfast @ Selco Builder's Cafe @ 8:30am

Craft Morning from 10.30am @ The Point

Sunday 20 October

CCC Gift Day 2 @ Calabash

Church Lunch @ Martyn & Maureen's @ 1:00pm

Tuesday 22 October

Pins @ The Point @ 8pm

Tuesday 12 November

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Sunday 17 November

Invest in Peace @ St Mary's & Bromley Synagogue @ 3:30pm

Friday 22-24 November

iNet Going Global @ Broadland Orchard, Sussex

Saturday 14 December

Carol Singing @ Costa Catford (and other places!!!)

Sunday 22 December

Carol Service @ Calabash @ 10:30am

Monday 23 December

Children's Christmas Celebration @ The Point

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day Service @ The Point @ 10am



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Services are very informal and all ages are welcome. At the end of the service please do stay and chat over tea or coffee. Children and young people will be going out during the service.

Our Leadership Team are:

Ian Butcher, Maureen Biddiscombe,
Margaret George, Kim Knappett,
Simon Trodd and Phil Wood.



A weekend to encourage and inspire involvement in global mission whether you're dreaming of crossing cultures internationally, locally, or even planning how best to support others who are serving overseas. Cost: £75 Venue: Broadland Orchard, Sussex, TN31 6BS. Contact admin@inet-trust.org for more information and to book your place!

Ashburnham

Kim has details of payments needed and timescales for those booked to go to Ashburnham - see her for your personalised copy!



Lewisham Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin and Catford and Bromley Synagogue invite you to hear the stories

of two peace activists: one Israeli and one Palestinian. People of all faiths and none, are welcome to attend this interfaith event, in partnership with Solutions Not Sides.

With special guests Janet Daby, MP for Lewisham East and Damien Egan, Mayor of Lewisham

Sun, 17 November 2019 from 15:30 – 17:00
 Tickets from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/invest-in-peace-south-london-2019-tickets-66468620433>



See the diary dates for some of our current plans for Christmas. Do get involved by talking to one of the leadership team if you can help.

We all need to pull together to make Christmas a really special time.

BLIND... BUT NOT WITHOUT VISION

Ariana is 11 years old. Like many other girls her age, she longs to achieve – to be someone who does something in the world. But Ariana is blind.

There shouldn't be a 'but' in front of that sentence. It speaks of limits and impossibilities. It crushes hope. And that's what the people around Ariana did too.

Ariana's family came from a place in Afghanistan where education for a blind person wasn't considered an option. They just couldn't see how she, or her younger brother, who is also blind, would be able to manage at school. Both children were missing out on learning and socialising. As they got bigger, their world seemed to be getting smaller.

Then, four years ago, they moved to Kabul, Afghanistan's capital city. There the family met one of Tearfund's partners, who offered for teachers to come and work with the children in their home.

At first, the work seemed difficult, but they pressed on. 'Soon,' Ariana says, 'I finished the primary steps and was enrolled into school.' The principal was reluctant to accept her, but finally the school gave Ariana a place. And she shone.

'When the school teachers asked me questions about the lesson taught the day before,' says Ariana, 'I gave them the right answers... During my examinations, I earned higher scores than the students who could see.' Ariana is teaching the people around her to see possibilities where, before, they saw only limits.

'All of the teachers and the principal are very happy with me. They are encouraging me in my lessons, and they are telling other students to help me along the way.'

Now Ariana dreams of being a teacher for blind students in the future.

In a world where blindness can be associated with darkness, Ariana is bringing hope and light; widening the horizons of others as she works hard to increase her own.

Please pray - thank God for Ariana's opportunity to go to school and pray that she will continue to be encouraged as she aims to be a light for others in the future.

Pray for all people living with a disability – that they will not be disabled by the attitudes of those around them.

Praise God for the teachers from Tearfund's partner organisation, and for their willingness to speak out for Ariana. Pray that they will be blessed as they continue to stand up for children like her.

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| Refreshments | Welcoming |
| 13 Oct - Elizabeth & Stephen | 13 Oct - Carol |
| 20 Oct - Sue A & Sue H | 20 Oct - Malcolm |
| 27 Oct - Joe & Elizabeth | 27 Oct - Priscilla |
| 3 Nov - Pat & Charlotte | 3 Nov - Mabel |

Please let Joe know about any changes or swaps