

Directions for drivers to Christ Church, Purley. CR8 2BN

Since the invention of the Purley Gyratory System, attempting to find the church by car has been made difficult if you arrive from anywhere except South Croydon, as the signage is poor, confusing, or non-existent!

Hopefully these notes will get you to our venue without blowing a gasket!

The church itself, does not have a street number, it lies between houses numbered 861 and 863, and it is opposite a large fenced off field and school playground. There are about 40 parking spaces. At the time of our meetings, none of the spaces are reserved for other users **except for the disabled bays**.

The Simple Approaches.

From the south, arriving on the A23 main road, get into the 3rd or 4th lane, and just go straight on through the two traffic-light controlled junctions: ignore the A23 north to London and Croydon on the left, and ignore the A22 for East Grinstead and Kenley on the right; follow for South Croydon A235. This is the Brighton Road. **See The Finish.**

From the south east, arriving on the A22 Godstone Road, you will basically turn right, through three traffic-light controlled junctions: ignore the A23 south to Brighton and Gatwick on the left, and the A23 north to London and Croydon which is sort-of straight on; follow for South Croydon A235. This is the Brighton Road. **See The Finish.**

From the north, arriving on the A235 Brighton Road. As you approach Purley, there is the Purley Oaks Household Reuse Centre on your left, and a large building that serves as a massive traffic island (the former Volkswagen building). Proceed onwards keeping on the main road, passing a petrol station on your right. Pass the cross roads with Montpelier Road and Purley Park Road, and a pedestrian crossing. Christ Church will be on your **left**, car park entrance is **immediately after the bus stop** outside the church.

The Complex Approaches.

From the north, arriving from London on the main A23, or from the west, from Epsom or Wallington, on the A2022: there are two options:

Via Pampisford Road, Blue route on the map

From the main A23 Purley Way. Turn left (signed Parking Town centre and station) into Pampisford Road at the first traffic light junction. Then follow Pampisford Road Finish

From Epsom or Wallington, on the A2022: immediately after you are forced left at traffic lights, take lane 3. Ignore the two left lanes which go north on the A23,; also ignore the right lane which sweeps right signed A23 and A22 south. Go straight on (unsigned) into Pampisford Road. Then follow Pampisford Road Finish.

Pampisford Road Finish After about a quarter of a mile, turn right into Christchurch Road, and proceed downhill to the traffic lights, where you make a left turn, signed Croydon A235 and Sanderstead. The car park entrance is on the **right, immediately before the bus stop** on the right, outside the church.

Alternatively, (or if you miss the turn into Pampisford Road)... **Follow the black route on the map.**

You have to go 270 degrees to the right, around the gyratory system, via four sets of lights! Follow initially for A23 south, but keep going around until South Croydon A235 is signed as straight on. This is the Brighton Road. **See The Finish.**

The Finish.

Leaving the gyratory system behind you, proceed straight on the Brighton Road, through a traffic-light controlled pedestrian crossing, and two sets of traffic lights, and **Christ Church will be on your right**. The car park entrance is **immediately before the bus stop on the right**, outside the church.

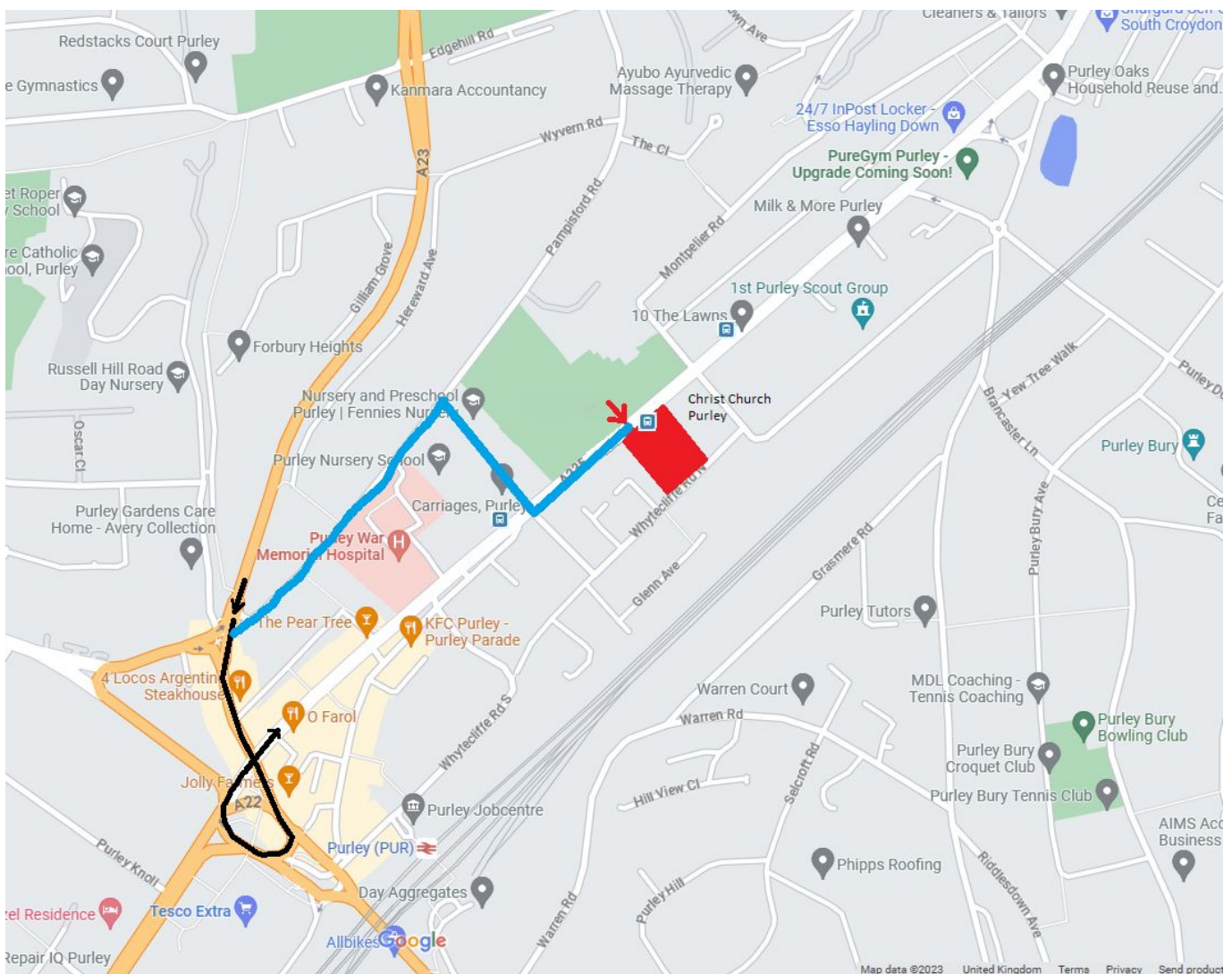
Beware: The council have put in solid white line cycle lane markings:

- **Look out for the cycle lane... where there is a solid painted line, do not cross into the cycle lane, for fear of getting a ticket through the post!**

The church is marked in red on the map, and the entrance is at the tip of the red arrow.

The black line shows the route around the gyratory system when arriving from the A23 from London, or the A2022 from Epsom or Wallington (or if you have to go around again, having missed the turning!).

If you are not familiar with Purley, I would strongly encourage you to look at the Google street view tool to review the church and its surroundings prior to making your journey!



Map courtesy of Google.