



Weekly News

22nd December 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.15 Morning Worship
408 O Come all ye Faithful
420 O little town of Bethlehem
602 While shepherds watched
154 Hark the glad sound

11.00 Morning Worship

Reading:

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

If this is your first time with us, please do make yourself known to us after the service and stay for refreshments following our service as it gives us a chance to get to know you a little better. If there is anyone who wants to begin or renew their relationship with Jesus, please do see one of the staff or the prayer ministry team.

Christ Church Christmas Services

22nd December 6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight
24th December 4pm – Children's Christmas Eve Service
24th December 11pm – Christmas Eve Communion
25th December 10am – Christmas Day Family Celebration
29th December 10am – All Age Service

Please note there will be no notices on Sunday 29th December or Sunday 5th January.

Children's Church 29th December – all age service in the church, there will be no separate children's church.

Christmas present idea for all ages- The Barnabas page a day bible- 365 bible stories, fun to read with children or to use yourself. £3 each from office 01920487267 or email Jess Cole children@christchurchware.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE Celebration - Christ Church Community Open Day – 1st February 2020 This event will be to showcase the transformation of the church building to the local community and the great things which take place at Christ Church now and in the future. We will need your help to put this event on. Further details to follow. Watch this space.

Inter-church Quiz – 18 January The Inter-church Quiz will take place at Leaside Hall on Saturday 18 January at 7p.m. Interested teams (maximum 8 people) should register with the Christ Church Office by phone (01920 487267) or email (office@christchurchware.co.uk). Cost per person is £10 and includes food. Any surplus money will go to Christians against Poverty.

Monday 23rd December at 3pm. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Fowler. All welcome

For Sunday 29th December we still need a reader, and intercessor, refreshment team of three or four people and some meeters and greeters. If you can help, please let Martin know by 23rd December. Thank you.

Confirmation and Baptism John and Heather Hookway will be hosting preparation/exploration sessions for the young people on Sunday, 26th January and 9th February from 5pm – 6.30pm on the church balcony. Pizza will be included! Let Joanne know if you are interested, email: pa@christchurchware.co.uk.

For adults who are interested in confirmation and baptism, please contact Joanne at pa@christchurchware.co.uk.

God's work at Christ Church is funded entirely by our Church family. We encourage planned giving and do not "pass a plate". If you would like to make a gift to our ministry, please visit <http://christchurchware.co.uk/giving/>, or place your gift in the boxes available. Envelopes are available for Gift Aid purposes. If you would like more information about giving to the work here, please see the leaflet available on the Welcome Desk.

PRAY PRAY PRAY!!! Tuesday prayers at 12.30 pm weekly, Third Monday of the month at 10 am in the Youth Wing: Second Monday evenings 8 – 9 pm all in the Church Centre.

Operation Christmas Child – Thank you Thank you so much to all who gave or helped with Operation Christmas Child. Our 83 shoebox gifts have gone to children in Liberia, Belarus and Albania.

Please note that Ann retired on Friday 20th December. We are very grateful for all she has done during her time as church administrator.

We haven't done a public thank you to honour Ann's wishes. Please bear with us as we do not have a replacement for her as yet. We hope to fill this vacancy shortly.

Please continue to phone and send e-mail to the office address, these will be picked up, but it may not be instantly. Thank you.

Children's Church
22nd December
Children start in groups for parties
Crèche
Start with parents in church and move to the Church Centre around 11.15
Young People
Sunday at 11 am on 22nd December in Church
Social on Thursday 19th December
Then no meetings till
Sunday 5th January

For your Prayers:

- Trevor Ilott and family
- Bill Griffiths recovering following hip replacement
- All the Christmas services
- For Robin Fowler and family following the death of Margaret
- Christ Church school community

Next Week- Dec 29th
All Age Service at 10.00 am

Reader:
Intercessor
Wardens: Bob Barker
Sidespeople
Welcome
Coffee :
January 5th

9.15
Reader: Rosie Watson
Intercessor Sheila Dane
Wardens Cheryl Bevan and Stef Cambell
Sidespeople Roland Swaile and Jessie Blair
Welcome Pauline and Tony Vivers
Coffee MADD

11.00
Reader Alison Richards
Intercessor Heather Hookway
Wardens Cheryl Bevan and Judith Swindell
Sidespeople Dave and Pam Willis
Welcome Philip Scott and Sara Rowe
Coffee Gt Amwell

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: Jan 2020
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