



## Weekly News

8th December 2019  
Second Sunday of Advent

9.15 Morning Worship

11.00 Holy Communion

Reading: Isaiah 40: 28-31

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

#### **CAP Christmas Hampers**

Could you provide some items for the hampers? Ideas are below, but be creative!

Fizzy drinks	Costa Gift Voucher	Sellotape
Hot Chocolate	Gift voucher for butchers - R Gannon Ware	Gift Tags
Sugar	Gift voucher for a meal	Gift sets of Toiletries
Marshmallows	Family games	Hats or scarves
Christmas Crackers	Wrapping Paper	Stocking fillers for children

There will be a box at the back of church for you to leave any donations by 15th Dec. Thank you! Sam Rich

**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](mailto:children@christchurchware.co.uk)**

**Church prayer meeting - Monday 9 December** Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' Join us at 8 pm for an hour as we pray for the light of Christ to shine through our Christmas services, to our CAP clients, to our towns and villages, and we will also be praying for the general election

**Wednesday 11th December Midweek Ladies Bible Study will be hosting a Christmas Brunch.** Old, current and future members very welcome, we'd love to see you! 9:15 - 11:15am in the Church Centre.

**Crèche Christmas gathering 15th December** at 2pm - Louise and Dave Brett welcome all crèche children to bring their parents and siblings to 35 Canons Road, Ware to play, do some Christmas activities and have a chat.

**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.

**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.**

<p>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.</p> <p><b>Thank you to everyone who has bought a copy of my booklet “Children”.</b> The money from the sales is sufficient to buy two chairs. Pam Robinson. A few copies are still available, please contact the office.</p> <p><b>Ware Choral Society’s Christmas Concert – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm</b> at The Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets £15 (all unreserved incl. programme) Tickets from Cannon Travel, Society members (Paul Watson, Diana Perkins), on the Door, or <a href="mailto:pauline@warechoral.org.uk">pauline@warechoral.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>The funeral of Bert Chatfield</b> (formerly organist at Christ Church), will take place at 11.15 am, on Wednesday 11th December, at St Paul’s Hoddesdon, then Willowbrook Crematorium at 12.15. Please be praying for the family.</p>	<p><b>Children’s Church</b> 8th December Children start in groups <b>Crèche</b> Start with parents in church and move to the Church Centre around 11.15 <b>Young People</b> Sunday at 11 am in Church <b>Years 7-9</b> Thursday – 7.30 till 9 pm <b>Years 10-13</b> Wednesday 7.30 till 9 pm</p>	<p><b>Contact Information</b> Christ Church Office, Church Centre, New Road, Ware, Herts, SG12 7BS <a href="mailto:office@christchurchware.co.uk">office@christchurchware.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Admin:</b> <b>Parish Administrator:</b> Ann Dawson (01920 487267 – ext 207) Mon to Fri: 9 am- 12.30 pm <a href="mailto:office@christchurchware.co.uk">office@christchurchware.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>PA to the Vicar</b> Joanne Beer (01920 487267 ex 201) Mon, Wed, Thursday 9.30 – 2.30 <a href="mailto:pa@christchurchware.co.uk">pa@christchurchware.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Operations Manager:</b> Martin Dudley (01920 487267- ext 200) Day off - Friday <a href="mailto:manager@christchurchware.co.uk">manager@christchurchware.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Ministers:</b> <b>Vicar:</b> The Rev John Hookway (01920 487267- ext 204) Day off – Friday <a href="mailto:vicar@christchurchware.co.uk">vicar@christchurchware.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Associate Minister:</b> The Rev. Norman Richards</p> <p><b>Church workers:</b> <b>Children’s Worker: Jess Cole</b> Sunday, Monday, Wednesday <a href="mailto:children@christchurchware.co.uk">children@christchurchware.co.uk</a> 07776 596561</p> <p><b>Youth Pastor Christian Cole</b> 01920 487267 ext 203 (07462 691885) <a href="mailto:ypl@christchurchware.co.uk">ypl@christchurchware.co.uk</a> Day off – Friday</p> <p><b>Christians Against Poverty</b> Sam Rich Thurs and Fri 01920 487267 ext 206) 07725 607425 If you or someone you know would benefit from free debt counselling, please call 0800 328 0006</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Welcome, 11th December Christmas Special.</b> Can anyone offer lifts home at 4.00 pm after this event? Please contact Caroline Tiffen if you can help 07770406885.</p> <p><b>General Election Thursday 12th December</b> – The church will be open 7-7.45 am and 8-9 pm for prayer. Please do join us as we pray for our nation.</p>	<p><b>For your Prayers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Maggie Reid’s ongoing treatment</li> <li>• Trevor Ilott and family</li> <li>• Bill Griffiths recovering following hip replacement</li> <li>• School and toddler Christmas services in December.</li> <li>• For Robin Fowler and family following the death of Margaret</li> <li>• For the family of Bert Chatfield who died recently</li> <li>• Christ Church school community</li> </ul>	<p><b>Next Week- Dec 15th</b></p> <p><b>9.15 am</b> <b>Reader:</b> Mike Tucker <b>Intercessor</b> Rosie Watson <b>Wardens:</b> Martin Dudley and Keith Fairey <b>Sidespeople</b> Eva Ilott and Joan Murdoch <b>Welcome</b> Kathryn Adams <b>Coffee</b> : Widbury</p> <p><b>11.00 am</b> <b>Reader:</b> Heather Hookway</p> <p><b>Wardens</b> Martin Dudley and Stuart Baker <b>Sidespeople</b> Rob and Ruth Boulton <b>Welcome Desk</b> Ann Dawson and Gill du Boulay <b>Coffee</b> Dawsons</p> <p><b>Notices Deadline:</b> Thurs 9.30 am</p> <p><b>Magazine deadline:</b> Jan 2020 <a href="mailto:magazine@christchurchware.co.uk">magazine@christchurchware.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Church officers</b> <b>Treasurer:</b> Sam Rich <a href="mailto:treasurer@christchurchware.co.uk">treasurer@christchurchware.co.uk</a> (01920 487267) <b>Church Wardens:</b> Cheryl Bevan 01992 538257 <a href="mailto:cheryl@christchurchware.co.uk">cheryl@christchurchware.co.uk</a> Bob Barker 01279 842821 <a href="mailto:bob.barker225@outlook.com">bob.barker225@outlook.com</a> <b>PCC Secretary: Claire Hallett</b> <a href="mailto:PCCsecretary@christchurchware.co.uk">PCCsecretary@christchurchware.co.uk</a> 01920 487267</p> <p><b>Registered Charity Number 1129563</b> <a href="http://www.christchurchware.co.uk">www.christchurchware.co.uk</a></p>

