

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Glynis Andrews	+ Shirley Farquharson
+ Daniel Andrews	+ Lorraine Gonsalves
+ June Archer	+ Susan Head
+ Heather Brewer	+ Ruth How
+ John Brown	+ Robert Ladd
+ Derek Bullock	+ David Leeke
+ Sue Cook	+ Justine Marshman
+ Norman Coward	+ Andrew Sharp
+ David Dahms	+ Pam Strudwick
+ Annet Fernandez	+ Sally Vincent
+ Tina Fernandez	+ Jacque White

+ Our neighbours: St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

+ The soul of Leslie McManus resident of Whitgift House

Many congratulations to Tom Little (Sub Organist) & Jen on the birth of their second son last Thursday at 8.30pm. Baby weighed in at 8.5lbs. No name as yet!

Services this week

23 December – 28 December 2013

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
<u>Tuesday</u>		
Christmas Eve	1.10pm	Eucharist
	5.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>		
Christmas Day	8.00pm	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	11.45am	Eucharist – The Almshouses
<u>Thursday</u>		
St Stephen	10.00am	Eucharist
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

Next Sunday, 29 December 2013

1st Sunday of Christmas

08.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with hymns <i>Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148;</i> <i>Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.</i>
	No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG:
6.30pm	Evensong to Chants

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 22 December 2013

4th Sunday of Advent

08.00am

Eucharist

Celebrant:

Canon Arthur Quinn

09.50am

**Crèche meets in the small hall,
Kingfishers & BDG: Costumes**

10.00am

Sung Eucharist

Celebrant:

Revd Mark Hill

Preacher:

Jacqueline Dow

Trainee Reader on placement

Hymns:

388, 3, 16, 272

Setting:

Missa Brevis Palestrina

Readers:

OT: Stephen Adams

Psalm: sung by the choir

NT: Carol Jewell

Intercessor:

Stephen Willmer

Motet:

In the bleak midwinter Darke

Voluntary:

Fugue on the Magnificat BWV 733

JS Bach (TL)

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Coffee, tea or squash will be served in the church hall after the 10am Service.

4.00pm

**Evening Prayer at the
Almshouses – Sharon Wallace**

6.30pm

**Readings & Music for
Christmas**

Officiant:

Revd Canon Colin Boswell

See Order of Service

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MH – Martin How.*

Your offerings today

Thank you for your offering to the work of the Minster. Please consider Gift Aiding any donation, if you are a UK tax payer, by completing one of the White Gift Aid envelopes provided.

Today.....

If you are new, please complete a 'Blue Welcome Card' which is available at the back of church. Please ask a sides' person for details.

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The December/January Magazine is available today: £1.00. If you have not got a copy but would like one, please ask at the Minster Office.

The Church Times is available each week: £1.90

The Bridge Newspaper (free) is available.

Sponsorship of the church flowers— forms are available under the tower. £25 buys one arrangement only.

Food Store – Sugar, UHT/Long-life milk, tinned fish, tinned meat & coffee would be much appreciated.

Minster Running Costs You will be familiar with the ongoing challenge we have had for many years at Croydon Minster to raise enough income from giving to cover our running costs. The PCC met last Monday to discuss the gravity of our current situation as we approach the end of the accounting year. We are in serious danger this year of using up our entire reserves of around £37,000 to cover the shortfall. This will leave us with no reserves next year which could put our ministry and work with the homeless at risk. **Please consider giving a financial Christmas Present to your church this year**, or ideally, reviewing and increasing your planned giving. If you pay tax, gift aiding your donations to the Minster will make an enormous difference and please ask your employer whether they participate in 'match funding' which could make a real difference to our finances. *Gail Winter & Karen Ip Churchwardens, on behalf of the PCC.*

Weekly/Monthly Envelopes There are still several sets uncollected. Please pick up your envelopes to avoid postage.

Tuesday 24 December 5.00pm Crib Service – all welcome.

Croydon Churches Floating Shelter

Each year since 2004 churches in Croydon have provided a bed and hot meal for homeless people during the winter months (October – March). The churches offer 14 guests an evening meal, a bed for the night, breakfast and a packed lunch to take away. Some churches offer shower facilities. The volunteers offer companionship in a warm safe and caring environment. Some volunteers: make up beds, cook food, serve an evening meal and wash up, prepare a packed lunch, stay overnight with the guests, some come and serve breakfast and clear away, some take the laundry to wash ready for the following week. This year David Downs and Fr Chris will be co-ordinating our turn which will be on: **Sundays 23 February & 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 March.** Sign Up sheets are in the North Cross Aisle. Further details from the Minster Office.

Monday 30 December – National Army Museum & Chelsea Hospital Chapel & café. Free entry. Meet East Croydon station 9.45am. Children welcome. Bring freedom passes, oyster cards or day travel card. Details from Jenny Muschamp 020 8686 8521.

Book Group a new book group will begin in the New Year. If you are interested in joining this group please speak to Fr Milo. The first book will be 'Faith & Unbelief' by Stephen Bullivant which is available from the Minster Office £13.00.

Friday 10 January 2014, lunch at Gipsy Moth pub & carvery, Colonnades, Purley Way. Meet there 12.30pm, free parking, or end of 119 bus route. Come and join us. Details: David Gilbert, Tel. 07906 503657.

Next Sunday

Sunday 29 December 2013

1st Sunday after Christmas

08.00am Eucharist
Celebrant: Revd Milo Brandon

09.50am No Crèche Kingfishers or BDG:

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: Revd Milo Brandon
Preacher: Revd Chris Moore
Hymns: **36, 22, 29, 42**
Setting: Addington Service Shephard
Reader: Dick Hyde
Intercessor: Diana Hemmings
Voluntary: Baroque Fantasia and Fugue Krippner (RK)

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11.30am Morning Prayer at the Almshouses – Elaine Cooper

6.30pm Evensong to Chants
Officiant: Revd Milo Brandon
Preacher: Revd Pat Vowles
Hymns: **21, 22, 35**
Responses: Said
Psalm: 132
Canticles: To Chants
Voluntary: Passacaglia in G Minor Krippner (RK)

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Our Parish Clergy are available to talk, they are:

Vicar:	Canon Colin J Luke Boswell	020 8688 1387
Assoc. Vicar:	Revd Milo Brandon	020 8680 4484
Deacon:	Revd Chris Moore	020 8680 7890
Hon Curate:	Revd Mark Hill	020 8688 1387
St George's	Revd Pat Vowles	020 8688 7006