

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

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| + Fr Chuck Blankenship | + Lorraine Gonsalves |
| + Heather Brewer | + Susan Head |
| + Derek Bullock | + Ruth How |
| + Mike Castleman | + Jack Kettle-Smith |
| + Helen Clover | + Robert Ladd |
| + Margaret Dickens | + Janice Salisbury |
| + Annet Fernandez | + Beverley Smith |
| + Tina Fernandez | + Sally Vincent |
| + Alan Garth | + Jacquie White |

+ Our neighbours: West Croydon Methodist Church, YMCA & YWCA

+ The soul of John Brown, resident of Whitgift House. Please keep Judy & Graeme Reader and the rest of John's family in your thoughts and prayers.

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 2 November 2014

All Saints' Day

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| 08.00am | Eucharist |
| Celebrant: | <i>Canon Arthur Quinn</i> |
| 09.50am | Crèche, Kingfishers to the Almshouses, BDG – Vicar's Study |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist |
| Celebrant: | <i>Canon Colin Boswell</i> |
| Preacher: | <i>Canon Colin Boswell</i> |
| Hymns: | 197, 341, 231, 478 |
| Setting: | <i>Spatzenmesse Mozart</i> |
| Reader | <i>David Morgan</i> |
| Intercessor: | <i>Jon Blanchard</i> |
| Motet: | <i>Justorum animae Stanford</i> |
| Voluntary: | <i>Incarnation pour un jour saint Langlais (TL)</i> |

Please use the 'orange envelopes' to support the Minster General Fund Campaign. Please hand these in at the end of the service.

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.

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

Next Sunday, 9 November 2014

Remembrance Sunday

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| 08.00am | Eucharist |
| 09.50am | Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16;
or Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13 |
| 11.00am | Civic Service of Remembrance –
Fairfield Halls |
| 6.30pm | Choral Evensong |

Our Parish Clergy are available to talk to, they are:

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

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| 10.00am | Eucharist at the Almshouses
Fr Milo & the Kingfishers |
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| 6.30pm | Requiem Mass for All Souls |
| Celebrant: | <i>Canon Colin Boswell</i> |
| Preacher: | <i>Canon Colin Boswell</i> |
| Hymns: | See Order of Service |
| Setting: | <i>Requiem – Gabriel Fauré</i> |

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| Voluntary: | <i>Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 649 Bach (RK)</i> |
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Your offerings today

Thank you for your offering to the work of the Minster. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider Gift Aiding any donation by completing one of the White Gift Aid envelopes or by filling in a more permanent Gift Aid Declaration which is available at the back of church.

Fr Chris is away today, Fr Milo is at the Almshouses with the Kingfishers.

Children's **Activity Bags** are available at the back of church for use with your child in the pews. Please ask a Sides' person to show you where they are and please return them at the end of the service – thank you.

The November Magazine is available: £1.00.

The Church Times is available each week: £1.95.

The Bridge Newspaper (free) is available.

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

Minster General Fund Campaign Thank you for keeping the donations for MGFC. We've broken the 20k milestone and our current total stands at **£20,400**. The response to this campaign has been fantastic, and the more we raise this year, the more we will be able to build a stable financial footing to our General Fund for future years. Could we reach £25,000?

Do any of your employers offer match funding for charity? If you are not sure, please could you ask your HR/Payroll officer? Don't forget our church is a registered charity.

For the Food Store: As well as the staple foods such as sugar, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, coffee, tea, and long-life milk, we have been asked for biscuits. Thank you.

The Treasurers would like to thank all the congregation who have given their time and money to raise funds to keep our beautiful church running for the rest of this year and to help the Minster to continue into next year with a firmer financial foundation. The year has not yet finished but we are hopeful that continued support by all for the forthcoming fundraising events such as the Sponsored Great South Run, the Minster Christmas Fair and Martin How's Requiem Cantata will ensure a balanced position at year end. Rest assured we are still working hard to reduce outgoing expenditure. Thank you once again.

Book Group & Lectio Divina on Tuesdays.

Ballroom Dancing on Tuesdays & Saturdays.

Youth Group meets on Thursdays.

If you sponsored Fr Chris and Tamasine Kimber for the Great South Run. Please can you pay them your sponsorship money as soon as possible? Thank you.

Sung Requiem Mass for All Souls at 6.30pm. The All Souls list is on the table in the South Cross aisle – please write legibly. If you add a name to the list please try and come along to hear it read out.

Wednesday 5 November 12.30pm – Pub Lunch at Gipsy Moth, Colonnades, Purley Way. End of 119 bus route or bus 289. Free parking. Come and join us. Details from David Gilbert 07906 503657.

Saturday 8 November 4.30pm – 'The Hope of Splendour' a Requiem Cantata by Martin How. Tickets are £10.00 (£5.00 concessions).

Monday 10 November 7.30 pm – Talk from the Alzheimer's Society in the Church Hall. **Open to ALL.**

Friday 14 November 7.30pm – Concert in Fairfield Halls. Our choir is taking part in this premiere of a piece by Jonathan Dove 'For an Unknown Soldier'. They would be grateful for your support.

Saturday 15 November – Whitgift Almshouses Christmas Fair 10.00 - 12.30. Entrance £1.50 includes coffee and mince pie. Details from Wardens, tel. 020 8649 8432.

Saturday 15 November 11.00am-3.00pm St George's Christmas Bazaar.

Saturday 22 November 1-3pm 'Hearts on Fire' An afternoon of prayer, contemplation and discussion on Bishop Christopher's Call to Mission: Faith, Hope and Love, with 'bring and share' lunch. All welcome. Speak to Fr. Milo

Sunday 23 November 11.45am – Sidesperson's training session.

Saturday 29 November – Minster Christmas Fair – Please save the date. This is always a fun event and a good fundraiser. As ever, we will need offers to bake, make and donate a range of goods to sell, and of course your support on the day. If anyone who I have not contacted would like to help, please let me know. *Gail Winter, Churchwarden*

Saturday 6 December 1-3.30pm – Mission Action Plan, Part 2 with shared lunch. An invitation to all of those who are interested in Mission. We will be writing the Mission Action Plan itself. *Fr Chris.*

FLOATING SHELTER Winter: 2014-2015

Every year, Croydon Minster joins a number of other churches in offering shelter to a group of homeless people. We have been asked to run our floating shelter for six consecutive Sundays in February and March 2015. We normally ask volunteers to sign up after Christmas but in order to give new volunteers the chance to be trained, we are asking volunteers to sign up now. Volunteers will be asked to commit to whichever shifts suit them.

Duties include:

Making beds & setting up.

Providing food by cooking and serving an evening meal & washing up.

Preparing packed lunches.

Staying overnight.

Making breakfast & clearing everything away.

Taking laundry home to wash ready for the following week. If you would like to volunteer for the Floating Shelter, could you please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

The Thrift Shop – We are in desperately in need of Men's winter clothes & teenager's clothes (Age 12 & upwards).

We are still short of volunteers to help run the shop – there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Please consider helping.

The Refugee Centre are in desperate need of: toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, disposable razors etc. Tee shirts, pants, socks, jeans, jogging bottoms, coats and jackets in small and medium sizes, shoes and trainers.

Samaritans Purse – Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

This year the 'Samaritans Purse' have produced covered boxes to make packing your shoe box easier. These have kindly been donated to us by Sue Williams and are available from the Minster Office. Closing date for shoeboxes will be **Tuesday 18 November.**