

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

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

+ Our neighbours: St Michael & All Angels with St James & the Salvation Army

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 23 November 2014

Sunday before Advent / Christ the King

08.00am

Eucharist

Celebrant:

Revd Chris Moore

09.50am

Crèche & Kingfishers in the halls
BDG meet in the Vicar's Study

10.00am

Sung Eucharist

Celebrant:

Revd Mark Hill

Preacher:

Revd Milo Brandon

Hymns:

271, 443, 338, 134

Setting:

Darke in F

Reader:

Alison Brewster

Intercessor:

Diana Hemmings

Motet:

O thou the central orb Wood

Voluntary:

Improvisation sur le "Te Deum"
Tournemire (TL)

We are so near so please use the 'orange envelopes' to support the Minster General Fund Campaign and hand these in at the end of the service.

Today's flowers have been sponsored by Rita Wordsworth in memory of her Father, Walter and Brother-in-Law, Noel.

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.

Next Sunday, 30 November 2014

Advent Sunday

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| 08.00am | Eucharist |
| 09.50am | Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist
Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,16-18;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
Mark 13:24-27. |
| 6.30pm | Advent Carol Service |

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

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

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

11.45am

Sides' Persons Training

4.00pm

Evening Prayer at the Almshouses Elaine Cooper

6.30pm

Choral Evensong

Officiant:

Canon Colin Boswell

Preacher:

Revd Chris Moore

Hymns:

499, 457, 251

Responses:

Neary

Psalm:

98

Canticles:

Wood in F

Anthem:

For lo I raise up Stanford

Voluntary:

Fantasia on Christ Triumphant
(RK)

Thank you for your offerings 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.

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 still 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

We are inching closer with this week's tally of giving to MGFC standing at **£22,000**. Can we reach our total before the end of November?

If you're buying Christmas presents online, please don't forget to use www.easyfundraising.org.uk. So far we've raised £85.59 for the General Fund Campaign through Easy Fundraising - it costs nothing to use and every purchase will add to our total!"

With your generosity and particularly the members of St George's, we were able to send off **57 shoe boxes** this week. A big 'Thank You' from the Samaritans Purse.

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.

Book Group & Lectio Divina on Tuesdays.

Ballroom Dancing on Tuesdays & Saturdays.

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.

Weekly & Monthly Envelopes users – If you give your Stewardship by this method, there is a new supply of envelopes for you on the table in the North Cross Aisle.

Whitgift Almshouse Coffee Morning raised £660.00 for the resident's social fund. Thank you to all who supported this.

Today 11.45am – Sidespeople's Training and Meeting

Wednesday 26 November 2pm Mothers' Union Afternoon Meeting. Mtr Pat will lead an Advent Reflection in the Whitgift Almshouse Chapel in George Street. ALL WELCOME

Saturday 29 November – Minster Christmas Fair – 11.00am-2.00pm. We'd be grateful for donations and offers as follows: Bric-a-Brac, Gifts, Bottles for the Bottle Tombola and Raffle Prizes. Please bring your donations to the Minster Office. Ellie Howlett would also be grateful for offers of cakes or homemade preserves for the Cake Stall. Many Thanks.

Sunday 30 November – please join Denise Mead in the hall for a glass of fizzy in celebration of 20 years as Verger.

Saturday 6 December 1.00pm-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*.

Sunday 7 December 10.00am – Toy Service. Please bring: new toys / toiletries / luxury biscuits / hats, scarf sets / teenage gifts which will be taken to the Women's Refuge we support each year. Please don't gift wrap your donation.

Saturday 13 December – Christmas Pilgrimage by coach to Canterbury with Mass in the Cathedral Crypt, a time for shopping and a time for praying! Leaving here at 9.00am and arriving back here by 6.00pm. Cost £12.00 per person. This needs to be paid as soon as you register an interest to Fr Milo or Denise Mead in the office.

Saturday 20 December 7.00pm – 10.30pm – Parish Christmas Party in the church hall. We will serve a glass of mulled wine & a mince pie. There will be music, karaoke, knobbly knees contest, musical chairs. Christmas bonnets & jumpers can be worn. Come along for an evening of fun! Cost £3.00, please bring your own additional drinks & nibbles.

Thursday 8 January 2015 – Pub Lunch at the 'Gipsy Moth' Colonnades, Purley Way 12.30pm. Come and join us. End of 119 bus route or 289 passes. Details: David Gilbert 07906 503657.

WANTED

We need someone to take on the mantle of leading the Blue Door Group. Glen Akibo-Betts has done an amazing job of leading the group for the past three years but has decided to develop his ministry in other areas so we need someone to step into his shoes. If you feel that God might be calling you to work with a small group of 11-15 year olds alongside Ellie Howlett and that you have the gifts to do this, then please speak to Fr Chris.

This position will require an enhanced DBS check.

FLOATING SHELTER Winter: 2014-2015

There's still time to volunteer for the Floating Shelter, could you please sign up on sheet in the south cross aisle.

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** – Please speak to Fr Milo or Fr Chris.

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.

For sale:

Zanussi Fridge Freezer (3 drawer freezer) in good working condition £50.00 ono

2 White Double Door (with glass panels) wardrobes (assembled) £30.00 ono

White 5 door chest £30.00 ono

Nest of Tables (dark oak) £20.00 ono

Clear glass 3 shelf TV Table £20.00 ono

All available to view and collect after 1 December 2014. Cash only please. Genuine reason for selling. Contact Louise: 07535 678984.