

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Akin Akinmuboni	+ Jennie Luchmun
+ Scott Benton	+ Bernadette McElligott
+ Fr Chuck Blankenship	+ Valerie Martlew
+ Helen Clover	+ Shelagh Murray
+ Matthew Cook	+ Jeanne Randall
+ Margaret Dickens	+ Beverley Smith
+ Annet Fernandez	+ Andrea Spalding
+ Helen French	+ Angela Start
+ Lorraine Gonsalves	+ Tye
+ Susan Head	+ Jacque White
+ Joan Henley	+ Elizabeth Williams
+ Jack Kettle-Smith	

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

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 6 December 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00am **Eucharist**
Canon Arthur Quinn

09.50am **Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet**
in church

10.00am **Sung Eucharist (Toy Service)**
Celebrant: *Revd Christopher Moore*
Preacher: *Revd Christopher Moore*
Choir: Girls & Adults
Hymns: *See order of service*
Reader: *OT: Dick Hyde*
Setting: *Communion Service in D Leighton*
Intercessor: *Blue Door Group*
Motet: *I wonder as I wander Rütli*
Voluntary: *Prelude 'Veni Emmanuel' Leighton (TL)*

Services this week

07 December – 12 December

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
Tuesday	09.30am	Minster Infants Christingle
	12.00noon	Lectio Divina
	1.10pm	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Boys' Choir
		<i>Canticles: Jesus College Service Briggs</i> <i>Anthem: Litany Hurford</i>
Wednesday	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
	3.00pm	Old Palace Prep School Carol Service
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Girls' & Men
		<i>Canticles: Stanford in C</i> <i>Anthem: Justorum animae Stanford</i>
Thursday	11.00am	Eucharist – Whitgift House
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Men's choir
		<i>Canticles: Magnificat Octavi Lassus</i> <i>Anthem: O Lord hear my prayer Locke</i>
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	11.00am	Minster Jnr School Carols
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

Next Sunday, 13 December 2015

3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	<i>Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6</i> <i>Philippians 4:407; Luke 3:7-18</i>
6.30pm	Town Carol Service

Our Clergy are available to talk to, they are:

Vicar:	<i>Canon Colin J Luke Boswell</i>	<i>020 8688 1387</i>
Assoc. Vicar:		
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>

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 10am Service.

09.00am **Eucharist at the Almshouses**
Fr Mark Hill

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**
Officiant: *Revd Christopher Moore*
Preacher: *Canon Colin Boswell*
Choir: Boys & Men
Hymns: **55, 7, 408**
Responses: *Radcliffe*
Psalm: *75*
Canticles: *Dyson in F*
Anthem: *Os Justi Bruckner*
Voluntary: *Fugue in C (Bux WV 174)*
Buxtehude (NG)

Thank you for your offerings for the work of the Minster. UK tax payers, 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 or from the Minster Office. We can supply weekly or monthly envelopes for your regular giving, should you require them.

Children's Activity Bags are available at the back of church for use with your child in the pew. Please ask a Sides' person to show you where they are.

The December Magazine is available: £1.00

The Church Times is available. Price £2.05

The Bridge & Croydon Citizen Newspapers (both free) are available at the back of church.

Sponsorship of church flowers – Forms are available at the back of church. £25.00 buys one arrangement.

Organ Restoration Appeal

Here is this month's appeal update, including **1** new Adopt a Pipe donation and **2** new One off donations:

Monthly Patrons – **17** monthly patrons recruited so far.

We need many more monthly patrons to help us reach our target – standing order forms available from Gail or Denise to donate £30 a month for 24 months.

Adopt a Pipe – **36** pipes adopted

One off donations – **24** received

Fundraising Events – **4** including **1** marathon run, **2** table top sales and **1** Lunchtime Recital. Please let Gail or Denise know if you are organising a fundraising event for the appeal so that we can advertise it to ensure it is well supported.

Grants – **1**, we are very grateful indeed for the Whitgift Foundation's generous support of our appeal

Total amount received / pledged at the end of November, including Gift Aid is **£54,216**

Parish Christmas Cards for the roads in our parish – please take a road and deliver them as soon as you are able to do so even if you don't live in the parish. Most roads are not very long!

Whitgift Almshouse residents thank all who supported their Coffee Morning on Saturday 28 November in aid of Moorfields Eye Charity, which raised £519.26.

Christmas present to the church: We would be most grateful if you could consider giving a Christmas present to the church to help us with our funds. As was mentioned in Karen's Churchwarden article (available in the Parish Magazine or from the office if you haven't had a copy), the Minster General Fund is under pressure again this year. So please help us if you can.

Croydon Minster's CD 'In Trouble and in Joy' is still available from the Minster Office at a cost of £10.00

Ballroom Dancing Classes Tuesdays & Saturdays

Lectio Divina: is on Tuesdays at 12.00noon

Contemplative Eucharist is usually on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Mary Chapel at 7.30pm.

Advent Course led by Fr Chris and Elaine Cooper. The course will follow the *Pilgrim Book 1* which is designed for beginners and for anyone wishing to explore their faith. This course is one of several courses that will be offered throughout the year. The course will run from 7pm-8:30pm in the Vicar's Study on the dates listed below. Please register your interest on a list that will be placed at the back of the church:

Thursday 10th December: Do you repent your sins?

Thursday 17th December: Do you renounce evil?

Today's 10am Service is a Toy Service. If you haven't already had a chance to, please bring in a new (not used) toy in its wrapper (not Christmas wrapped). These will go to the local Women's refuge.

Sunday 13 December 6.30pm – Town Carol Service

Please sign up if you can help with setting up the reception, serving drinks or clearing away.

Sunday 20 December – Children's Party in the church hall. 3.00pm-5.00pm

Candlelight Concert 2015

This year's Candlelight Concert, featuring the Minster Choirs and the Salvation Army Band, takes place on Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm. This has proven a very popular event last year and we expect to sell out. Tickets are available for £10 (Concessions £5) from the Minster Office. All proceeds are in aid of the Friends of the Music at Croydon Minster.

NEW: Christmas Carol CD

The Minster Choirs, together with the Whitgift Chamber Choir, have recorded a Christmas Carol CD which is now available from the Minster Office at the price of £10.00. A perfect present for the festive season – hurry, whilst stocks last!

Wednesday 6 January, visit to Honeywell Museum, Carshalton, and pub lunch. Meet 407 bus stop at Reeves Corner at 10.00am. Details: Jenny Muschamp (020 8686 8521) or Geoff Radford (07561 405801)

Thursday 21 January 2016. Pub lunch at Toby Carvery, Commonsides West, Mitcham. Meet in bar 1pm. Free parking, bus 264 to Madeira Road, or meet 12.15pm 264 bus stop at Reeves Corner. Do join us. Details: David Gilbert tel. 07906 503657. Thank you.

Wanted..... Honorary Treasurer and Trustees for Croydon Pastoral Foundation, Kyle House, 4 Frith Road, Croydon CR0 1TA. CPF is a small non-denominational charity which provides counselling to adults suffering from psychological distress. Further details in December magazine or contact Darryl 07749 755980 email: d.richards@cpfcounselling.org.uk

Please support the work of 'The Passage' working with Homeless People. **If you donate through The Big Give website just after 12.00 noon on 4 or 5 December every £1 is worth £2 due to matched funding.** There is an element of competition for full matching from The Big Give so if possible please give just after 12.00 noon on Friday 4 December or Saturday 5 December. The Big Give site is quieter on the Saturday and the matched giving remains open throughout that day and potentially until 14 December if sufficient funds are available. http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/The_Passage_2015