

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
+ Jack Kettle-Smith	+ Elizabeth Williams

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

+The soul of Eric Bradley from the Croydon Scouting Movement and in particular our 16th Croydon Scout Group
+The soul of Denise Bonner, former partner of Andrew Keogh
+The soul of Philip Stewart a popular member of London, Southwark & Chelmsford CofE Guild of Vergers of which Denise Mead is the Chair
+The soul of Joan Henley, Patricia Randall's aunt.

Services this week

11 January – 16 January

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lectio Divina
	1.10pm	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by Boys & Men
	<i>Canticles:</i>	Fifth Service Tomkins
	<i>Anthem:</i>	Almighty & Everlasting God <i>Gibbons</i>
Wednesday	11.00am	Eucharist (BCP)
	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Girls' Choir
	<i>Canticles:</i>	Parry in A
	<i>Anthem:</i>	O rest in the Lord <i>Mendelssohn</i>
Thursday	7.00pm	Choral Evensong Men's Voices
	<i>Canticles:</i>	Tertii Toni Lassus
	<i>Anthem:</i>	Behold now praise the Lord <i>Harris</i>
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist followed by informal coffee in the <u>Mary Chapel</u>

Next Sunday, 17 January 2016

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	<i>Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11</i>
12.00 & 12.30pm	Holy Baptism
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 10 January 2016

Baptism of Christ

08.00am	Eucharist <i>Revd Mark Hill</i>
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers <i>meet in the halls</i> BDG <i>meet in the Vicar's Study</i>
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: <i>Revd Lee Taylor</i> Preacher: <i>Canon Colin Boswell</i> <i>Choir: Minster Consort</i>
Hymns:	137, 12, 352, 294
Reader:	<i>Tiffany Willmer</i>
Setting:	Stanford in B Flat
Intercessor:	<i>Stephen Willmer</i>
Anthem:	For unto us a child is born <i>Handel</i>
Voluntary:	Tocatta in B flat Minor <i>Vierne (TL)</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.

4.00pm	Evening Prayer at the Almshouses <i>Sharon Wallace</i>
6.30pm	Epiphany Carol Service <i>Choir: Full Choral Foundation</i> See order of service

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**

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

Lectio resumes weekly from Tuesday 12th January at 12.00pm. Advanced Ballroom & Latin Dancing lessons also resume on Tuesday 12 January at 7.00pm. Beginners resumes on Saturday 16th January at 12.00pm.

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

In the New Year we will be having retiring collections for the Refugees in Europe & the Middle East. The money will go to Oxfam who are working in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Italy & Serbia.

Monday 11 January 7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting. All members are invited to the 'bring & share' New Year Social & Annual Meeting at The Almshouses, George Street. Looking forward to seeing you all.

The Whitgift-Minster Choral Society is beginning again this Tuesday 12th January, taking place in the Concert Hall at Whitgift School between 7 and 8.30pm. This term we will be preparing for a performance of Mozart Requiem on March 19th. All are very welcome to join us for a minimal subscription fee of £20. Please email n.graham@whitgift.co.uk if you would like to take part.

Jonathan Vaughn, former Croydon Parish Church organ scholar and now assistant director of music at Wells Cathedral, is playing a recital at All Saints Church, West Dulwich, Lovelace Road, London SE21 8JY on **Sunday 17 January at 7.30pm**.

The programme will be Widor: Allegro Vivace (Symphony no 5 in F minor), Hindemith: Sonata no 2, Whitlock: Fidelis (Four extemporisations), Ireland: Menuetto-Impromptu

and Parry: Bridal March and Finale (The Birds of Aristophanes). There is no charge but there will be a retiring collection.

'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.

Be a Chorister for a Day is returning this year on Sunday 31st January from 3pm. This is a chance for boys aged 8-12 to see what it is like being part of the boys choir at the Minster. Please email n.graham@whitgift.co.uk for more information if you would like your son to take part.

For sale.....

Office Chair, as new, large and comfortable, grey material. Can deliver locally. Donations to Organ Fund. Please contact: laurencegough@btinternet.com

Home-Start Croydon are recruiting volunteers! Do you have a few spare hours a week and feel you could support a family in their home? Volunteering is a fantastic way to enhance your CV, meet people and do something rewarding in the community. We will be running new Volunteer Preparation Courses in the New Year. More details can be found on our website <http://www.croydon-homestart.co.uk/volunteers.htm> or call Louise on 020 8667 0207.

Floating Shelter 2016 (Mid February – end of March)

The sign-up sheet for the Floating Shelter is now at the back of church. We particularly need volunteers to do the overnight shift (9.00pm – 6.15am). Any queries, please speak to Fr Chris.

Important Notices – Sadly due to an incident which has compromised our safety, we are having to make The Minster Office a 'restricted place' so from this week the door from the church into the office will be kept locked. To gain entry you will have to knock and wait for a response. Also to enable staff to get on with our work, coffee will no longer be offered on a daily basis after Morning Prayer. On Saturdays after the Eucharist, informal coffee will be served in the Mary Chapel. Should you need to see one of the clergy or lay staff, please feel free to make an appointment, you might find it easier to access the offices via the outside (Red) Parish Office door.

Parents – we would be grateful if you would not allow your children to jump on the Floating Shelter bedding which is on the stage. Thank you.

Our Clergy are available to talk to, they are:

Vicar:	Canon Colin J Luke Boswell	020 8688 1387
Assoc. Vicar:	Revd Lee Taylor	020 3742 5842
Curate:	Revd Chris Moore	020 8680 7890
Hon Curate:	Revd Mark Hill	020 8688 1387
St George's	Revd Pat Vowles	020 8688 7006