*Please remember in your prayers:*

+ Jon Blanchard
+ David Brown
+ Vishnu Carpenen
+ Roy Champion
+ Helen Clover
+ Matthew Cook
+ Val Coslett
+ Bob Dean
+ Margaret Dickens
+ Lesley Dix
+ Annet Fernandez
+ Albie Hammond
+ Doug Hampson
+ Susan Head
+ Dawn Johnson
+ Ishia Kabba
+ Betty Kimber
+ Horst & Sonja Krippner
+ Patrick Lewis
+ Flo Liddle
+ Arthur Low
+ Jennie Luchmun
+ Rosemary McLuskey
+ Bernadette McElligott
+ Valerie Martlew
+ Annie Smith
+ Vi Smith
+ Andrea Spalding
+ Sue Turnbull
+ Sharon Wallace
+ Elizabeth Williams

+ *Our neighbours:* West Croydon Methodist church & the YMCA

## Services this week

12 December – 17 December

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|---|---|---|
| Monday | 12.00noon | Eucharist |
| | 7.00pm | Cumnor House Carol Service |
| Tuesday | 10.45am | Old Palace School Carol Service |
| | 12.00noon | Lectio Divina |
| | 1.10pm | Eucharist |
| | 7.00pm | Trinity School Carol Service |
| Wednesday | 11.00am | (BCP) Eucharist |
| | 4.00pm | Carols at Elis David Almshouses |
| | 4.30pm | Evensong – Whitgift House |
| | 7.30pm | Whitgift School Carol Service |
| Thursday | 4.00pm | Carols at Whitgift Almshouses |
| | 7.30pm | Wilson's School Carol Service |
| Friday | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| Saturday | 10.00am | Eucharist |

## Next Sunday, 18 December 2016

4th Sunday of Advent

08.00am **Eucharist**
09.50am Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG

10.00am **Sung Eucharist**
Readings: *Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80;1-7,16-18; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18 -25*
6.30pm **Carols by Candlelight Concert**
**Ticket £10.00**

| *Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:* | | |
|---|---|---|
| Vicar: | Vacant | |
| Assoc. Vicar: | Revd Lee Taylor | 020 3742 5842 |
| Curate: | Revd Christopher Moore | 020 8680 7890 |
| Asst. Priest: | Revd Alan Bayes | 07792 125773 |
| St George's | Mtr Pat Vowles | 020 8688 7006 |

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# MINSTER NEWS

## Sunday 11 December 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent

**08.00am** **Eucharist**
*Fr Alan Bayes*
**09.50am** **Crèche & Kingfishers** *meet in the church hall.* **BDG** *in the Vicar's study*

**10.00am** **Sung Eucharist**
**Celebrant:** *Fr Lee Taylor*
**Preacher:** *Fr Christopher Moore*
*Choir: Minster Consort*
**Hymns:** **443, 456, 499, 186**
**Setting:** Missa Brevis in C K259 *Mozart*
**Readers:** *OT: Glen Akibo-Betts*
*NT: Rachel Bayes*
**Intercessor:** *Diana Hemmings*
**Motet:** This is the record of John *Gibbons*
**Voluntary:** Fugue 'Wachet Auf' op 52/2 Reger (RK)

***In the interest of hygiene: If you wear lipstick, please could you kindly blot your lips before taking communion, and, if you need to dip your wafer in the chalice, please could you avoid dipping your fingers or getting your hair in it as this contaminates the wine. Thank you very much***

***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.***

***Retiring collection for Christmas Flowers in memory of our loved ones***

***Coffee, tea & squash is served in the church hall after the 10.0am Service.***

**11.30am** **Kingfisher & BDG Leaders Meeting – Vicar's Study**

**4.30am** **Evening Prayer –Whitgift Almshouses** *Sharon Wallace*

**6.30pm** **Town Carol Service**

Organists: RK – Ronny; TL – Tom; JO – Jack Oades (Organ Scholar)

**Children's Activity Bags** are available at the back of church for use with your child in the pew. Please ask a Sides' Person for one and please return it to the sides' people at the end of the service.

**The December/January Magazine** is available: £1.00
**The Church Times** is available. Price £2.10
**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 – Update**
The total amount received/pledged at the end of September including Gift Aid was **£116,484**. We have just heard that we have received a £20,000 boost to the funds.

**Food Bank** – we realise times are hard but we still need your weekly donations of food to help support the local food bank in Ramsey Court. Donations of: UHT milk, cooking oil, tinned meat/fish, ready meals, noodles, sugar etc. All donations very gratefully received. We are happy for cash donations to enable *Fr Chris & Denise* to do a weekly/fortnightly shop.

**For Mass Intentions, Visiting the sick** (including Anointing) & **Confession,** please speak to *Father's Lee or Chris.*

**Weekly & Monthly Envelope Users –** There are still quite a few weekly & monthly envelopes in the North Cross Aisle for regular users of these. Please take yours today to avoid postage. These started on Sunday 27 *November*.

**Christmas Cards for the Parish –** There are still several roads in the parish whose cards haven't been delivered yet! Please take a road and try and deliver them this week. This is a very important piece of mission, particularly if you don't live within our parish, but choose to worship here. *Thank you all very much.*

**Christmas present to the Church** – If you are able to give a Christmas donation to the church this year it would be greatly appreciated, and would also help us to break even with our General Fund (we are nearly there!). In previous years Christmas donations of this kind have been a huge help to us.

**Friday 16 December** – Carol singing in the Whitgift Centre in aid of the *Croydon Churches Floating Centre* particularly at 3.00pm-4.00pm to join with St Mary, Addington Village, Christ Church, West Croydon & St Matthew's Church, East Croydon.

**Sunday 18 December 6.30pm** – 'Carols by Candlelight' Concert by the Minster Choral Foundation & the Band of the Salvation Army. Tickets £10 available from the Minster Office (not to be missed).

**Tuesday 20 December** – Carol Singing at Croydon University Hospital. Meet in the hospital chapel at 7.00pm, sing around the wards & return to the chapel for refreshments.

**Minster income problems**
So far we have only received five pledges.
Could you please consider helping us?

**Thursday 29 December** – Outing to Geffrye Museum, Shoreditch. Period rooms decorated for Christmas. Meet West Croydon Station at 9.45am. Bring Day Travelcard, Oyster or Freedom Pass. Entry to museum is free, café for coffee & lunch. Details: Jenny Muschamp 020 8686 8521 or David Gilbert 07906 503657.

**The Book 'Consumed by Fire'** – by Brian Lancaster is available either from Ruth Dixon or the Minster Office – Priced £4.50.

**Croydon Churches Floating Shelter** – We are once again looking for volunteers to help with the floating shelter. The FS is emergency provision for men and women with a Croydon Connection who have no other accommodation available to them. The shelter opens nightly for four months each year between 7:30pm and 8:00am. The shelter is provided in a different church venue in Croydon each night of the week. Croydon Minster takes its turn in 2017 on six consecutive Sundays from 19 February – 26 March. Please sign up at the back of church.

**Wanted for after Christmas** – A volunteer or volunteers to take on cleaning the church halls. Ideally we need 2 more people to volunteer to make this a once a month task. Please speak to Denise in the Minster office if you feel capable of doing this for us.

**The Lions Club** has launched 'Message in a Bottle'. This is an idea to encourage people to keep basic personal and medical details in a common place where they can be located in an emergency. Details are on our notice board and there is a surgery for advice in the Whitgift Centre this week.

**Remembering 1916** 'Life on the Western Front'. A Major exhibition at Whitgift School (on until the end of December).

**Age UK** Croydon Home Services Coordinator 35 hours per week: £26,664 Pro Rata: They want to hear from you if you have: A bright positive personality, Self-confidence, Entrepreneurial flair, Ability to work in a busy environment, A passion for working with vulnerable older people, Experience of managing staff and/or volunteers. For an application pack, please contact: Age UK Croydon – 2 Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX. Tel: 020 8680 5450 or Email: **aukc@ageukcroydon.org.uk** quoting the job title. Closing date for applications: Friday the 16 December 2016. Interview Date: Week commencing 2 January 2017.

**Commemoration of 150th anniversary of the fire in 1867:** a series of special events from January 5–15 2017 - please see the leaflet available in church for full details.

**Sunday 15 January 12.30pm:** international bring and share lunch – tickets will be on sale for this in the coming weeks.