

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Lara Brown	+ Angela Kenney
+ Helen Clover	+ Sonja Krippner
+ Matthew Cook	+ Margy Lewis
+ Val Coslett	+ Flo Liddle
+ Jane Davey	+ Jennie Luchmun
+ Margaret Dickens	+ Claire Murden
+ Lesley Dix	+ Michael Robinson
+ Annet Fernandez	+ Rosemary Smith
+ Stella Fleming	+ Mary Lou Sorenson
+ Betty Fry	+ Andrea Spalding
+ Susan Head	+ Marjorie Stemerding
+ Pat Hulme	+ Robina Stephen
+ Bert Hyett	+ Paul Welch
+ Dawn Johnson	+ Inez Yankah
+ Ishia Kabba	

+ The souls of Donovan Taylor & Judith Charlton both residents of Whitgift House

+ John Langridge thanks you for your prayers for Margaret Spearing whose health has much improved. Margaret too thanks you for your prayers.

Services this week
27 November – 02 December

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lectio Divina (small hall)
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong (Boys)
	<i>Canticles:</i>	Jesus College Service
	<i>Anthem:</i>	Long since in Egypt's land Parry
Wednesday	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong (Girls & Men)
	<i>Canticles:</i>	Jackson in G
	<i>Anthem:</i>	Justorum animae Stanford
Thursday	7.00pm	Choral Evensong (Men)
	<i>Canticles:</i>	Magnificat Octi Toni Lassus
	<i>Anthem:</i>	Come thou Redeemer Praetorius
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist
	11.00am	Christmas Fair

Next Sunday, 3 December 2017
Advent Sunday

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet
10.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,16-18</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37</i>
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service

<i>Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:</i>		
Vicar:	Vacant	
Assoc. Vicar:	Revd Lee Taylor	020 3742 5842
Asst. Priest:	Revd Alan Bayes	07792 846452
Asst. Priest:	Canon John Ackland	07831 516662
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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 26 November 2017
Christ the King

08.00am	Eucharist <i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Celebrant:	<i>Fr Alan Bayes</i>
Preacher:	<i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
	<i>Choir: Boys & Men</i>
Hymns:	446, 388, 468, 345
Setting:	Messe Solennelle <i>Langlais</i>
Reader:	<i>Frances Samarajiwa</i>
Intercessor:	<i>Sue Williams</i>
Motet:	O thou the central Orb <i>Wood</i>
Voluntary:	Toccatà in Bb Minor op. 53 no. 6 <i>Vierne (TL)</i>

Today's flowers have been sponsored by (Mrs) Sotonye Emuchay in appreciation of God's faithfulness

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

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

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 Morning Service

11.30am	Morning Prayer at the Almshouses <i>Elaine Cooper</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Officiant:	<i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
	<i>Choir: Girls & Adults</i>
Hymns:	332, 245
Responses:	<i>Shepherd</i>
Psalm:	93
Canticles:	Collegium Regale <i>Howells</i>
Anthem:	Hallelujah <i>Handel</i>
Voluntary:	Le jardin suspend <i>Alain (MS)</i>

The Church Times is available from the Minster Office.
Price £2.20

The Bridge, Croydon Citizen & Heart Newspapers (all 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.

Food Bank – All donations are very gratefully received especially: UHT milk, cooking oil, tinned meat/fish, ready meals, noodles, sugar etc. We are happy to receive cash donations to enable Denise to do an occasional shop when the Food Bank needs it.

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

Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal. Thank you for your generosity. We were able to send off 89 boxes (59 of which were from our friends at St George's, Waddon)

Book: 'Consumed by Fire' – by *Brian Lancaster* is available from Ruth Dixon – Priced £4.50.

CD: 'Tudor Choir' sung by the Whitgift Minster Choristers – Price £10.00, available from the Minster Office – ideal Christmas gift!

November is Will Aid month – This November hundreds of solicitors will be taking part in Will Aid. Instead of charging their normal fee, they will ask only for a voluntary donation. The suggested donation for a single basic will is £95.00 and for a pair of mirrored wills £150.00. Don't miss out on getting your professionally drafted will. Will Aid appointments do get booked up quickly so please don't hesitate, find your local Will Aid Solicitor on the website 'solicitor' and make an appointment. "Will Aid Team" support@willaid.org.uk

House to House Christmas Card Delivery – the roads in our parish are laid out on a table in the North cross Aisle for delivery this week – we would be very grateful for help with this. *Many thanks*

Car Park – If you pay for parking here at the Minster there is a new padlock key available from the Minster Office. Please be vigilant about locking the padlock once you have parked your car.

Friday 01 December 1.10pm – Lunchtime Concert
Students from Laine Theatre Arts Choir will give our last lunchtime concert for this series. Concerts are free, but we do ask for donations to Minster Funds. Come with your lunch and enjoy 40 minutes of music & please bring your friends!

Saturday 2 December 11am-2pm Christmas Fair.
Please spread the word to family and friends. It's a great opportunity for us to gather together to share soup lunches and refreshments as we enter the festive season. We urgently need donations for all of our stalls including: bric-a-brac; quality gifts; bottle tombola; raffle prizes; in fact anything you want to donate we can sell! We will also need plenty of cakes on the day too. If you would like to get involved please speak to Julie Beaumont. Thank you so much for supporting this annual event.

Saturday 2nd December 7.00pm – 11.00pm
Cocktail Party in aid of Croydon Churches Floating Shelter at 316 Addington Road, CR2 8LF organised by the Soroptomists. RSVP: 07403 048576

Sunday 3 December 11.30am – Kingfisher Meeting in the Vicar's Study to plan next term's schedule

Monday 22 January 2018 – Drug and Alcohol awareness training in St Mildred's Centre, 26 Bingham Road, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drug-and-alcohol-awareness-tickets-36904875476>

Floating Shelter Dates – 11 February – 25 March 2018 Once again we will do the Sunday nights/Monday morning. The sign-up sheet is in the North Cross Aisle for volunteers to sign up to assist with this. Duties needed are: setting up / serving food / staying overnight / serving breakfast and clearing away & the weekly laundry.

For sale: 3 x Halford Roof Bar 'cycle racks' in serviceable condition. Donation to church funds. Contact Geoff Radford 07561 405801

Statement from the Bishop of Croydon

As you will know the vacancy at Croydon Minster has been longer than anticipated as the post has proven harder than expected to fill. We are sorry for this delay. However we are glad that we are now in a position to move forward.

During the time that the Minster has been vacant, the Vicar of St Andrew, Croydon has also moved to a new post. This has allowed us to consider the best way forward for ensuring that the Town Centre in Croydon, with all the new developments envisaged, can be properly staffed to ensure the best possible ministry for the Churches and people of the area.

As a result of this, the processes are being put in place to explore the possibility of a Team Ministry to be created covering the parishes of the Minster (including St George's) and St Andrew's in the Town Centre. This team would be under the leadership of a Team Rector who would be the person appointed to Croydon Minster. In order for this to happen the Diocesan Bishop will need to restrict the presentation to the living in the next few days and then follow the processes to move to suspend the presentation of the living; this means that the person filling the vacancy will initially be appointed as priest-in-charge rather than the Vicar of the parish. This possible re-organisation is being conducted in order to enhance the Church's ministry and mission, and not with a view to reducing the number of clergy posts or churches.

As a result of this, further work will need to be undertaken on the Parish Profile, after which the earliest that the post can be re-advertised will be early in the New Year.

Croydon Drop In – Counselling, Advocacy and Health Support for Young People (132 Church Street) need a representative from the Minster to be on their Management Committee. If anyone would like to do this please speak to Denise in the Minster Office so she can pass on your details.