

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Heather Barker + Angela Kenney
+ David Brecknell + Sylvia Last
+ Matthew Cook + Jennie Luchmun
+ Jane Davey + Margaret Parsons
+ Margaret Dickens + Jean Pikett
+ Grenville Russell D'Cruz + Geoff Radford
+ Charlie Ellacott + Michael Randall
+ Shirley Eller + Beverley Smith
+ Annet Fernandez + Mary Lou Sorenson
+ Betty Fry + Andrea Spalding
+ Susan Head + Marjorie Stemerding
+ Pat Hulme
+ Our neighbours: West Croydon Methodist Church & the YMCA

+ Pray for Fr Lee as he is inducted into his new parish today

+ Please pray for all the schools, staff and young people who will visit our church this week.

+ The soul of Michael (Mike) Parsons, Elaine & Sue's stepfather whose funeral will take place here next Thursday 13 December at 11.00am.

Services this week

10 December – 15 December

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays at 9.00am

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	3.00pm	W. House Carol Service
	7.00pm	Cumnor House Sch. Carol Service
Tuesday	11.45am	Lectio Divina (small hall)
	7.30pm	Trinity Sch. Carol Service
Wednesday	10.45am	Old Palace Sch. Carol Service
	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
	7.00pm	Croydon High Sch. Carol Service
Thursday	11.00am	Funeral for Mike Parsons
	4.00pm	W. Almshouses Carol Service
	7.30pm	Whitgift Sch. Carol Service
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

Next Sunday, 16 December 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Readings:	Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
6.30pm	Town Carol Service in the presence of the Mayor of Croydon

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 9 December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent / Toy Sunday

08.00am	Eucharist Canon Andrew Bishop
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet in church
10.00am	Sung (All Age) Eucharist with donations of toys
Celebrant:	Fr Alan Bayes
Preacher:	Canon John Ackland Choir: Boys & Men
Hymns:	See order of service
Setting:	Missa Dixit Maria Hassler
Reader:	Elaine Edwards
Intercessor:	Members of the Blue Door Group
Motet:	Turn back o Man Holst
Voluntary:	Fugue in G Major (BWV 541 ii) JS Bach (HE)

Fr Gareth is celebrating the Eucharist at St Andrew's Church, Southbridge Road this morning.

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.

If you are new, please complete a 'Blue Welcome Card'. Please ask a sides' person for details.

Teal/coffeelsquash & biscuits are available in the church hall after the morning service

4.30pm	Evening Prayer – Whitgift Almshouses Sharon Wallace
6.30pm	Choral Evensong with Sermon
Officiant:	Fr Alan Bayes
Preacher:	Canon Andrew Bishop Choir: Girls & Adults
Hymns:	8,408
Responses:	Smith
Psalm:	75
Canticles:	Noble in B minor
Anthem:	Ave Maria Bruckner
Voluntary:	Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659) JS Bach (TL)

December/January Magazine is available – £1.00.
Church Times is available from the Minster Office £2.40
The Bridge Newspaper is at the back of church.

Lectio Divina 11.45am on Tuesdays in the small hall
Sponsorship of church flowers – Forms are available at the back of church. £25.00 buys one arrangement.
Bell Quarter Peal – Forms are available at the back of church (minimum donation £25.00)
Food Bank – All donations, including CASH, are very gratefully received.
For Mass Intentions, Visiting the sick (including Anointing) & **Confession**, please speak to *Father Andrew*.
The Book: 'Consumed by Fire' – by *Brian Lancaster* is available from Ruth Dixon – Priced £4.50.

The text of Fr Andrew's sermons are posted at his blog <https://canonandrewb.blogspot.com/>

Appeal for the Peal We need to raise £26,000 to service and update our bells – which have had no substantial work since 1936! You can make online donations to the appeal via the Minster website. So far we have raised over £5000.00.

Advent Study Group – Thursdays at 7.30pm at Fr Alan & Rachel Bayes' home (36 Haling Park Road). Theme: Discipleship.

Thank you to everyone who supported & assisted with the Friday Lunchtime Recitals and to Pamela for organising this series, which have been first class. These will resume in the New Year.

Thank you to everyone for your good wishes & most generous gifts last Sunday as I celebrated 25 Years as your Verger. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Denise Mead

Today 10.00am – Toy Service. We are very grateful for your gifts of new toys, toiletries or boxes of Christmas fayre which will be given to families who otherwise might get nothing else for Christmas.

Many thanks

Next Sunday 16 December 6.30pm – Town Carol Service. Refreshments will be served after this event and any help with this would be much appreciated, particularly serving and clearing away. Names to Denise in the Minster Office please.

Sunday 23 December 6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight with the Salvation Army Band. Tickets £10.00 available from the Minster Office.

Christmas Eve – Monday 24 December – Crib Service 5.00pm

Croydon Churches Floating Shelter – with the help of our friends from St George's & 6th Form pupils from both Old Palace School & Whitgift School we will take part in this project again this winter. We will cover Sunday evenings/Monday mornings 17 February – 24 March 2019. There is a Rota in the North Cross Aisle for you to sign up if you are able to assist in any way. Further details are available from the Minster Office. Many thanks.

Denise Mead

Head's Up there will be an Intercessor's workshop on a Saturday morning in mid-January with Fr John Ackland.

Whitgift Minster Choral Society reconvenes on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Whitgift School's Concert Hall to sing Handel's Messiah on Saturday 23 March 2019 here in the Minster. If you wish to take part please contact Ronny on 020 8688 9222 ext. 2147 or email rjk@whitgift.co.uk

GULLY CLEARING KIT: particularly for the North side of the church (car park side) where the gullies get full of leaves and debris. Could you spare 10 minutes to clear them? There is a box in the flower arrangers' corner which contains bags, gloves, broom etc., so all you need is yourself...and maybe a friend to help! This will help keep the drains clear and prevent flooding.

Pamela

Calendars for 2019 just £6.50 each or 2 for £12.00, would make lovely Christmas gifts for friends and family.

Singing of the Agnus Dei during The Administration of Holy Communion In Advent the Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God) will be sung after the Invitation to Holy Communion and not before it. The reason is twofold: first, it enables the service to flow more freely because the administration of communion will begin whilst the choir sings; and, secondly, it will give us all a chance to be reminded that the Agnus Dei is a devotional text to aid our prayer as we come to receive the Lamb of God in the Sacrament. This means that the congregation starts to receive Holy Communion at the altar, but that flow will be paused when the choir comes to the rail after the Agnus Dei. The choir receives Communion and then the remaining people receive. This sounds more complicated than it is! Please allow the sides persons to direct you. *Fr Andrew*

Help wanted with a Student's Dissertation on Spirituality. Full details available from the Minster Office or contact Transpersonalex@outlook.com for more detail and the questionnaire.

Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:		
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Asst. Priest:	Revd Alan Bayes	07792 846452
Asst. Priest:	Canon John Ackland	07831 516662
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Organists: (RK) Ronny Krippner (Director of Music), (TL) Tom Little (Sub Organist), (HE) Heather Easting (Organ Scholar) (AF) Adam Field (Junior Organ Scholar).