

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Heather Barker
+ David Brecknell
+ Matthew Cook
+ Jane Davey
+ Margaret Dickens
+ Grenville Russell D'Cruz
+ Charlie Ellacott
+ Shirley Eller
+ Annet Fernandez
+ Betty Fry
+ Susan Head
+ Pat Hulme
+ Our neighbours: Christ Church, New Life Christian Centre, Lighthouse Education Trust

+ Angela Kenney
+ Sylvia Last
+ Jennie Luchmun
+ Margaret Parsons
+ Jean Pikett
+ Geoff Radford
+ Michael Randall
+ Beverley Smith
+ Mary Lou Sorenson
+ Andrea Spalding
+ Marjorie Stemerding

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

Ruth Dixon celebrated her 75th Birthday last Friday – we wish her a very happy birthday and many more to come.

Services this week

17 December – 22 December

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays at 9.00am

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.00pm	Elis David Alms. Carol Service
	2.30pm	Julian Group – W. Almshouses
	7.00pm	Wilson's Sch. Carol Service
Tuesday	9.30am	Minster Infants Sch. Christingle
	11.45am	Lectio Divina (small hall)
Wednesday	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
	2.00pm	Minster Jnr Sch. Carol Service
Thursday	10.30am	W. Almshouses Eucharist
	11.00am	W. House Eucharist
	6.30pm	Coloma Jnr Sch. Carol Service
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	11.00am	Eucharist – Elis David Almshouses
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

Next Sunday, 23 December 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
	No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-55
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight Ticketed Concert by the Choral Foundation

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 16 December 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon John Ackland</i>
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet in the church hall – last session of the term
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Celebrant:	<i>Canon John Ackland</i>
Preacher:	<i>Canon Arthur Quinn</i>
	Choir: <i>Minster Consort</i>
Hymns:	443, 456, 499, 186
Setting:	<i>Noble in B Minor</i>
Readers:	<i>OT: Pamela Hall</i> <i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>NT: Diana Hemmings</i>
Intercessor:	<i>Elaine Cooper</i>
Motet:	<i>Ave Maria Parsons</i>
Voluntary:	<i>Fugue 'Wachet auf' op. 52/2 M. Reger (RK)</i>

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 <i>Elaine Cooper</i>
6.30pm	Town Carol Service <i>in the presence of the Mayor of Croydon</i>
Officiant:	<i>Canon Andrew Bishop</i>
	Choir: <i>Full Choral Foundation</i>

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.

Christmas Card Delivery A little later than planned, we Christmas Cards for all the roads in our parish and we really need your help, this weekend, to deliver these. We'd be grateful if you could please take a road and deliver them today. *Many thanks*

A Christmas message from Bishop Christopher, in which he reflects on the great gift of Christ at Christmas and the way we might respond, is on the notice board at the West End. It's well worth a read! *Fr Andrew*

Stewardship Envelopes if you pay weekly or monthly using the envelope scheme (not using the white Gift Aid Envelopes) there are new envelopes for you, on the table in the North Aisle. Please take yours home to avoid the cost of postage. *Many thanks*

Toy Service. Homestart thank you for your donation of toys which they will distribute to needy families.

Today 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 Melvyn or Denise 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

Sunday 6 January (Epiphany) – There will be no Evensong here at the Minster, instead there will be a **Deanery Choral Evensong at 6.00pm at St Michael's West Croydon.** Anyone who'd like to sing in the choir for this would be most welcome.

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. During 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
St George's	Mtr Patricia Vowles	020 8688 7006

Organists: (RK) Ronny Krippner (Director of Music), (TL) Tom Little (Sub Organist), (HE) Heather Easting (Organ Scholar) (AF) Adam Field (Junior Organ Scholar).