

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: St Michael & All Angels, & the Salvation Army

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

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 30 December 2018

1st Sunday of Christmas

08.00am Eucharist
Canon John Ackland

09.50am No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: *Canon Arthur Quinn*
Preacher: *Canon Arthur Quinn*
Hymns: See hymn boards
Setting: Addington Service Shephard
Reader: *John Langridge*
Intercessor: *Denise Mead*

*Our organist for this morning is Tom Little,
Sub Organist*

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.

Services this week

31 December – 05 January 2019

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays at 9.00am

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
New year's Eve		
Wednesday	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
Thursday	11.00am	Eucharist at Whitgift House
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

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

Tea/coffeelsquash & mince pies are available in the church hall after the morning service

Next Sunday, 06 December 2018

Epiphany

08.00am Eucharist

09.00am No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG
Eucharist – Whitgift Almshouses

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Readings: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12*

6.30pm No Evensong – Deanery
Choral Evensong at St Michael's, West Croydon

Please remember to look in the south cross aisle for any Christmas cards that may be addressed to you!

11.30am Morning Prayer – Whitgift Almshouses *Elaine Cooper*

Sorry there will be no Evensong here this evening

Happy New Year to everyone associated with this Minster Church, from Frs Andrew, Gareth, Alan, John and Arthur, from Elaine our Reader, Diana our SPA and Denise our Verger and Administrator.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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 & Whitgift Schools 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 Denise in 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

Samara's Aid Appeal for Syria & Iraq

Please note: On Sunday 27 January 2019 we will hold our third collection in aid of the above in Croydon Minster Hall. PACKERS will be NEEDED on that day. Please start collecting / cleaning / washing excellent quality used or new unwanted clothes, boots, shoes, blankets, pillows, sleeping bags. Also toiletries, stationery, new underwear, travel cots, Moses baskets, buggies. Further DETAILS TO FOLLOW.
Many thanks, Rachel Bayes

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.

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.

<i>Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:</i>		
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Asst. Priest:	Revd Gareth Powell	07917 624177
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).