

## Welcome to Christ Church

Week commencing 11 December 2016

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3**

**8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST**

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST & FUNKY CHURCH**

**6.00pm TAIZE SERVICE**

**Tuesday 13**

**1pm Good Companions Christmas party**

**Thursday 15**

**9.30am Midweek Eucharist  
(*followed by tea & coffee*)  
1.30pm Chatterbox**

**Saturday 17**

**9.30am Parish Prayer Group  
12.00noon Carols by the Lake**

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 4**

**8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST**

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST, FUNKY CHURCH & J-WALKERS**

**6.00pm CHRIST CHURCH CAROL SERVICE**

## **Advent 3**

### **Collect**

Loving God, thank you for calling us at baptism to be your people and for inviting each of us to serve you through the gift of our lives.

In response to your call we again say, "Yes."

Keep us faithful to your mission and our vocation.

And, gracious Lord, we ask that you inspire more women and men of faith and compassion to ministry, service, and leadership.

Fill them with your Spirit of wisdom & grace to proclaim the Good News, to bring peace and hope into their situations, and to give witness to your presence among us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The first reading is from the Book of Isaiah**

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.' Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

*(Isaiah 35: 1-2, 1-10)*

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 146: 5-10 (Pg.648)**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.' As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

*(Matthew 11: 2-11)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of mercy and power, whose Son rules over all, grant us so to live in obedience to your holy will, that at his appearing we may be raised to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Next Sunday's Readings & Rotas**

**Eucharist:** Isaiah 7: 10-16 & Matthew 1: 18-25

**Reader:** David Greenman

**Intercessor:** John Hodgson

**Welcoming Team:** Eric Howell, Angela Foley,  
Lukas Lacey-Hughes & Seth Ryland

**Coffee:** James & Posy Akande, Derek & Liz Burston

**Ministers of Communion:** Colin Francis (Reserve: Emma Laing)

## **WEEKLY PRAYERS**

**Sunday:** Pray for the Church in Kericho (Kenya); for the Parish of Porthkerry & Rhoose; for the residents of Bryngwyn Road; for the Ministers of Communion.

**Thursday:** Pray for the Church in Kigali, Rwanda; for the Archdeaconry of Margam; for the residents of Rhyd-y-Penau Road; for the Welcomers.

**Sunday:** Pray for the Church in Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh, Ireland; for the Parish of Laleston, & Merthyr Mawr w Penyfai: for the residents of Park End Lane; for the Pastoral Team.

**For the prayers for the remaining days of the week please see:**

**[www.llandaffchurchinwales.org.uk](http://www.llandaffchurchinwales.org.uk)**

**under Faith Worship & Prayer  
(the Diocesan Prayer Calendar).**

**The full list of parish streets to pray for will be posted on Christ Church's website in the coming weeks.**

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE FROM THE  
CHALICE, THEN PLEASE RECEIVE THE BREAD ONLY.

# **NOTICES**

**CAROLS BY THE LAKE:** For the past 4 years we have been meeting to sing carols at the Terra Nova Café by Roath Park Lake, to bring some festive cheer to the people of our community. Please do join us this Saturday (17 December) between 12 noon and 1.30pm at Terra Nova Café for a good Christmas carol sing-a-long!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** There will be a retiring collection today (11<sup>th</sup>) to defray the cost of our Christmas flowers. We hope you will be able to give your support as you have done so generously in the past.

**CHRIST CHURCH CAROL SERVICE:** Please do join us for our annual carol service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE VICARAGE:** The Hughes family would like to invite you to join them for a mince pie and a drink this Christmas time. Please do pop in any time between 5pm and 7pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**GOOD COMPANIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Will take place at 1pm this Tuesday, 13 December. All drivers welcome. (This group restarts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January).

**MESSY CHRISTMAS:** Our annual Messy Christmas will be held on 19 December between 10.30am and 1pm. Please do invite any families that you know to this event – it includes crafts, stories, singing and lunch! We need volunteers to help during the morning, please get in touch with Linda Alexander for more details. Thank you.

**CAROLS AT CARTREF:** If you are a parent of a child or young person in Funky Church or J-Walkers, please do put 10.30am on Thursday 22 December in your diary - it would be great if you could join us for this annual event which gives something back to the elderly in our community.

**CHRISTINGLE MAKING:** On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 10am we will be making Christingles in the church hall. All welcome to lend a hand!

**CHRISTMAS THE STORY:** If you are in Cardiff city centre make a detour to the Tabernacl Welsh Chapel situated on the Hayes to catch a performance of the Nativity. This runs every day until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December with performances every 40 mins from 10am. It's open to all with no charge, and you might just get to see some Christ Church congregation members acting parts! We have a collection jar 'Pennies from Heaven' in our porch to raise funds for this event which is run entirely by volunteers.

**J-WALKERS:** J-Walkers (for young people aged 11-18) will take place during the 10am service every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month. Also, they will meet every Sunday evening at 7-8.30pm. Please encourage any young people you know to come along!

**CONFIRMATION:** Would you like to affirm your faith and your intention to live as a follower of Christ? You can do this whatever your age. Please do let Revd Trystan know if you would like to get confirmed in the New Year, as Bishop David is visiting Christ Church on Sunday 19 March for a confirmation service.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Our parish prayer group now meets on Saturday mornings. We will meet at 9.30am and the prayers will last for no more than 30 minutes. Please do join us to pray for individuals and for the community around our church. All welcome!

**CREDO MAGAZINE:** please remember to collect your magazine from the back of the church. Full of articles and information for December.

**COLLECTION:** If you prefer to give a weekly cash contribution during the various services, and you are a UK Tax payer, then there are envelopes in the pews to enable us to reclaim tax. Please do use an envelope, as, at the moment, this equates to an extra 25p for each £1 you give.

**THURSDAY 9.30am EUCHARIST:** The Eucharist is on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. There is tea and coffee afterwards. Numbers are growing, so come and join us!

The upcoming dates are: **15<sup>th</sup> December & 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS OPERETTA FOR**

**CHILDREN:** This is being performed as part of Cardiff Christmas Nativity. Performances 7.30pm on the 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th December at Tabernacle Church Hayes Island. Tickets on the door or ask Julie Waller for more information.

**CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 17 December 12-1.30pm: Carols by the Lake

Sunday 18 December 6pm: Carol Service

Monday 19 December 10.30am-1pm: Messy Christmas

Wednesday 21 December: J-Walkers ice-skating and party

Thursday 22 December 10.30am: Carols at Cartref (with Funky Church & J-Walkers)

Thursday 22 December 5-7pm: Christmas open house at Vicarage (154 Lake Road East)

Saturday 24 December 10.30am: Making christingles (in the hall)

Saturday 24 December 4pm: Christingle and Nativity Saturday

24 December 11pm: Midnight Mass

Sunday 25 December 10am: Christmas Communion

**Notices for the Newsletter should be given to Denise Searle, tel. 029 20763151;**

**Email [info@christchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@christchurch.co.uk)**

**or left in the church letter box.**

**Deadline is Wednesday morning**

**In the event of an EMERGENCY please leave by the nearest exit and assemble by the walled garden at the front of the car park.**

**CHRIST CHURCH HAS BOTH FACEBOOK AND TWITTER**

please check them out and "like" and follow them for up to date church information on services and events

[www.facebook.com/christchurchcardiff](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchcardiff)

[www.twitter.com/ChristChCardiff](http://www.twitter.com/ChristChCardiff)

Come and join us at your local church to celebrate Christmas and sing carols.

A fun and festive way to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

**ALL WELCOME!**

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CAROL SERVICE

6.00<sup>PM</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

CHRISTINGLE & NATIVITY

CHRISTMAS EVE 4.00PM

MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE 11.00PM

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00AM



**MONDAY 19th DECEMBER  
10.30am-1.00pm**

**AT CHRIST CHURCH ROATH PARK, LAKE RD NORTH, CF23 5QN**

[www.christchurchcardiff.co.uk](http://www.christchurchcardiff.co.uk)

(029) 2076 3151



## **ConneXion Groups (\*-coordinators)**

ConneXion groups meet once a month.

***If you would like to join a group, please do let Revd Trystan know.***

### **Group 1 (daytime)**

Val Jones\*  
Isabel Santore  
Peggy Ingamells  
Wilf Ingamells  
Glenys Nettleton  
Norma Ash  
Henry Yeomans  
Audrey Lewis  
Margaret Griffiths  
George Cable  
Nadia Bunston  
David Greenman

### **Group 2 (evening)**

Haydn Hopkins \*  
Jill Hopkins  
Julie Waller  
Jane Song  
Claire Edwards  
John Griffiths  
Margaret Griffiths  
Julia Matthews  
Hannah Burch

### **Group 3 (evening)**

Linda Alexander \*  
David Alexander  
Chris Vokes  
Derek Burston  
Elizabeth Burston  
Colin Francis  
Siu Chan  
David Greenman  
Gill Barker  
Clare Dow

### **Group 4 (evening)**

Trystan & Sandra Hughes \*  
Emma Breraton  
Sarah Goldsmith  
James & Ingrid Preston  
Lianne & Ben Lloyd  
Claire & David Parkinson  
Anna & Paul Mortimore

### **Group (evening)**

Sue Hurrell \*  
Emma Laing  
Sandra Hughes  
Ruth Payne  
Justine Ryland  
Jo Jefford  
Michele Browne

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

**Vicar: Revd Trystan Hughes      Tel: 029 20758588**  
**Mob for emergencies:      07976523634**  
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**Curate: Revd Jordan Hillebert      Tel: 079 36288330**  
**[Jordan.hillebert@stpadarns.ac.uk](mailto:Jordan.hillebert@stpadarns.ac.uk)**

**Parish Office: 029 20763151 – open Mon & Weds**  
**9.30am to 12.30pm**

**Churchwardens: Haydn Hopkins      029 20621280**  
**Colin Francis      029 20751773**

**Parish Website: [www.christchurchcardiff.co.uk](http://www.christchurchcardiff.co.uk)**  
**Email: [info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk](mailto:info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk)**

### **Our new banner**

Our new banner, behind the altar, reminds us that we, at Christ Church, offer our local community:

- the promise and hope of the rainbow
- the light and safety of the lighthouse
- the peace and comfort of the dove
- the love and healing of the cross

## **PRAYERS & VISITING**

**PRAYER LIST:** from now on names will only appear on the list for one month and will then be removed, unless you let the vicar or wardens know otherwise. Please give names of sick or those in need of prayer to Trystan or the wardens, preferably on paper and include your name too.

**HOME VISITING:** If you, or anyone you know, are unable to attend church due to ill health or an accident, please do let us know. If you would like one of our Pastoral Visiting team to call for a chat, to help, or to give Home Communion, we will arrange it. Please contact Gerald Bradnum on 029 20 751177 or [gbradnum@gmail.com](mailto:gbradnum@gmail.com)

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Name: .....

Telephone:.....

(Please tick appropriately and hand to a Welcome Team member or the Clergy)

- I would like to receive a pastoral visit.
- I would like to receive Communion at home.
- I would like to be prayed for by the Prayer Team.

What is your prayer request? (optional)

# Carols by the Lake

AT THE TERRA NOVA CAFE  
BY ROATH PARK LAKE

Led by singers from Christ Church Roath Park  
and Minny Street Church



SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER  
12.00-1.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Children - to colour

