

## Welcome to Christ Church

Week commencing 18 December 2016

### **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**

**Monday 19 10.30am Messy Christmas**

**Wednesday 21 J-Walkers ice skating & party**

**Thursday 22 10.30am Carols at Cartref (with Funky Church & J-Walkers)  
5-7pm Christmas Open House at the Vicarage**

**Saturday 24  
Christmas Eve**

**10.00am CHRISTINGLE MAKING IN THE HALL**

**4.00pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE & NATIVITY**

**11.00pm MIDNIGHT MASS**

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day**

**10.00am CHRISTMAS COMMUNION**

## **Advent 4**

### **Collect**

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.'  
But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.'  
Then Isaiah said, 'Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

*(Isaiah 7: 10-16)*

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

**Psalm 80: 1-7 (Pg.556)**

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

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law,

and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us'). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

*(Matthew 1: 18-25)*

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised Saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Next Sunday's Readings & Rotas

**Eucharist:** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 & Luke 2: 4-14

**Reader:** TBC

**Intercessor:** TBC

**Welcoming Team:** Gill Hopkins, Peggy & Wilf Ingamells, Ann James

**Coffee:** John & Margaret Griffiths, Pat & Mike Jenkins

### **Ministers of Communion:**

Midnight Mass: Howard Kilvington (Reserve: Gerald Bradnum)

Christmas Day: Gerald Bradnum (Reserve: Angela Foley)

## **WEEKLY PRAYERS**

**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.

**Thursday:** Pray for the Church in Kisangani, Congo; for the Parish of Llangynwyd w Maesteg; for the residents of Park End Court; for those involved in parish administration.

**Sunday:** Pray for the Church in Kitale, Kenya; for the Parish of Llansantffraid, Bettws & Aberkenfig; for Rhydypenau library, bank and post office.

**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**

**CHRIST CHURCH CAROL SERVICE:** Please do join us for our annual carol service this evening (18<sup>th</sup>) at 6pm. The young people will also be serving non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies after the service. Come along for an uplifting festive service!

**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.

**MESSY CHRISTMAS:** Our annual Messy Christmas will be held tomorrow (19 Dec) between 10.30am and 1pm. Please do invite any families that you know to this event – it includes crafts, stories, singing and lunch! If you are able to help, please let Linda Alexander know asap.

**CAROLS AT CARTREF:** If you are a parent of a child or young person in Funky Church or J-Walkers, please join us at 10.30am this Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup>) - it would be great if you could be with 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!

**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:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am will be the next meeting of our weekly parish prayer group (none on 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> December). Our usual Saturday meetings, involve prayers for individuals and for our local community, to which all will be welcome – 9.30-10.00am.

**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: **5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January**

### **CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

\*\*Sunday 18 December 6pm: Carol Service -\*\*today  
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**

**6.00PM 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  
Claire & David Parkinson  
Anna & Paul Mortimore  
Hannah Burch  
Alex Kinsey  
Justin and Corale Freeman

### **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**  
**[trystanhughes@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:trystanhughes@churchinwales.org.uk)**

**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)

Join us for our  
**Christingle  
& Nativity  
Service**  
4pm Christmas Eve



*Love  
came  
down*

Christmas Day  
Communion 10am

For Children - to colour

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour  
which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11*

