

## Welcome to Christ Church

Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### The Second Sunday of Advent

**Sunday 10th December –**  
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**8.00am Holy Eucharist**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist with dedication of new altar kneelers, Funky Church & J-Walkers**

**6.00pm Service of Light**

**6.45pm J-Walkers (Youth Alpha)**

**Monday 11**

**9.00am Cardiff High Visit**

**Tuesday 12**

**2.00pm Good Companions**

**Thursday 14**

**1.30pm Chatterbox**

**Friday 15**

**6.30pm Carols & Mince Pies**

**Sunday 17th December –**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**8.00am Holy Eucharist**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J-Walkers**

**6.00pm Christ Church Carol Service**

**6.45pm J-Walkers**

## Advent 2

### Collect

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her  
that her hard service has been completed,  
that her sin has been paid for,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.  
A voice of one calling:  
In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the Lord  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.q  
A voice says, ~~+~~Cry out.q  
And I said, ~~+~~What shall I cry?q  
~~+~~All people are like grass,  
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.  
The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.  
Surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God endures for ever.q  
You who bring good news to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraidL  
say to the towns of Judah,  
~~+~~Here is your God!q  
See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm.  
See, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense accompanies him.  
He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
he gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heartL  
he gently leads those that have young.

*(Isaiah 40: 1-11)*

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

**Psalm 85. 8-13 (Pg.562)**

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

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

± will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your wayq. ± a voice of one calling in the wilderness, %Rprepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.+

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. John wore clothing made of camels hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: ±After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.q

*(Mark 1: 1-8)*

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord, here you have nourished us with the food of lifeL  
through our sharing in this holy sacrament  
teach us to judge wisely earthly things  
and to yearn for things heavenly.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**Eucharist:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 & John 1: 6-8, 19-28

**Reader:** Judith Hill

**Intercessor:** Mike Jenkins

**Welcoming Team:** Siu Wan Chan, John & Anne-Marie Hodgson,  
Ann James

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

**Ministers of Communion:** Emma Laing (Reserve: Howard Kilvington)

## **WEEKLY PRAYERS**

**Sunday:** Pray for the Church in Western North CarolinaLfor the Parish of LlandaffLfor the readers in our parishLfor the residents of Farm Drive.

**Thursday:** Pray for the Church in Wondurba, South SudanLfor the Rectorial Benefice of WhitchurchLfor the IntercessorsLfor the residents of Thorley Close.

**Sunday:** Pray for the Church in WyomingLfor the Rectorial Benefice of CantonLfor the Ministers of CommunionLfor the residents of Coed-y-Llyn.

**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 FEEL UNABLE TO RECEIVE FROM THE CHALICE, THEN PLEASE RECEIVE THE BREAD ONLY.

## **NOTICES**

**NEW ALTAR RAIL KNEELERS:** The Christ Church Tapisers have finished the new altar rail kneelers and these will be dedicated at the 10am service today. There will be celebratory cake(!) with tea and coffee in the hall after the service.

**EVENING WORSHIP:** All are welcome to join us this at 6.00pm this evening for a Service of Light led by Val Jones.

**CAROLS & MINCE PIES:** 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. An evening of carols, drama & poems with mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine. Tickets £5 adults and £3 children are available today from Mary Rayner.

**CHRIST CHURCH CAROL SERVICE:** Please do support the Christ Church carol service in candlelight on Sunday 17 December at 6pm, which will include congregational carols, as well as carols sung by our senior choir and our youth choir. All welcome!

**REVD TRYSTAN'S NEW BOOK:** If you could not get to the book launch of *Living the Prayer: The Everyday Challenge of the Lord's Prayer*, but would like to purchase a book or two (they make great Christmas presents!), then we are keeping to the special launch prices until Christmas – discounted from £7.99 to £6 and reduced further to £10 for two copies. Please speak to Claire Edwards [ced45@btinternet.com](mailto:ced45@btinternet.com) or Haydn Hopkins, our warden, if you would like to buy copies.

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all those who made robins for The Christmas Story at the Tabernacle in the Hayes, it has been much appreciated. Mary Payne.

**QUIZ EVENING:** This takes place at The Discovery Inn on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7pm with Quiz Master Owen Pryce. Tickets at £10, which includes the cost of a Fish and Chip Supper, will be available from Ann Picken from the first week of December.

**VIOLA CONCERT:** The Christ Church Society are hosting a concert performance by the Absolute Viola Quartet on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. The programme will be in two 40 minute parts, commencing at 7.30pm with an interval for the usual Society buffet and refreshments. Ticket price £10. All proceeds in support of the new hall fund.

**SABBATICAL:** We are delighted for Revd Trystan who has been awarded a three-month sabbatical break for writing and retreat. He will be away for April, May, and June 2018.

**GOOD COMPANIONS – DRIVERS NEEDED:** The Good Companions group is in need of additional drivers for 2pm and/or 4pm. Offers for help on a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly basis would be sincerely appreciated. Please contact Val for more information: 02920 747021.

**YOUTH ALPHA:** We have 22 young people registered for the Youth Alpha course (!), and it has been a joy discussing the Christian Faith with them as we work through the course. Please keep the youth

and leaders in your prayers. We are also looking for volunteers to cook pizza for the first hour (from 6.45 – 7.45). Eating together is an important part of the experience, but we do need some help with this. If you are able to help please let Linda or Sandra know.

**YOUR CHOIR NEEDS YOU:** We have vacancies for all voice parts: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Please talk to Julie Waller (07790 452722) or turn up to join us at Thursday evening rehearsals 6.30pm- 8pm where you will receive a warm welcome.

**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: **21<sup>st</sup> December & 4<sup>th</sup> January**

**CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER:** Please note that in future the church will be open for private prayer on the **first Wednesday** of each month, 10am to 12 noon. The next date will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

**FAIR TRADE:** Can you help with setting up and manning the Fair Trade stall, which is in the church once every month? We need help, for this important venture to continue. If you can offer your help in any way, please speak to Nick and Penny Goss or to Revd Trystan.

**CREDO MAGAZINE:** please remember to collect your final Credo magazine from the back of the church. Full of articles and information for December and January 2018.

**CONNEXION GROUPS:** Our ConneXion Groups meet once-a-month to discuss, socialise, learn, and have fun. Interested in joining one of them? Please do talk to Revd Trystan or email him on [trystanhughes@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:trystanhughes@churchinwales.org.uk)

**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.

**NEW HALL PROJECT  
TARGET £100,000**

**Our Planning Application has been submitted. We are getting closer to the long held dream of a NEW HALL so we need to redouble our fund raising efforts to make it a reality.**

**SOME OF THE IDEAS BELOW ARE ALREADY BEING UNDERTAKEN BUT ALL NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

**APRONS & BAGS** - Jill Barker is selling these, also Chris Stacey.

**COOKBOOK** - Julie Waller is compiling this.

**QUIZ EVENING** - Being organised by Owen Pryce, 11 January.

**MEAL AND MUSIC** – Being discussed with local band Graffiti.

**OFFER OF TALENTS** - 2 MEMBERS OF CHRISTCHURCH have undertaken this could you?

**CAKE MAKING** - cakes always sell.

**MUSIC CONCERTS** Could you organise one in the church or elsewhere?

**SCRAP GOLD** - Shirley Davies has already raised £77 and continues to collect.

**CHRISTMAS CHUTNIES, JAM & MARMALADE:** Claire Edwards has a supply of these to top your festive food off!

**FUNDRAISING FUN RUNS, ½ MARATHONS** - Could you do a run for the new hall fund?

**JIGSAW** - This has raised just over £500 Can you think of another innovative way to raise money?

**Notices for the Newsletter should be given to Denise Searle, tel. 029 20763151; Email [info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk](mailto:info@christchurchcardiff.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)

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

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**9.30am to 12.30pm**

**Churchwardens: Haydn Hopkins 029 20621280**

**Colin Francis 029 20751773**

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**Carols & Mince Pies**  
AN EVENING OF CAROLS, DRAMA & POEMS  
WITH MINCE PIES & NON-ALCOHOLIC MULLED WINE  
**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 6.30pm**  
Tickets: Adults £5 Children £3  
ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY  
Bookings: Ann Picken (029) 2075 5550  
At Christ Church Parish Hall, Lake Road North, Cardiff CF23 5QN

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**

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

ConneXion groups meet once a month.

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

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

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

Haydn and Jill Hopkins \*  
Julie Waller  
Jane Song  
Claire Edwards  
John and Margaret Griffiths  
Julia Matthews  
Mark Hamber  
Hannah Burch  
Mary Payne  
Jane Hexter  
Gwilym Roberts  
Hilary Chiles  
Rev'd Jordan Hillebert

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

### **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  
Anna & Paul Mortimore  
Hannah Burch  
Alex Kinsey  
Justin and Coral Freeman  
Fernanda Gray  
Rebekka Jones

### **Group (evening)**

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

## **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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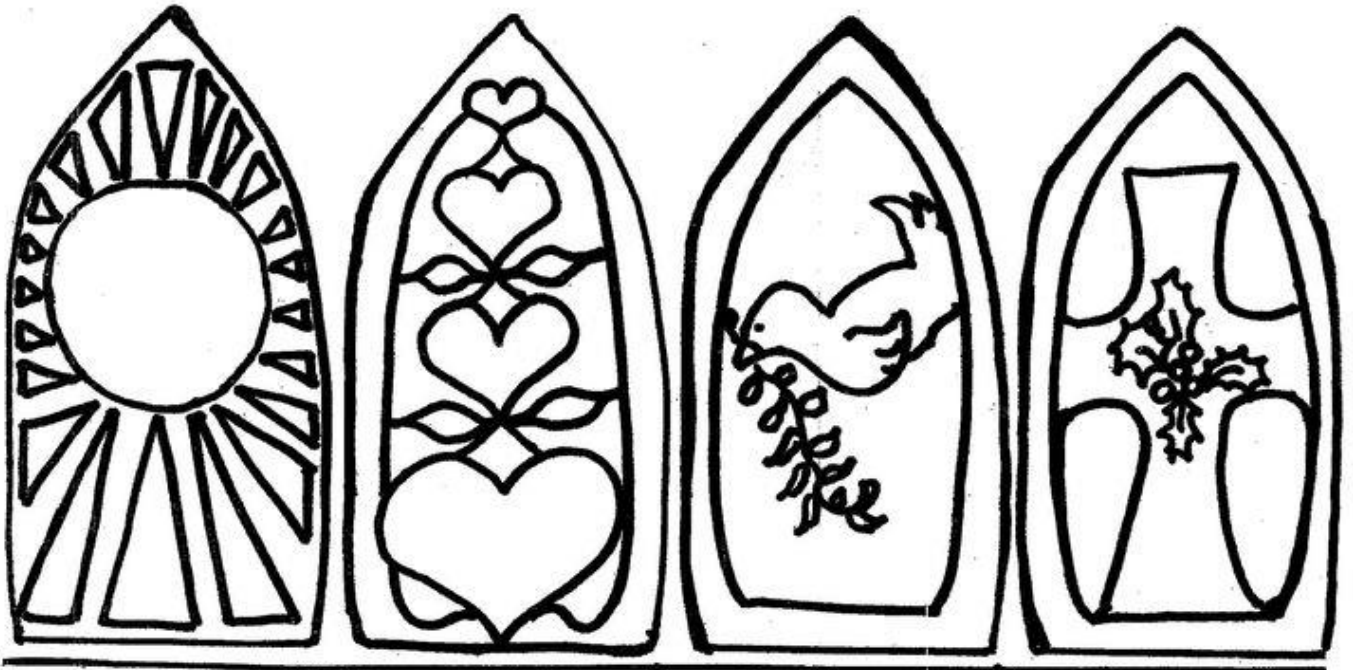
Telephone:.....

(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)

Children's Colouring Page



**Hope**

**Peace**

**Joy**

**Love**