

Welcome to Christ Church

Week commencing 24th December 2017

Sunday 24th December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10am Said Communion

10.45am Making the Christingles

4.00pm Christingle

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December –

The Nativity of our Lord, Christmas Day

10.00am CHRISTMAS COMMUNION



Sunday 31ST December – Christmas 1

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm *No Evening Service*

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 Romans

Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith . to the only wise God be glory for ever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

(Romans 16: 25-27)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The

virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said,
Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.
Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind
of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, Do not be
afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will conceive
and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be
great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God
will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over
Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.
How will this be, Mary asked the angel, since I am a virgin?
The angel answered, The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the
power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to
be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your
relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was
said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word
from God will ever fail.
I am the Lord's servant, Mary answered. May your word to me
be fulfilled. Then the angel left her.

(Luke 1: 26-38)

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: Galatians 4. 4-7 & Luke 2. 15-21

Reader: Julie Waller

Intercessor: Sue Hurrell

Welcoming Team: Marjorie Walker, Brian Ward, Jane Song

Coffee: Emma Laing, Justine Ryland

Ministers of Communion: Gerald Bradnum
(Reserve: Angela Foley)

WEEKLY PRAYERS

Sunday: Pray for the Church in Yola, NigeriaLfor the Parish of Porthkerry & RhooseLfor the Pastoral TeamLfor the residents of Huron Crescent.

Thursday: Pray for the Church in Zaki-Biam, NigeriaLfor the Parish of Wenvoe with St LythansLfor those involved in parish administrationLfor the residents of Everard Way.

Sunday: Pray for the Church in ZululandLfor the Parish of Eweny and St Brides MajorLfor those involved in hall administrationLfor the residents of Lakeside Drive.

For the prayers for the remaining days of the week please see: www.llandaffchurcheinwales.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

MERRY CHRISTMAS: Christ Church wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! We look forward to seeing you at our services in 2018.

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 January – discounted from £7.99 to £6 and reduced further to £10 for two copies. Please speak to Claire Edwards ced45@btinternet.com or Haydn Hopkins, our warden, if you would like to buy copies.

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, are available from Ann Picken.

CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: Need some calm after Christmas? Why not come along to our free five-week course of Christian Mindfulness, led by Revd Trystan. Every Thursday 7-8pm from 18 January 2018. All welcome!

FIRST COMMUNION SESSIONS: We will be holding first communion sessions for 6, 7, and 8 year olds – on Sunday lunchtimes 14 Jan, 28 Jan, and 4 Feb. Any children interested, please could parents speak to Revd Trystan.

VIOLA CONCERT: The Christ Church Society are hosting a concert performance by the Absolute Viola Quartet on the 7th 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.

GALA DINNER: We will be holding a special fund-raising dinner, with entertainment by local band Graffiti, at Cardiff Golf Club on the evening of **Friday 9 March**. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year – please do put this date in your diary.

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.

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: **4th & 18th 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 3rd 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

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.

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 CHUTNEY, 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 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

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PARISH INFORMATION

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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_{PM} SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

**CHRISTINGLE & NATIVITY
CHRISTMAS EVE 4.00PM**

**MIDNIGHT MASS
CHRISTMAS EVE 11.00PM**

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNION
CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00AM**



Calm your mind with Christian Mindfulness Meditation

Free five-week course

Starts 18 January 2018

Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm

Christ Church, Roath Park

All welcome

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

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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)

Children's Colouring Page

