

Welcome to Christ Church

Week commencing 23rd December 2018

Sunday 23rd December – 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J-Walkers

3.00pm Final Carol Service rehearsal

6.00pm Carol Service

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle & Nativity

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December – The Nativity of our Lord,

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Communion



Sunday 30th December – 1st Sunday after Christmas

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J-Walkers

6.00pm 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 Micah

'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.'
Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labour bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.
He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

(Micah 5: 2-4)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Canticle: Psalm 146: 5-10

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!'

(Luke 1: 39-45)

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: Colossians 3: 12-17 & Luke 2: 41-52

Reader: Mike Jenkins

Intercessor: John Hodgson

Welcoming Team: Gill Hopkins & Gerald Bradnum

Coffee: Marjorie & John Walker, Chris & Keith Stacey

Ministers of Communion: Howard Kilvington

(Reserve: Gerald Bradnum)

WEEKLY PRAYERS

Sunday: Pray for the Church in Kubwa, Nigeria; the Parish of Penarth & Llandough; for Pastoral Team; for the residents of Heath Halt Court.

Thursday: Pray for the Church in Lutigi, Nigeria; the Parish of St Andrews Major & Michaelston-le-Pit; for those involved in parish administration; for Cardiff High school.

Sunday: Pray for the Church in Kyushi, Japan; the Archdeaconry of Margam; for those involved in hall administration; for the residents of Heath Park Court

Please also pray for our partner church, St Denys, Lisvane.

For the prayers for the remaining days of the week please see: www.llandaffchurcheinwales.org.uk under Faith Worship & Prayer (the Diocesan Prayer Calendar).

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 Christmas Services over the next few days and at our services in 2019.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: All are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate anew the gift of 'God with us' this Christmas.

- **Carol Service: *This evening***(23rd) at 6:00pm.
- **Christingle & Nativity Service:** Christmas Eve at 4:00pm. Please come early to guarantee a seat at this very popular service.
- **Midnight Mass:** Christmas Eve at 11:00pm. Our uplifting Midnight Mass service will start in darkness, before being lit up by candles.
- **Christmas Communion:** We will not have an 8am service, but will celebrate a joyful Christmas Communion at 10am.

THANK YOU: We would like to say a HUGE "Thank you" to Julie Waller, who steps down as Musical Director at the end of 2018 after running the music and choir for almost a decade. She has done a wonderful job and

we very much appreciate her hard work, talents and enthusiasm. We are delighted that she will continue attending the church, helping with the music and other aspects of our worship and community life. We will be celebrating her time as Musical Director after the 10am service on Sunday January 27th. Please do put that date in your diary.

ALPHA COURSE: We are running an Alpha Course commencing Monday 14th January at 7.15pm. It is a great course and open to all, church members or not, believers and non-believers. It's a chance to ask all the questions you've always wanted to ask but were afraid to do so. We have invites to give out to your family and friends who might be interested. More information from Linda Alexander, 07814 759559.

CAROLS & MINCE PIES CONCERT: An outstanding evening enjoyed by all who came and a profit of £1,334.25p made towards the new Hall fund. Particular thanks to David and Linda Alexander who masterminded the whole event and Tesco at Lakeside who donated mince pies.

J-WALKERS EVENING YOUTH GROUP: The J-Walkers will not meet again in the evening until the new year. They will return on Sunday 13 January at 6.30pm. All young people aged 11-18 are very welcome to come along!

THURSDAY 9.30am EUCHARIST: The Eucharist is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. The upcoming dates are on the **3rd & 17th January**. Tea and coffee are available afterwards.

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS: The junior and senior choirs are combining for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December at 6.00pm. Sue and Julie would like ANYONE to sing in that service.

Rehearsals in church:

Tuesdays 6.30 – 8.00pm

23rd December – *final* rehearsal today at 3.00pm

Any questions contact Julie Waller on 07790452722 or Sue Hurrell

REV'D TRYSTAN RETURNS: We are delighted that Rev'd Trystan has returned after being off work with his back injury. However, on the orders of his doctors and physiotherapists, he will have a phased return to work. This means from now until Christmas, Rev'd Trystan will only be involved in parts of services, rather than taking whole services. Neither will he be able to take baptisms or funerals. The Pastoral Care Team will cover his visiting. Please understand that he cannot stay standing or sitting for any period of time, so please forgive him if he has to disappear quickly at times, or has to cut conversations short when he speaks to you. Welcome back Rev'd Trystan!

CHRISTMAS – THE STORY: Please to collect your small change for us – ‘Pennies From Heaven’, we call it. You’ll find the collection jars in the church porch. Please help, don’t let 2018 be the last year for ‘Christmas – The Story’.

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE & MYRRH: Cards of gold, frankincense, and myrrh in aid of the Christmas Story Nativity in Tabernacle on the Hayes are on sale in the church porch costing £2.00. All the proceeds go to supporting this very worthy cause.

ELECTORAL ROLL: If you consider Christ Church your home church, then we would love to include you on our church members list, known as the Electoral Roll. You can be on the electoral roll whether you attend services regularly or infrequently. Being on the electoral roll helps show the diocese how well supported Christ Church is. Application forms for inclusion on the Electoral Roll, together with details printed on the back, are available at the entrance to the Church. After you have filled in the form place it in the receptacle provided. David Alexander, Electoral Roll Officer. Any questions about the Electoral Roll, please speak to David, Revd Trystan, or Revd Jordan.

GOOD COMPANIONS: This group will resume meeting on January 8th.

HELP PLEASE!!: We are in urgent need of more drivers to help with lifts to and/ or from Good Companions on Tuesday afternoons...can you help? At 2pm? 4pm? Occasionally? Weekly? Fortnightly? Monthly? To discuss please speak to Val [02920 747021](tel:02920747021) or Alison [02920 761277](tel:02920761277). Thank you.

UNWANTED TOILETRIES: The Good Companions are collecting any unwanted toiletries; these will be offered to emergency patients at the Heath Hospital who often have no personal items or money with them when they are admitted. Should anyone have any unopened toiletries which they would be happy to donate, please pass them on to Val (02920 747021).

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 January 2nd.

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.

BRITISH & FOREIGN STAMPS: Donate your used stamps for Goodwill Children's Homes. See Notice in the Church Porch. Give to Claire Edwards or leave marked in an envelope in the Church Porch. It helps if you can leave approx. 1 cm of paper around the stamp. Many thanks.

TRAFFIC OFFICER REQUIRED: For busy school, Llandeyrn/Pentwyn area. 8am to 9am Mon-Fri, 5 hours per week, £10ph. Contact Michelle Evans on 02920885435.

**NEW HALL PROJECT
TARGET £100,000**

Our Planning Application has been approved! 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**

ALLOTMENT PRODUCE & HOMEMADE PRESERVES: Thanks to all those who have supplied fresh produce and homemade preserves this year with thanks to all the buyers! Look out for freshly made Seville marmalade and other variations in the New Year of January 2019! Claire Edwards.

CHRIST CHURCH CALENDAR 2019: These will be on sale for £6 to raise funds for the hall. They make a great gift for Christmas! See Gill Barker.

OLD POUND COINS: We are collecting old pound coins for the Church Hall Appeal. If anyone has some please put them in the box in the entrance or into the collection bags. THANKS Linda Alexander

CAKE MAKING - cakes always sell!

MUSIC CONCERTS

SCRAP GOLD: Shirley Davies is still collecting scrap gold - broken chains, odd earrings and similar. Any gold item you no longer want can be added to the pile, which has already raised over £575! Please continue to support.

GREETING CARDS: for birthday and special occasions - available in the Church Hall after the 10am service, in the Church Porch and often on

Tuesday afternoons at Good Companions. Funds will support the New Church Hall project at Christ Church. Contact Shirley Davies if more information needed.

CROSS IN MY POCKET: These handmade embroidered crosses are ideal to keep in your phone case/purse/wallet or would make ideal gifts to pop in a birthday card/Christmas card. There is a plentiful supply in the church porch in all the colours of the rainbow: a donation of £1 will go towards the hall. Many thanks.

If anyone has any ideas, however big or small, to raise money for the exciting New Hall project, please share them! Thank you all for your continued support.

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.

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

**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

www.twitter.com/ChristChCardiff

PARISH INFORMATION

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ConneXion Groups (*-coordinators)
ConneXion groups meet once a month

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

Group 1 (daytime)

Val Jones*
Isabel Santore
Glenys Nettleton
Audrey Lewis
Margaret Griffiths
George Cable
Nadia Bunston
Liz Reid
Carol Rudram

Group 2 (evening)

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

Group 3 (evening)

Linda Alexander *
David Alexander
Chris Vokes
Derek Burston
Elizabeth Burston
Siu Chan
Gill Barker
Clare Dow
Sally Lewis
Sylvia McCarty
Kate Thomas

Group 4 (evening)

Trystan & Sandra Hughes *
Emma Breraton
Sarah Goldsmith
James & Ingrid Preston
Anna & Paul Mortimore
Hannah Burch
Alex Kinsey & Ethan James
Justin and Coral Freeman
Fernanda Gray
Rebekka Jones
Andy Taylor

Group 5 (evening)

Sue Hurrell *
Emma Laing
Sandra Hughes
Ruth Payne
Justine Ryland
Jo Jefford
Michele Browne
Jane Roberts
Flora Samuel
Jenny Wigley

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

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

Baby Jesus is born!

