

## Welcome to Christ Church

Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December –  
Advent 2

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 2**

**8.00am Holy Eucharist**

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

**6.00pm Evening Worship**

**6.30pm J-Walkers**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30pm Stories for the Soul -  
Advent**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**2.00pm Good Companions**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**1.30pm Chatterbox**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**6.30pm Carols & Mince Pies**

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3**

**8.00am Holy Eucharist**

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## 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

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him –  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord –  
and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.  
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.  
Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash round his waist.  
The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.  
The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.  
They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.  
In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting-place will be glorious.

*(Isaiah 11: 1-10)*

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

**Psalm 72: 1-7 (pg. 539)**

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

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
"Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

*(Matthew 3: 1-12)*

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 life;  
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:** James 5: 7-10 & Luke 1: 46-55

**Readers:** Andrew Wade

**Intercessor:** Judith Hill

**Welcoming Team:** Eric Howell, Isabel Santore

**Coffee:** Sui Wan Chan, Angela Foley, Ann Picken

**Ministers of Communion:** Angela Foley

(Reserve: Linda Alexander)

**For weekly prayers please**

**see: [www.llandaffchurcheinwales.org.uk](http://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

**EVENING WORSHIP:** Please join us at 6.00pm this evening for a service based on the idea of thankfulness, contemplative in nature, led by Ethan & Alex. All welcome.

**CAROLS AT CARTREF:** Children and young people are invited to join us once again to sing carols for the residents of Cartref Care Home. This is always a wonderful and uplifting event which allows the children to give something back to the community at Christmas. We will meet at **10am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at the Vicarage (154 Lake Road East).**

**LOOK:** to your left – as you face the altar you will see on the Reading Desk, a scrap book telling something of the story of the altar rail KNEELERS. If you like you may speak to Posy Akande about it, or perhaps Derek Burston.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES:** If any child is interested in taking first communion sessions, so they can receive communion at the altar, please do tell Rev'd Trystan. Children are usually in Years 1 to 3 in Primary School when they undertake these sessions. There are usually three sessions at Sunday lunchtimes (with lunch included) and these will take place early in the New Year.

**STORIES FOR THE SOUL:** This Advent session takes place tomorrow, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Please let Hannah know if you can make it!

**\*SOLD OUT\* CAROLS & MINCE PIES:** Join us for Carols & mince pies this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm, admission by ticket only. An evening of fun for all ages plus a mini Panto, Aladdin. Tickets £5 adults, £3 children are now available from Ann Picken, tel 02920 755550.

**CHRISTMAS – THE STORY:** The Christmas Story is being acted and narrated at the Tabernacle Church, The Hayes, Cardiff until the 21<sup>st</sup> December with a performance every 40 minutes. It is most important to spread the Gospel to children and adults who don't attend a church. This needs funding to keep going each year, therefore the usual jar will be in the porch for loose change you may wish to donate, every penny helps, and there are a few cards if you would like to give a donation. Many thanks, yours in Christ.

**BLUE COLLECTION BOX:** The blue collection box in the porch is for general Church funds, principally to go towards general upkeep, repairs and

maintenance. Recently, amongst other things, we sustained water damage caused by a flood in the Sacristy, taking up carpets and blocks, to mitigate the damage caused by a leaking pipe. We are fortunate that run of the mill and some maintenance is carried out by congregation members. Many thanks for supporting this initiative which has already yielded almost £300. Please carry on dropping in your loose change, all coin denominations gratefully accepted. Thank you.

**\*URGENT\*GOOD COMPANIONS:** The Good Companions group urgently needs help with giving two local members lifts home at 4pm on Tuesdays, once a month, starting in January. If any one is able to volunteer please contact 02920 747021 or Alison 02920 761277.

**THURSDAY 9.30am EUCHARIST:** The Eucharist is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. The upcoming dates are the **19<sup>th</sup> December & 2<sup>nd</sup> January**. Tea and coffee are available afterwards.

**TOILETRIES :** Should anyone have any unopened toiletries which they would be happy to donate, please pass them on to Val (02920 747021). These are currently being collected for the Salvation Army Hostel in Cardiff for the benefit of their residents for which they are extremely grateful.

**THE WARDS ON TV:** Brian Ward is appearing in a programme about hoarders on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 21.00 hours on Channel 5. It's called "Landfill in my living room". Heather Ward who made the banner which featured in last month's Christ Church News, is one of the people featured in "Kirstie's Handmade Christmas". It has already started but Heather is featured on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1700 hours on Channel 4. She is in the running to be a winner in the craft competition.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

13<sup>th</sup> December – Carols & mince pies with mini Panto, Aladdin  
21<sup>st</sup> December – Messy Church, 10.30am

### **NEW HALL PROJECT**

Fund raising for this Project continues so we welcome ideas. Please do your best to support the Allotment produce, home made jams & preserves and the collection of old £1 coins, concerts etc.

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

**ALLOTMENT PRODUCE & HOMEMADE PRESERVES:** Keep a look out for produce/preserves often available after the 10am Sunday service. No more jam jars required for the present.

**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**

**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 into a greetings card. These can be picked up in the church porch: a donation of £1 will go towards the hall. Many thanks.

Please continue to support.

*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](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**

**Vicar: Revd Trystan Hughes Tel: 07976523634**

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open Mon & Weds 9.30am to 12.30pm**

**Churchwardens: Haydn Hopkins 029 20621280 or  
07970 079797**

**Colin Francis: 029 20751773**

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YOU ARE  
**Warmly Invited**  
TO JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS



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

**Carol Service  
22nd December 6.00pm**

**Christingle Service  
Christmas Eve 4.00pm**

**Midnight Mass  
Christmas Eve 11.00pm**

**Christmas Communion  
Christmas Day 10.00am**

**THE CHURCH BY THE LAKE**

# Stories for the Soul ~ Advent ~

Slow down, listen, wonder, play...

Join us on the road to Bethlehem

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm**

*Please let Hannah know if you can make it!*



JOIN US FOR  
**Carols & Mince Pies**  
AN EVENING OF CAROLS, DRAMA & POEMS  
WITH MINCE PIES & NON-ALCOHOLIC MULLED WINE  
**Plus Mini Panto Aladdin**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm**

At Christ Church Parish Hall, Lake Road North,  
Cardiff CF23 5QN

**Tickets: Adults £5 Children £3**  
ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY

Bookings: (029) 2075 5550

JOIN US FOR A  
**Messy Christmas PARTY-**

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**  
10.30 - 1.00pm

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**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**