

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

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| + Akin Akinmuboni | + Bernadette McElligott |
| + Scott Benton | + Valerie Martlew |
| + Fr Chuck Blankenship | + Shelagh Murray |
| + Helen Clover | + Marinus Putters |
| + Matthew Cook | + Jeanne Randall |
| + Margaret Dickens | + Beverley Smith |
| + Annet Fernandez | + Andrea Spalding |
| + Helen French | + Angela Start |
| + Lorraine Gonsalves | + Tye |
| + Susan Head | + Jacque White |
| + Jack Kettle-Smith | + Elizabeth Williams |
| + Jennie Luchmun | |
- + Our neighbours: St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Services this week 25 January – 30 January

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lectio Divina
	1.10pm	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Boys' & Men
	<i>Canticles:</i>	Brewer in D
	<i>Anthem:</i>	Evening Hymn Gardner
Wednesday	11.00am	Eucharist (BCP)
	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Girls' Choir
	<i>Canticles:</i>	Wood in G
	<i>Anthem:</i>	Ave Maria Martin
Thursday	7.00pm	Choral Evensong sung by Men's Voices
	<i>Canticles:</i>	'Echo' Mag & Nunc Ayres
	<i>Anthem:</i>	In the beginning Locke
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	11.00am	Eucharist at The Elis David Almshouses
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist followed by informal coffee in the <u>Mary Chapel</u>

Next Sunday, 31 January 2016 4th Sunday of Epiphany

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Ezekiel 4:;27-44.4; Psalm 48; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Luke 2:22-40</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Our Clergy are available to talk to, they are:

Vicar:	Canon Colin J Luke Boswell	020 8688 1387
Assoc. Vicar:	Revd Lee Taylor	020 3742 5842
Curate:	Revd Chris Moore	020 8680 7890
Hon Curate:	Revd Mark Hill	020 8688 1387
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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 24 January 2016

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

- 08.00am Eucharist**
Revd Lee Taylor
- 09.50am Crèche, Kingfishers** *meet in the halls*
BDG *meet in the Vicar's Study*
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist**
Celebrant: *Revd Mark Hill*
Preacher: *Canon Colin Boswell*
Choir: Boys & Men
Hymns: **484, 486, 453, 95**
Reader: *Glen Akibo-Betts*
Setting: *Missa Brevis in D Mozart*
Intercessor: *Diana Hemmings*
Motet: *O quam gloriosum Victoria*
Voluntary: *Fantasia and Fugue in G Major Parry*

If you are new, please complete a 'Blue Welcome Card' which is available at the back of church. Please ask a sides' person for details.

Coffee, tea & squash will be served in the church hall after the 10am Service.

- 4.00pm Evening Prayer at the Almshouses** *Elaine Cooper*
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong**
Choir: Girls & Adults
Officiant: *Canon Colin Boswell*
Preacher: *Revd Christopher Moore*
Hymns: **343, 410, 445**
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: *33:1-12*
Canticles: *Aston in F*
Anthem: *And I saw a new heaven Bainton*
Voluntary: *Andante (Sonata I) Rheinberger (NG)*

Thank you for your offerings for the work of the Minster. UK tax payers, please consider Gift Aiding any donation by completing one of the White Gift Aid envelopes or by filling in a more permanent Gift Aid Declaration which is available at the back of church or from the Minster Office. We can supply weekly or monthly envelopes for your regular giving, should you require them.

Children's Activity Bags are available at the back of church for use with your child in the pew. Please ask a Sides' person to show you where they are.

The Dec/Jan Magazine is still available: £1.00

The Church Times is available. Price £2.05

The Bridge & Croydon Citizen Newspapers (both free) are available at the back of church.

Sponsorship of church flowers – Forms are available at the back of church. £25.00 buys one arrangement.

Organ Restoration Appeal

Here is this month's appeal update without current position as at the end of 2015. This update includes **1** new Grant, **1** new One off donation and **2** contributions from collections held during Cumnor House and Old Palace School events held at the Minster:

Monthly Patrons – **17** monthly patrons recruited so far.

We need many more monthly patrons to help us reach our target - standing order forms available from Gail or Denise to donate £30 a month for 24 months.

Adopt a Pipe – **36** pipes adopted

One off donations – **25** received

Fundraising Events – **4** including **1** marathon run, **2** table top sales and **1** Lunchtime Recital. Please let Gail or Denise know if you are organising a fundraising event for the appeal so that we can advertise it to ensure it is well supported.

Grants – **2** We are very grateful to the Whitgift Foundation and The Mercers' Company for their generous support of our appeal.

Total amount received / pledged at the end of December, including Gift Aid is **£56,360**.

Many thanks to all who donated towards the refugee crisis last week at the 10.00am Service retiring collection. We raised £202 and the money has been sent to Oxfam who are working in Syria, Jordan Lebanon and also in Europe.

Lectio Tuesdays at 12.00noon

Ballroom & Latin Dancing Classes

Advanced classes: Tuesdays at 7.00pm.

Beginners: Saturdays at 12.00noon.

Contemplative Eucharist is usually on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Mary Chapel at 7.30pm.

Whitgift-Minster Choral Society Tuesdays 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Concert Hall at Whitgift School

Lent Boxes Once again we will be collecting money for the work of the Church overseas through the agencies of CMS & US. Last year our total was well over £600. Lent Boxes will be available for you to take from Sunday 7 February.

Sunday 31st January from 3pm 'Be a Chorister for a Day'. This is a chance for boys aged 8-12 to see what it is like being part of the boys' choir at the Minster. Please email n.graham@whitgift.co.uk for more information if you would like your son to take part.

Tuesday 8 February 10.00am – Mothers' Union have organised a session in the St Nichols Chapel on Internet Safety which is **OPEN TO ALL**. This is being run by Jean Cooper a Southwark Safeguarding Officer. Coffee/tea will

be served from 09.45. If you would like to come, please sign the list at the back of Church as we need names and numbers. Any queries, please speak to Diana Hemmings.

Bring & Share Lunch at The Minster We are trialing the idea of holding a Bring & Share lunch on the First Sunday of each month in the Church Hall at 12.15pm. If you would like to participate please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church. The first lunch would be on **Sunday 7 February**. It will be a simple 'bring a dish to share' meal.

Ash Wednesday 10th February. We will have two Eucharist's on that day: 11.00am (BCP) & 8.00pm Sung Eucharist both with Imposition of Ashes.

Floating Shelter 2016 (Mid February – end of March)

The sign-up sheet for the Floating Shelter is now at the back of church. We particularly need volunteers to do the overnight shift (9.00pm – 6.15am). Any queries, please speak to Fr Chris.

Saturday 27 February 7 for 7.30pm Quiz Night in the church hall with Fish & Chip Supper. If you are not in a team we can organise this. £10 with Fish & Chips, £5.00 quiz only. There will be a licensed bar for all your drinks. Do come – It will be great fun.

Important Notice – Sadly due to an incident which has compromised our safety, we are having to make The Minster Office a 'restricted place' so the door from the church into the offices will be kept locked. To gain entry you will have to knock and wait for a response. Also to enable staff to get on with our work, coffee will no longer be offered on a daily basis after Morning Prayer. On Saturdays after the Eucharist, informal coffee will be served in the Mary Chapel. Should you need to see one of the clergy or lay staff, please feel free to make an appointment, you might find it easier to access the offices via the outside (Red) Parish Office door.

Parents – we would be grateful if you would not allow your children to jump on the Floating Shelter bedding which is on the stage. Thank you.

Safeguarding courses are available for all those with DBS checks. You must attend an 'SGI Course' if nothing else. Details available from the Minster Office.

Lent Group 'Friendship First' understanding our Moslem friends at St Augustine's, South Croydon. Thursdays starting on 11 February for 6 weeks: £2.50 (50% discount – actually £5.00)

- 1) 11.00am with simple lunch (donation towards lunch)
- 2) or 7.30pm-9.00pm

Of Things Not Seen: A Year of Photography in the Life of a London Priest. gallery@oxo, Oxo Tower Wharf, Bargehouse Street, London SE1 9PH **Thursday 3rd March – Sunday 20th March 2016**

Wednesday 11 May 7.30pm – The Sixteen 2016 Choral Pilgrimage. Tickets on sale from the Minster Office £20, front nave, £15 rear nave, £10 restricted view (side aisles).