

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Glynis Andrews	+ Susan Head
+ June Archer	+ Ruth How
+ Heather Brewer	+ Robert Ladd
+ John Brown	+ David Leeke
+ Derek Bullock	+ Joseph Lord
+ Norman Coward	+ Justine Marshman
+ Andrew Crichton	+ Andrew Sharp
+ Annet Fernandez	+ Pam Strudwick
+ Shirley Farquharson	+ Sally Vincent
+ Lorraine Gonsalves	+ Jacquie White
+ Stephen Gough	

+ *Our neighbours:* St Michael & All Angels & the Salvation Army

+ The soul of Betty Wilson, Diane Edwards' mother and Tamazine Kimber's grandmother.

+ The soul of Walter Zegeni

+ The soul of Margaret Pottage resident of Whitgift House and great friend of Ethel Dixon (St George's Church).

+ The soul of Maureen Sharp lifelong member of St George's Church.

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 1 December 2013

1st Sunday of Advent

08.00am

Eucharist

Celebrant:

Canon Arthur Quinn

09.50am

**Crèche meets in the small hall,
Kingfishers & BDG: Advent**

10.00am

Sung Eucharist

Celebrant:

Canon Colin Boswell

Preacher:

Canon Colin Boswell

Hymns:

126, 5, 7, 9

Setting:

Deutsche Messe Mendelssohn

Readers:

OT: Tiffany Willmer, Psalm: Ann

Winter, NT: Pamela Hall

Intercessor:

Elaine Cooper

Motet:

Richte mich Gott Mendelssohn

Services this week

2 December – 7 December 2013

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
Tuesday	1.10pm	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Boy Choristers
Wednesday	7.00pm	Lectio Divina
	9.45am	Parish Church Infants Christingle Service
	11.00am	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Girl Choristers
Thursday	11.00am	Eucharist – Whitgift House
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	11.00am	Elis David Mynde Day Service
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong sung by Dover Community Youth Choir

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

09.00am

**Eucharist at the Almshouses –
Rev'd Mark Hill**

6.30pm

**Advent Carol Service
See Order of Service**

Next Sunday, 8 December 2013

2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist (Toy Service) <i>Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.</i> Crèche meets in the small hall, Kingfishers & BDG: In church
3.00pm	Carol Service – Whitgift House
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

*Initials after the voluntary indicates who will be playing:
RK – Ronny Krippner, TL – Tom Little, DW – David Warren,
MH – Martin How.*

Your offerings today

Thank you for your offering to the work of the Minster
Please consider Gift Aiding any donation you make today,
if you are a UK tax payer, by completing one of the White
Gift Aid envelopes provided.

Today.....

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.

Children's **Activity Bags** are available at the back of church for use in the pews only. Please ask a Sides' person to show you where they are.

The December/January Magazine is available today: £1.00.
The Church Times is available each week: £1.90
The Bridge Newspaper (free) is available.

Sponsorship of the church flowers— forms are available under the tower. £25 buys one arrangement only.

Food Store – Sugar, UHT/Long-life milk, tinned fish, tinned meat & coffee would be much appreciated.

Next Sunday is Toy Sunday. Please bring a new toy (not Christmas wrapped) or toiletry sets suitable for teenagers and women. These will go to the Women's Refuge we support.

Minster Running Costs You will be familiar with the ongoing challenge we have had for many years at Croydon Minster to raise enough income from giving to cover our running costs. The PCC met last Monday to discuss the gravity of our current situation as we approach the end of the accounting year. We are in serious danger this year of using up our entire reserves of around £37,000 to cover the shortfall. This will leave us with no reserves next year which could put our ministry and work with the homeless at risk. Please consider giving a Christmas Present to your church this year, or ideally, reviewing and increasing your planned giving. If you pay tax, gift aiding your donations to the Minster will make an enormous difference and please ask your employer whether they participate in match funding which could make a real difference to our finances. *Gail Winter & Karen Ip Churchwardens, on behalf of the PCC.*

Minster Christmas Cards – Road Delivery 15 roads still need to be delivered around the parish. These are laid out on table in the North Cross Aisle. Please help by taking a road and delivering them today. *Thank you*

Weekly/Monthly Envelopes if you give your stewardship by this method your new envelopes are in the South Cross Aisle ready for you. Weekly ones start today. They are in Alphabetical Order. There are still 18 sets uncollected. Please pick up your set to avoid postage.

11.30am today – Kingfishers (Sunday School) Leaders & Helpers Meeting in Fr Colin's Study. We will review this term's work and look ahead to next term. *Fr Chris*

Monday 2 December 7.30pm – Whitgift School Concert Hall: 'The King's Men'. A concert by the Choral Scholars of King's College Cambridge. Singers include Joel Williams and Hugo Herman-Wilson, both used to sing in the Minster Choir). Tickets are £10.00 (£5.00 Concessions) If anyone from the Minster congregation would like to attend they should contact Paul Wilson, the Director of Music (psw@whitgift.co.uk) or leave a message with the Minster Office.

Tuesdays 3 & 10 December, 7-7.45pm - Advent Lectio Divina. 'The Jewels of Advent: Meditations, Music and Prayer on the Great O Antiphons' Among the most beautiful prayers ever composed, the O Antiphons have for twelve centuries voiced the Church's longing for Christ's coming at Christmas. In this 2013 series we explore the rich biblical background to each Antiphon, accompanied by sacred music composed for the antiphons (including settings by Taverner; Charpentier, Arvo Part) offering to us the deep sources of meditation that lie within the prayers.

Saturday 7 December 5.00pm – Choral Evensong sung by the Dover Youth Choir. Please come and support this service if you can.

Saturday 7 December 7pm-10pm – Evening Tea Dance & Bring & Share Supper in the church hall. £5 per person. Tea/coffee will be provided (bring your own alcohol if you wish). A sign-up sheet may appear at the back of church.

Thursday 12 December 2.30pm Southwark Diocesan Mothers' Union Advent Service - This year's service is being held here at the Minster. The Preacher will be the Bishop of Croydon. Everyone is welcome to come.

Saturday 14 December – 10.00am-1.30pm. Quiet Day (Half Day) led by Fr Colin in church followed by bring & share lunch. Holy Communion at 10.30am followed by coffee, meditations and a time spent in restful silence.

Croydon Churches Floating Shelter

Each year since 2004 churches in Croydon have provided a bed and hot meal for homeless people during the winter months (October – March). The churches offer 14 guests an evening meal, a bed for the night, breakfast and a packed lunch to take away. Some churches offer shower facilities. The volunteers offer companionship in a warm safe and caring environment. Some volunteers: make up beds, cook food, serve an evening meal and wash up, prepare a packed lunch, stay overnight with the guests, some come and serve breakfast and clear away, some take the laundry to wash ready for the following week. This year David Downs and Fr Chris will be co-ordinating our turn which will be on: **Sundays 23 February & 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 March.** Sign Up sheets are in the North Cross Aisle. Further details from the Minster Office.

Monday 30 December – National Army Museum & Chelsea Hospital Chapel & café. Free entry. Meet East Croydon station 9.45am. Children welcome. Bring freedom passes, oyster cards or day travel card. Details from Jenny Muschamp 020 8686 8521.

Our Parish Clergy are available to talk, they are:

Vicar:	Canon Colin J Luke Boswell	020 8688 1387
Assoc. Vicar:	Revd Milo Brandon	020 8680 4484
Deacon:	Revd Chris Moore	020 8680 7890
Hon Curate:	Revd Mark Hill	020 8688 1387
St George's	Revd Pat Vowles	020 8688 7006