

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

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

+ *Our neighbours:* West Croydon Methodist Church, YMCA & YWCA

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

+ The soul of Doreen Goldsmith resident of Whitgift House

+ The soul of Kathleen Wesson

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 8 December 2013

2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00am

Eucharist

Celebrant:

Revd Milo Brandon

09.50am

Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG: In Church

10.00am

Sung Eucharist (Toy Sunday)

Celebrant:

Canon Colin Boswell

Preacher:

Revd Chris Moore

Hymns:

See order of service

Setting:

Music for the Parish Communion
How

Intercessor:

Fr Milo Brandon

Motet:

Zion hears the watchmen's voices
Bach

Voluntary:

Toccata on Pat le facteur *Edward Marsh (TL)*

Services this week

9 December – 14 December 2013

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
Tuesday	10.15am	West Thornton Primary School Carol Service
	11.30am	West Thornton Primary School Carol Service
	1.10pm	Eucharist
	7.00pm	Lectio Divina
Wednesday	11.00am	Eucharist
	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
Thursday	2.30pm	Diocesan Mothers' Union Advent Service
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist
	10.30am	Quiet Day in church led by Fr Colin

Next Sunday, 15 December 2013

3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9;</i> <i>or Luke 1:46b-55; James 5: 7-10;</i> <i>Matthew 11:2-11.</i> Crèche meets in the small hall, Kingfishers & BDG: Advent
6.30pm	Town Carol Service

Retiring collection for Christmas Flowers in memory of our loved ones

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

11.30am

Morning Prayer at the Almshouses – Elaine Cooper

300pm

Carol Service – Whitgift House – Canon Colin Boswell

6.30pm

Choral Evensong

Officiant:

Revd Milo Brandon

Preacher:

Canon Colin Boswell

Hymns:

12, 6, 250

Responses:

Rose

Psalm:

27

Canticles:

Harwood in A Flat

Anthem:

I wonder as I wander *Niles*

*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.

Today is Toy Sunday. Our toys/toiletry sets suitable for teenagers and women will go to the Women's Refuge we support.

The Christmas Fair raised £1436.49. A really great amount. Thank you to all who assisted in any way to make this a success and to those of you who came along and spent your money.

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 financial 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 10 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 started last week. They are in Alphabetical Order. There are still several sets still uncollected. Please pick up your envelopes to avoid postage.

Tuesday 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. 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.

Thursday 12 December 2.30pm Southwark Diocesan Mothers' Union Advent Service - This years' 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.

Next Sunday 15 December 6.30pm – Town Carol Service in the presence of the Mayor of Croydon. Refreshment will be served in the hall after the service and we will need volunteers to assist with this. Please sign up on the list under the tower if you can help. We will start setting up from 5.00pm. Please help if you can.

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