

## PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

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

+ *Our neighbours:* Christ Church, New Life Christian Centre, Jesus International Outreach Ministries.

+ The souls of Wally Garrett former councillor for Thornton Heath & Pip Thesiger, Tiffany Willmer's aunt.

Many Congratulations to Ruth Dixon who celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday yesterday.

Laurence & Liz Gough thank you for your prayers for their son Stephen who has made good progress following an operation.

### Services this week

16 December – 21 December 2013

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
	7.00pm	Cumnor House School Carol Service
Tuesday	1.10pm	Eucharist
Wednesday	7.30pm	No 11am Eucharist Wilson's School Carol Service
Thursday	10.45am	Old Palace School Carol Service
	10.30am	Eucharist – Almshouses
	11.00am	Eucharist – Whitgift House
	7.30pm	Whitgift School Carol Service
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	2.00pm	Parish Church Junior School Carol Service
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

### Next Sunday, 22 December 2013

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25.</i> Crèche meets in the small hall, Kingfishers & BDG: Costume making
6.30pm	Readings & Music for Christmas

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## MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 15 December 2013

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**08.00am**

**Eucharist**

*Celebrant:*

*Revd Mark Hill*

**09.50am**

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

**10.00am**

**Sung Eucharist**

**Celebrant:**

*Revd Milo Brandon*

**Preacher:**

*Revd Milo Brandon*

**Hymns:**

**415, 456, 408, 186**

**Setting:**

*Missa dixit Maria Hassler*

**Readers:**

*OT: Alison Brewster; Canticle: James Cannon; NT: Sue Williams*

**Intercessor:**

*Barney Wolstenholme*

**Motet:**

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day  
Gardner*

**Voluntary:**

*Choral Improvisation on 'Wachet auf Karg Elert' (TL)*

*Retiring collection for Christmas Flowers in memory of our loved ones*

**Wine, cake coffee, tea or squash will be served in the church hall after the 10am Service. Please join Ruth Dixon to celebrate her birthday.**

**4.00pm**

**Evening Prayer at the Almshouses – David Gilbert**

**6.30pm  
Officiant:**

**Town Carol Service**

*Revd Canon Colin Boswell*

*In the presence of the Worshipful Mayor of Croydon, Cllr Yvette Hopley*

**See Order of Service**

*Initials after a 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, 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.

**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** Sadly 4 roads have not been delivered within the parish. These are laid out on the 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. They are in Alphabetical Order. There are still several sets uncollected. Please pick up your envelopes today to avoid postage.

**New Choir Boys** The latest choir recruitment visit to Cumnor House School has been a huge success and five new probationers have now joined the Minster Boys' Choir: Robert Akeya-Price, Michael Ifaloro, Matthew Olukoga, Ryan Court and Matthew Wintle. Welcome!

**Today at 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