

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

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| + Fr Chuck Blankenship | + Ruth How |
| + Heather Brewer | + Jack Kettle-Smith |
| + Derek Bullock | + Robert Ladd |
| + Helen Clover | + Blyth Oxley |
| + Margaret Dickens | + Sebastian Rayner |
| + Annet Fernandez | + Beverley Smith |
| + Alan Garth | + Sally Vincent |
| + Lorraine Gonsalves | + Jacquie White |
| + Susan Head | |

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

+ Francella White & Baktash Nasery being married here next Saturday

Services this week

01 December – 06 December 2014

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
Tuesday	9.30am	Parish Church Infants
		Christingle
	1.10pm	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by our Boy Choristers
Wednesday	6.30pm	Lectio Divina
	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by our Girl Choristers
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	11.00am	Elis David Mynde Day Service
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist followed by informal coffee in the Lady Chapel

Next Sunday, 7 December 2014

2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet in church
10.00am	Sung (All Age) Toy Service Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
12.00noon	Baptism
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Our Parish Clergy are available to talk to, they are:

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

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 30 November 2014

1st Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
Celebrant:	Revd Milo Brandon
09.50am	Crèche & Kingfishers in the halls BDG meet in the Vicar's Study
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Celebrant:	Canon Colin Boswell
Preacher:	Canon Colin Boswell
Hymns:	11, 272, 55, 9
Setting:	Missa L' hora passa Viadana
Readers:	OT: James Cannon NT: Sue Williams
Intercessor:	Andrew Keogh
Motet:	Ave Maria Stella Greig
Voluntary:	Moderato from "Symphonie Gothique" Widor (RK)

We are so near, so please use the 'orange envelopes' to support the Minster General Fund Campaign and hand these in at the end of the service.

Today's flowers have been sponsored by Melvyn & Denise Mead in celebration of Denise's 20 years as Verger

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.

Wine, coffee, tea & squash will be served in the church hall after the 10am Service. Please join Denise as she celebrates 20 years as Verger.

11.30am	Morning Prayer at the Almshouses Elaine Cooper
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service

Thank you for your offerings to the work of the Minster. If you are a UK tax payer, 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.

Children's **Activity Bags** are available at the back of church for use with your child in the pews. Please ask a Sides' person to show you where they are and please return them at the end of the service – thank you.

The November Magazine is still available: £1.00.

The Church Times is available each week: £1.95.

The Bridge Newspaper (free) is available.

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

Minster General Fund Campaign

We are inching closer with this week's tally of giving to MGFC standing at **£22,000**. Can we reach our total before the end of November?

If you're buying Christmas presents online, please don't forget to use www.easyfundraising.org.uk. So far we've raised £105.09 for the General Fund Campaign through Easy Fundraising - it costs nothing to use and every purchase will add to our total!"

For the Food Store: As well as the staple foods such as sugar, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, coffee, tea, and long-life milk, we have been asked for biscuits. Thank you.

Book Group & Lectio Divina on Tuesdays.

Ballroom Dancing on Tuesdays & Saturdays.

If you sponsored Fr Chris and Tamasine Kimber for the Great South Run. Please can you pay them your sponsorship money as soon as possible? Thank you.

Weekly & Monthly Envelopes users – If you give your Stewardship by this method, there is a new supply of envelopes for you on the table in the North Cross Aisle.

Croydon Minster's latest CD 'In Trouble and in Joy' is now available from the Minster Office at a cost of £10. A beautiful collection of reflective organ and piano music by our own Organist Emeritus, Martin How and performed by the composer himself and Tom Little, our sub organist. This limited edition recording is the perfect Christmas present and all proceeds will go to the Croydon Minster General Fund Campaign. Please speak to Denise, Rachel, Francis, Martin or Tom if you would like a copy.

Saturday 6 December 1.00pm-3.30pm Mission Action Plan, Part 2 with shared lunch. An invitation to all of those who are interested in Mission. We will be writing the Mission Action Plan itself. *Fr Chris*.

Sunday 7 December 10.00am – Toy Service. Please bring: new toys / toiletries / luxury biscuits / hats & scarf sets / teenage gifts which will be taken to the Women's Refuge we support each year. Please don't gift wrap your donation.

Saturday 13 December – Christmas Pilgrimage – the coach is now full.

Saturday 20 December 7.00pm – 10.30pm – Parish Christmas Party in the church hall. We will serve a glass of mulled wine & a mince pie. There will be music, karaoke, knobby knees contest, musical chairs. Christmas bonnets & jumpers can be worn. Come along for an evening of fun! Cost £3.00, please bring your own additional drinks & nibbles.

Sunday 21 December 6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight Christmas Concert. The Minster Choirs are inviting you to a wonderful evening of carols and seasonal classics. Tickets are £10 (concessions £5) and are available after services on Sundays at the back of church or from the Minster Office during the week. All proceeds go to the Friends of Music who support our extensive Minster Choral Program – do join us for some lovely music, mince pies & mulled wine!

Thursday 8 January 2015 – Pub Lunch at the 'Gipsy Moth' Colonnades, Purley Way 12.30pm. Come and join us. End of 119 bus route or 289 passes. Details: David Gilbert 07906 503657.

WANTED We need someone to take on the mantle of leading the Blue Door Group. Glen Akibo-Betts has done an amazing job of leading the group for the past three years but has decided to develop his ministry in other areas so we need someone to step into his shoes. If you feel that God might be calling you to work with a small group of 11-15 year olds alongside Ellie Howlett and that you have the gifts to do this, then please speak to Fr Chris.

This position will require an enhanced DBS check.

FLOATING SHELTER Winter: 2014-2015

There's still time to volunteer for the Floating Shelter, could you please sign up on sheet in the south cross aisle.

The Refugee Centre are in desperate need of: toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, disposable razors etc. Tee shirts, pants, socks, jeans, jogging bottoms, coats and jackets in small and medium sizes, shoes and trainers.

Please – No more donations for the Thrift Shop at the moment. Thank you.

Still for sale:

White 5 door chest £30.00 ono

Nest of Tables (dark oak) £20.00 ono

Clear glass 3 shelf TV Table £20.00 ono

Available to view and collect from Monday. Cash only please. Genuine reason for selling. Contact Louise: 07535 678984.

Calling all volunteer parents. Could you help make a difference to young families?

Many parents need help, friendship, advice and support during those early years when children are young. Home-Start Croydon support families who are struggling to cope. It maybe isolation, domestic abuse or post natal depression. Volunteers support families in their own home for about 2 to 3 hours each week to help build parents confidence and offer emotional support. If you would like to become a volunteer or find out more about volunteering opportunities with Home-Start please contact us on 0208 667 0207 or email contact@croydon-homestart.co.uk.