

## PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

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

+ Our neighbours: Christ Church, New Life Christian Centre, Tamworth Road Baptist Church, JIOM.

+ Francella White & Baktash Nasery married here yesterday

+ Venice & Vienna-Bay Arnold being baptised here today. We welcome Revd Jonathan Osborne, Chaplain to the Metropolitan Police who will baptise these children.

+ The soul of Eleanor Tennison, Tiffany Willmer's aunt.

### Services this week

08 December – 13 December 2014

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
Tuesday	1.10pm	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by our Boy Choristers
	6.30pm	Lectio Divina
Wednesday	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by our Girl Choristers
	7.00pm	Home Start Carols
Thursday	7.30pm	Wilson's School Carol Service
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	09.00am	Pilgrimage to Canterbury
	10.00am	Eucharist followed by informal coffee in the Lady Chapel

### Next Sunday, 14 December 2014

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

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28
6.30pm	Town Carol Service followed by refreshments in the church hall

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 7 December 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent / Toy Service

- 08.00am** Eucharist  
**Celebrant:** Canon Arthur Quinn
- 09.50am** Crèche & Kingfishers & BDG meet in church
- 10.00am** Sung (All Age) Eucharist  
**Celebrant:** Revd Chris Moore  
**Preacher:** Revd Chris Moore  
**Hymns:** See Order of Service  
**Setting:** Communion Service Rutter  
**Reader:** A young person  
**Intercessors:** K/F or BDG  
**Motet:** Zion hears the watchmen's voices  
Bach
- Voluntary:** Wachet auf Karg Elert (TL)

Please use the 'orange envelopes' to support the Minster General Fund Campaign by handing these in at the end of the service.

Retiring collection for Christmas flowers in memory of our loves ones.

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

- 09.00am** Eucharist at the Almshouses  
Revd Mark Hill
- 12.00noon** Baptism  
Revd Jonathan Osborne
- 6.30pm** Choral Evensong  
**Officiant:** Revd Chris Moore  
**Preacher:** Canon Colin Boswell  
**Hymns:** 55, 7, 408  
**Responses:** Shephard  
**Psalm:** 40  
**Canticles:** Second Service Gibbons  
**Anthem:** Richte mich Gott Mendelssohn  
**Voluntary:** Andante sostenuto from "Symphonie Gothique" Widor (RK)

**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.

**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 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 December/January Magazine** is 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 think we have done it! We are adding the final totals together and will be able to reveal all next week. Come to Eucharist next Sunday morning to celebrate together what we've raised through our campaign.

**For the Food Store:** We need staple foods such as sugar, tinned fish, tinned meat, soup, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, coffee, tea, long-life milk, and biscuits. Thank you.

**Today's Toys and Gifts** will be given to the Women's Refuge which we support.

Book Group & Lectio Divina on Tuesdays.

Ballroom Dancing on Tuesdays & Saturdays.

**Finances** We know we have asked for a lot of support with our finances this year and you have risen to the challenge in a great way – however, could we please ask that when you are making your Christmas list, you include Croydon Minster on it – any financial contribution will be very gratefully received so as to start us on a firm footing for 2015.

**Envelopes users** – If you give your Stewardship by this method, there is a new supply of envelopes on the table in the North Cross Aisle. Especially monthly envelope users.

**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 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, knobbly 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 £10 (£5 concessions) available after services on Sundays or from the Minster Office during the week. All proceeds to Friends of Music. Do join us for lovely music, mince pies &

mulled-wine.

**WANTED** We need someone to lead the Blue Door Group alongside Ellie Howlett. Glen Akibo-Betts has decided to develop his ministry elsewhere. Please speak to Fr Chris. This position will require an enhanced DBS check.

**Please Note** – No more donations for the time being for the Thrift Shop. 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](mailto:contact@croydon-homestart.co.uk).

**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.

**18th to 22nd April 2015 Lochs and Glens Coach Holiday – Loch Tummel.** *The price is £205* and includes everything except your lunches. £30 deposit needed by the end of 2014. Visits include: Blair Atholl Castle, Braemar, Balmoral, Ballater and St Andrews. Departure from Fairfield Halls. Full details and further information from Sheila or Michael Buckley 020 8654 2582 or email: [MikeB@vmars.co.uk](mailto:MikeB@vmars.co.uk)

**The Samaritans** of Croydon & Sutton are looking for a treasurer – a voluntary post involving dealing with branch accounts, gift aid, volunteer expenses and Charity Commission requirements and to prepare end of year balance sheet. Full details from the Minster Office.

**The Refugee Centre** are in need of tee shirts, pants, socks, jeans, jogging bottoms, coats, jackets and jumpers. Also toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, disposable razors etc. Please bring these to Fr Chris in the Minster Office.