

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

+ 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: St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

+ The soul of Herman Patrick, Jacqueline Harriette's dad.

Services this week

15 December – 20 December 2014

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	1.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
	7.00pm	Cumnor House Carol Service
Tuesday	1.10pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Whitgift School Carol Service
Wednesday	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
	3.30pm	Old Palace Prep School Carol Service
Friday	10.45am	Old Palace Seniors School Carol Service
	2.00pm	Parish Church Junior School Carol Service
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist followed by informal coffee in the Lady Chapel
	7.00pm	Christmas Party

Next Sunday, 21 December 2014

4th Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
6.30pm	Christmas Concert by the Choral Foundation

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 14 December 2014

3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
Celebrant:	Revd Chris Moore
09.50am	Crèche & Kingfishers – Halls
	BDG meet in church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Celebrant:	Revd Milo Brandon
Preacher:	Revd Milo Brandon
Hymns:	7, 12, 294, 466
Setting:	Deutsche Liturgy Mendelssohn
Readers:	OT: Alan Galer NT: Pat Galer
Intercessor:	Jon Blanchard
Motet:	Richte mich Gotte Mendelssohn
Voluntary:	Fugue from Chorale Fantasia on 'Wachet auf' op 52/2 Reger (RK)

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

Wine, coffee, tea, squash & cake will be served in the church hall after the 10am Service. Please join us as we celebrate the raising of our £23,000.

4.00pm **Evening Prayer at the Almshouses** Sharon Wallace

6.30pm **Town Carol Service**
See Order of 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 or from the Minster Office.

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've done it! The big reveal will take place this morning. Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported our campaign over the past 7 months. Join us for wine, cake and coffee after Eucharist to celebrate this fantastic achievement.

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.

Christmas Card Delivery – there are still several roads which need delivering. The roads are laid out in alphabetical order on the table in the North Cross Aisle – thank you.

No Book Group or Lectio Divina on Tuesdays.

No Ballroom Dancing on Tuesdays or 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 financial footing for 2015.

Envelopes users – there are still a number of monthly envelopes which haven't been collected yet. Please pick yours up today to avoid postage.

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.

Car Parking – did you know that we let out our car park during the week for much needed revenue? As a member of the congregation you can obtain a parking permit & key for an annual fee which entitles you to park here for shopping etc. Details from Denise in the Minster Office.

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 £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 as 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.

Thursday 8 January 2015 – Pub Lunch at the 'Gypsy 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

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, and children's clothes. Plus toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, disposable razors etc. Please bring these to Fr Chris in the Minster Office.