

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 | + Jacqueie White |

+ Our neighbours: St Michael & All Angel's with St James & the Salvation Army

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

Services this week

22 December – 27 December 2014

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
Tuesday	1.10pm	No Eucharist today
Wednesday		
Christmas Eve	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
	5.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Thursday		
Christmas Day	08.00am	Eucharist (Said)
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist followed by informal coffee in the Lady Chapel

Next Sunday, 28 December 2014

The Holy Innocents

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG
10.00am	Parish Eucharist Jeremiah 31:15-17; Psalm 124; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 2:13-18
6.30pm	Evensong to Chants

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 21 December 2014

4th Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
Celebrant:	Canon Colin Boswell
09.50am	Crèche meet in the hall
	Kingfishers & BDG to the hall
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Celebrant:	Revd Mark Hill
Preacher:	Canon Colin Boswell
Hymns:	338, 186, 188, 9
Setting:	Missa O Quam Gloriosum Victoria
Readers:	OT: Philip Gower NT: Diana Hemmings
Intercessor:	Tiffany Willmer
Motet:	Ave Maria Rachmaninoff
Voluntary:	Allegro from 'Symphonie Gothique' Widor (RK)

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

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

4.00pm	Evening Prayer at the Almshouses Elaine Cooper
6.30pm	Christmas Concert by the Choral Foundation

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! In fact we've exceeded our target of £23,000, as the current total is a fantastic £26,627 with still more to come as the campaign officially continues until the end of the year. Here's how we raised the sum:

£14,077 – Orange envelopes (other than events)

£5,610 – Psalmathon

£1,990 – Top ups to individual standing orders

£1,000 – Sleepover

£940 – CD's sold (so far and rising)

£875 – Sponsored run

£725 – Choir lunch

£115 – Easy fundraising

Thank you so very much to everyone for giving your money, time, energy and ideas to this campaign. We did it together! Karen & Gail, Churchwardens

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.

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.

Tonight at 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 at the door. 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 'Gipsy Moth' Colonnades, Purley Way 12.30pm. Come and join us. End of 119 bus route or 289 passes. Details: David Gilbert 07906 503657.

Monday 12 January 2015 – Mothers' Union New Year Social. Our Annual meeting and New Year Social is at the Whitgift Almshouses, George Street at 7.30pm. Please bring along your food offering for our shared buffet. Looking forward to seeing all members. Diana Hemmings

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.