

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

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| + Akin Akinmuboni | + Jennie Luchmun |
| + Scott Benton | + Bernadette McElligott |
| + Fr Chuck Blankenship | + Valerie Martlew |
| + Helen Clover | + Shelagh Murray |
| + Matthew Cook | + Jeanne Randall |
| + Margaret Dickens | + Beverley Smith |
| + Annet Fernandez | + Andrea Spalding |
| + Helen French | + Angela Start |
| + Lorraine Gonsalves | + Tye |
| + Susan Head | + Jacque White |
| + Joan Henley | + Elizabeth Williams |
| + Jack Kettle-Smith | |
- + Our neighbours: St Michael & All Angels & the Salvation Army
- + The soul of Christopher Reeve, former member of the choir (70's early 80's)
- + Priscilla Agha being baptised here today

Services this week

30 November – 05 December

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lectio Divina
	1.10pm	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Boys & Men
		<i>Canticles:</i> Dyson in F
		<i>Anthem:</i> If ye love me <i>Tallis</i>
Wednesday	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Girl Choristers
		<i>Canticles:</i> Parry in A
		<i>Anthem:</i> How lovely are the messengers <i>Mendelssohn</i>
	7.30pm	Home Start Carol Service <u>No</u> Contemplative Eucharist
Thursday	7.00pm	Choral Evensong sung by the Men's choir
		<i>Canticles:</i> 2 nd Service <i>Moore</i>
		<i>Anthem:</i> Remember me <i>Tomkins</i>
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	11.00am	Elis David Mynde Day Service
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist
	11.00am	Christmas Fair

Next Sunday, 06 December 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist (Toy Service)
	<i>Readings:</i> Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4;
	<i>Canticle (Benedictus);</i>
	<i>Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Our Clergy are available to talk to, they are:

Vicar:	Canon Colin J Luke Boswell	020 8688 1387
Assoc. Vicar:		
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 29 November 2015

1st Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist <i>Revd Lee Taylor</i>
09.50am	Crèche meets in the small hall, Kingfishers meets in the large hall BDG meets in the Vicar's study
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: Canon Colin Boswell Preacher: <i>Revd Lee Taylor</i> <i>Choir:</i> Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars
	Hymns: 11, 5, 408, 9
	Readers: OT: Martin How NT: Philip Gower
	Setting: Deutsche liturgie Mendelssohn
	Intercessor: <i>Revd Mark Hill</i>
	Motet: Richte mich Gott Mendelssohn
	Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in C Minor Mendelssohn (RK)

Some of last week's flower were sponsored by Elaine Cooper & Sue Williams in memory of their mother Hazel Parsons.

Some of this week's flowers have been sponsored by Gladys Kavuma in memory of her late son John

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.

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

11.30am	Morning Prayer at the Almshouses Elaine Cooper
12.00noon	Baptism Fr Colin
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service
Officiant:	Canon Colin Boswell
<i>Choir:</i>	Full Choral Foundation
	See order of service

A new supply of weekly & Monthly envelopes are available, on the table in the North Cross aisle, for you if you use this method of paying your stewardship. Please take yours today to avoid postage.

Thank you for your offerings for the work of the Minster. UK tax payers, 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. We can supply weekly or monthly envelopes for your regular giving, should you require them.

Children's Activity Bags are available at the back of church for use with your child in the pew. Please ask a Sides' person to show you where they are.

The December Magazine is available: £1.00

The Church Times is available. Price £2.05

The Bridge & Croydon Citizen Newspapers (both free) are available at the back of church.

Sponsorship of church flowers – Forms are available at the back of church. £25.00 buys one arrangement.

Organ Restoration Appeal

Here is this month's appeal update, including **3** new Adopt a Pipe donations and **2** new One off donations and half the proceeds (£500) from Gail and Julie's lunchtime recital:

Monthly Patrons – 17 monthly patrons recruited so far. We need many more monthly patrons to help us reach our target – standing order from Gail or Denise to donate £30 a month for 24 months.

Adopt a Pipe - **35** pipes adopted

One off donations - **22** received

Fundraising Events - **4** including **1** marathon run, **2** table top sales and **1** Lunchtime Recital. Please let Gail or Denise know if you are organising a fundraising event for the appeal so that we can advertise it to ensure it is well supported.

Grants - **1** - we are very grateful indeed for the Whitgift Foundation's generous support of our appeal
Total amount received / pledged at the end of September, including Gift Aid is **£53,954**

A big thank you to all who helped with providing food for the reception following Fr Lee's Licensing Service.

Croydon Minster's CD 'In Trouble and in Joy' is still available from the Minster Office at a cost of £10.00

Ballroom Dancing Classes Tuesdays & Saturdays

Lectio Divina: is on Tuesdays at 12.00noon

Contemplative Eucharist is usually on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Mary Chapel at 7.30pm.

Advent Course led by Fr Chris and Elaine Cooper. The course will follow the *Pilgrim Book 1* which is designed for beginners and for anyone wishing to explore their faith. This course is one of several courses that will be offered throughout the year. The course will run from 7pm-8:30pm in the Vicar's Study on the dates listed below. Please register your interest on a list that will be placed at the back of the church:

Thursday 3rd December: Do you believe and trust in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Thursday 10th December: Do you repent your sins?

Thursday 17th December: Do you renounce evil?

Saturday 5 December 11.00am-2.00pm, Christmas Fair. Please see Julie Beaumont (Gail's sister) if you feel able to offer your help. Please can we start bringing in:

*Bottles for the bottle tombola

*Any unwanted gifts

*Please start looking out your bric-a-brac ready to bring to the hall on the Friday evening before the fair at 6.30pm.

*Please sign up with offers of cakes

*Please take a poster & display it in your front window

*Toys in good condition

Sunday 6 December – 10am Toy Service. Please bring new (not used) toys in their wrappers (not Christmas wrapped).

Sunday 13 December 6.30pm – Town Carol Service

Please sign up if you can help with setting up the reception, serving drinks or clearing away.

Sunday 20 December – Children's Party in the hall

Candlelight Concert 2015

This year's Candlelight Concert, featuring the Minster Choirs and the Salvation Army Band, takes place on Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm. This has proven a very popular event last year and we expect to sell out. Tickets are available for £10 (Concessions £5) from the Minster Office. All proceeds are in aid of the Friends of the Music at Croydon Minster.

NEW: Christmas Carol CD

The Minster Choirs, together with the Whitgift Chamber Choir, have recorded a Christmas Carol CD which is now available from the Minster Office at the price of £10.00. A perfect present for the festive season – hurry, whilst stocks last!

'Thursday 21 January 2016. Pub lunch at Toby Carvery, Commonside West, Mitcham. Meet in bar 1pm. Free parking, bus 264 to Madeira Road, or meet 12.15pm 264 bus stop at Reeves Corner. Do join us. Details: David Gilbert tel. 07906 503657.' Thank you.

Wanted..... Honorary Treasurer and Trustees for Croydon Pastoral Foundation, Kyle House, 4 Frith Road, Croydon CR0 1TA. CPF is a small non-denominational charity which provides counselling to adults suffering from psychological distress. Further details in December magazine or contact Darryl 07749 755980 email: d.richards@cpfcounselling.org.uk

Please support the work of 'The Passage' working with Homeless People. **If you donate through The Big Give website just after 12.00 noon on 4 or 5 December every £1 is worth £2 due to matched funding.** There is an element of competition for full matching from The Big Give so if possible please give just after 12.00 noon on Friday 4 December or Saturday 5 December. The Big Give site is quieter on the Saturday and the matched giving remains open throughout that day and potentially until 14 December if sufficient funds are available. http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/The_Passage_2015