

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: Christ Church, Sumner Road
- + The soul of Henry George Nixon, father of Derry-Anne Hammond

Services this week

14 December – 19 December

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	7.00pm	Cumnor House School Carol Service
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lectio Divina
	1.10pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Whitgift School Carol Service
Wednesday	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
	7.30pm	Wilson's School Carol Service
Thursday	4.00pm	Carol Service at the Whitgift Almshouses
	7.00pm	O Antiphon (1) Men's voices
Friday	10.45am	Old Palace of JW School Carol Service
	7.00pm	O Antiphon (2) Senior Girls & Choral Scholars
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist
	7.00pm	O Antiphon (3) Organ & readings

Next Sunday, 20 December 2015

4th Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings: Micah 5:2-5a or Luke 1:46b-55; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight – Ticketed concert by the Full Choral Foundation & Croydon Salvation Army Citadel Band

Our Clergy are available to talk to, they are:

Vicar:	Canon Colin J Luke Boswell	020 8688 1387
Assoc. Vicar:	Revd Lee Taylor	020 3742 5842
Curate:	Revd Chris Moore	020 8680 7890
Hon Curate:	Revd Mark Hill	020 8688 1387
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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 13 December 2015

3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Colin Boswell</i>
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers – church halls BDG – Vicar's study
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: <i>Revd Lee Taylor</i> Preacher: <i>Canon Colin Boswell</i> <i>Choir: Minster Consort</i> Hymns: 7, 12, 294, 466 Readers: <i>OT: Frances Martin</i> <i>NT: Rosemary Mayer</i> Setting: <i>Missa Dixit Maria Hassler</i> Intercessor: <i>Stephen Willmer</i> Motet: <i>Turn back o Man Holst</i> Voluntary: <i>Choral-Improvisation 'Wachet auf Karg-Elert' (TL)</i>

Retiring collection for Christmas Flowers in memory of our loved ones

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.

4.00pm	Eve Prayer at the Almshouses <i>Sharon Wallace</i>
6.30pm	Town Carol Service in the presence of the Deputy Mayor of Croydon <i>Choir: Full Choral Foundation</i>

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 **1** new Adopt a Pipe donation and **2** new One off donations:

Monthly Patrons – **17** monthly patrons recruited so far.

We need many more monthly patrons to help us reach our target – standing order forms available from Gail or Denise to donate £30 a month for 24 months.

Adopt a Pipe – **36** pipes adopted

One off donations – **24** 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 November, including Gift Aid is **£54,216**

Parish Christmas Cards & Organ Restoration Leaflets for the roads in our parish – please take a road and deliver them as soon as you are able to do so even if you don't live in the parish. Most roads are not very long!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair in any way. With your help we raised £1473.75 which is a great achievement. Well done and many thanks to Julie Beaumont for organising this event.

Today: 6.30pm – Town Carol Service Please sign up if you can help with setting up the reception, serving drinks or clearing away. Melvyn can't do this all on his own!

Christmas present to the church: We would be most grateful if you could consider giving a Christmas present to the church to help us with our funds. As was mentioned in Karen's Churchwarden article (available in the Parish Magazine or from the office if you haven't had a copy), the Minster General Fund is under pressure again this year. So please help us if you can.

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.

Last Advent Course led by Fr Chris and Elaine Cooper. The course will run from 7pm-8:30pm in the Vicar's Study this Thursday 17th December: Do you renounce evil?

Sunday 20 December – Children's Christmas Party in the church hall. 3.00pm-5.00pm

Sunday 20 December 6.30pm Candlelight Concert.

This year's Candlelight Concert, features the Minster Choirs and the Croydon Citadel Salvation Army Band. This proved 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.

Tuesday 22 December 7.00pm Carol Singing Round the Wards at Croydon University Hospital. This is one event that is eagerly anticipated by patients and staff alike. We meet in the hospital chapel at 7.00pm and then divide into groups and go round the wards singing carols. We return at the end of visiting (8.00pm) to the Chapel for refreshments before heading home. If any of your church members would like to join us they would be most welcome. It is a great help if you can let us know how many might be attending ahead of the day by phoning 020 8401 3105.

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!

Wednesday 6 January, visit to Honeywood Museum, Carshalton, and pub lunch. Meet 407 bus stop at Reeves Corner at 10.00am. Details: Jenny Muschamp (020 8686 8521) or Geoff Radford (07561 405801)

Thursday 21 January 2016. Pub lunch at Toby Carvery, Commonsides 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.

For sale..... **Office Chair**, as new, large and comfortable, grey material. Can deliver locally. Donations to Organ Fund. Please contact: laurencegough@btinternet.com