

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 Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Services this week

21 December – 26 December

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
	7.00pm	○ Antiphon Vespers (5) No Lectio Divina No Eucharist
Tuesday	7.00pm	○ Antiphon Vespers (6)
Wednesday	11.00am	Eucharist (BCP)
	7.00pm	○ Antiphon Vespers (7)
Christmas Eve (Thursday)	11.00am	Eucharist – Whitgift House
	5.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day (Friday)	08.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	12.00noon	Eucharist – Almshouses
Saturday	10.00am	Said Eucharist for the Feast of St Stephen

Next Sunday, 27 December 2015

1st Sunday of Christmas

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	No Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Readings:	1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52
6.30pm	No Evensong

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 20 December 2015

4th Sunday of Advent

- 08.00am Eucharist**
Revd Lee Taylor
- 09.50am Crèche, Kingfishers – church halls**
BDG – Vicar's study
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist**
Celebrant: *Revd Christopher Moore*
Preacher: *Revd Lee Taylor*
Choir: Minster Consort
- Introit:** O Clavis David (4) *Tallis*
- Hymns:** **338, 186, 188, 9**
- Readers:** *OT: Rachel Rhodes*
NT: Denise Mead
- Setting:** *Dorian Service Tallis*
- Intercessor:** *Gail Winter*
- Motet:** *Prope est Dominus Rheinberger*
- Voluntary:** *Prelude in E Bach (NG)*

Retiring collection for Christmas Flowers in memory of our loved ones – please give generously because we forgot to put out the collecting bowls last week.

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 Evening Prayer at the Almshouses** *Elaine Cooper*
- 6.30pm Candlelight Concert**
Choir: Full Choral Foundation

The Minster Clergy and lay staff wish you all a very happy, holy and blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year

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**

Thank you to the people who helped set up, serve and clear away the refreshments following the town Carol Service particularly to Marguerita & Taylor, Sandra, Rebecca, Fabiano, Howard, & Stephen. Melvyn and I are most grateful.

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

No Ballroom Dancing Classes until the New Year

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.

Today – Children's Christmas Party in the church hall. 3.00pm-5.00pm

Today 6.30pm Candlelight Concert. Featuring the Minster Choirs and the Croydon Citadel Salvation Army

Band. 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!

In the New Year we will be having retiring collections for the Refugees in Europe & the Middle East. The money will go to Oxfam who are working in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Italy & Serbia.

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

Home-Start Croydon are recruiting volunteers!

Do you have a few spare hours a week and feel you could support a family in their home? Volunteering is a fantastic way to enhance your CV, meet people and do something rewarding in the community. We will be running new Volunteer Preparation Courses in the New Year. More details can be found on our website <http://www.croydon-homestart.co.uk/volunteers.htm> or call Louise on 020 8667 0207.