

Please remember in your prayers:

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| + Jon Blanchard | + Betty Kimber |
| + David Brown | + Horst & Sonja Krippner |
| + Vishnu Carpenen | + Patrick Lewis |
| + Roy Champion | + Flo Liddle |
| + Helen Clover | + Arthur Low |
| + Matthew Cook | + Jennie Luchmun |
| + Val Coslett | + Rosemary McLuskey |
| + Bob Dean | + Bernadette McElligott |
| + Margaret Dickens | + Valerie Martlew |
| + Lesley Dix | + Annie Smith |
| + Annet Fernandez | + Vi Smith |
| + Albie Hammond | + Andrea Spalding |
| + Doug Hampson | + Sue Turnbull |
| + Susan Head | + Sharon Wallace |
| + Dawn Johnson | + Elizabeth Williams |
| + Ishia Kabba | |
- + Our neighbours: West Croydon Methodist church & the YMCA
- +The soul of June Dowd; resident of Whitgift House

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 18 December 2016

4th Sunday of Advent

- 08.00am Eucharist**
Fr Lee Taylor
- 09.50am Crèche & Kingfishers meet in the church hall. BDG in the Vicar's study**
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist**
Celebrant: *Fr Lee Taylor*
Preacher: *Fr Bill Warren (Area Dean)*
Choir: Minster Consort
- Hymns: 3, 180, 188 (omit*) 9**
- Setting:** *Noble in B Minor*
- Readers:** *OT: Elaine Cooper*
NT: Elaine Edwards
- Intercessor:** *Susan Williams*
- Motet:** *Ave Maria Parsons*
- Voluntary:** *Prelude & Fugue in C Minor*
JS Bach (JO)

In the interest of hygiene: If you wear lipstick, please kindly blot your lipstick before taking communion, and, if you need to dip your wafer into the chalice, please could you avoid dipping your fingers or hair in it as this contaminates the wine. Thank you very much

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.

Retiring collection for Christmas Flowers in memory of our loved ones

Coffee, tea & squash is served in the church hall after the 10.0am Service.

4.30am Evening Prayer –Whitgift Almshouses Elaine Cooper

6.30pm 'Carols by Candlelight' Concert
by The Minster Choral Foundation & the Band of the Salvation Army

Services this week

19 December – 24 December

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – W. Almshouses
Tuesday	9.30am	Minster Infs School Christingle
	12.00noon	Lectio Divina
	1.10pm	Eucharist
	2.00pm	Minster Jnrs Carol Service
Wednesday	11.00am	(BCP) Eucharist
Thursday	11.00am	Eucharist– Whitgift House
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	2.00pm	Crib Service Rehearsal
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist
	5.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

Next Sunday, 25 December 2016 Christmas Day

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	<i>Readings: Isaiah5:2-7; Psalm 98;</i>
	<i>Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14</i>
12.00noon	Eucharist at The Whitgift Almshouses
6.30pm	No Evensong

Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:

Vicar:	Vacant	
Assoc. Vicar:	Revd Lee Taylor	020 3742 5842
Curate:	Revd Christopher Moore	020 8680 7890
Asst. Priest:	Revd Alan Bayes	07792 125773
St George's	Mtr Pat Vowles	020 8688 7006

Organists: RK – Ronny; TL – Tom; JO – Jack Oades (Organ Scholar)

Children's Activity Bags are available at the back of church for use with your child in the pew. Please ask a Sides' Person for one and please return it to the sides' people at the end of the service.

The December/January Magazine is available: £1.00

The Church Times is available. Price £2.10

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 – Update

We have good tidings to share. The total amount received/pledged as we approach the end of the year is **£127,716**. In addition, because we have exceeded our half way fundraising target, we will shortly be receiving a very generous grant of £25,000 from the Reginald Arthur Baker Charitable Trust. We are enormously grateful for this very welcome boost to the Appeal, the total amount of which with the new grant will be **£152,716**. Thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed to this amazing achievement in just 18 months – we have 12 months of fundraising left to reach our target before the Organ is dismantled and taken away for restoration at the beginning of 2018. Gail and Karen.

Food Bank – we realise times are hard but we still need your weekly donations of food to help support the local food bank in Ramsey Court. Donations of: UHT milk, cooking oil, tinned meat/fish, ready meals, noodles, sugar etc. All donations very gratefully received. We are happy for cash donations to enable *Fr Chris & Denise* to do a weekly/fortnightly shop.

For Mass Intentions, Visiting the sick (including Anointing) & **Confession**, please speak to *Father's Lee or Chris*.

Christmas present to the Church – If you are able to give a Christmas donation to the church this year it would be greatly appreciated, and would also help us to break even with our General Fund (we are nearly there!). In previous years Christmas donations of this kind have been a huge help to us.

Tuesday 20 December – Carol Singing at Croydon University Hospital. Meet in the hospital chapel at 7.00pm, sing around the wards & return to the chapel for refreshments.

Saturday 24 December 5.00pm – The Crib Service. Everyone is invited to take part in the annual Crib Service. We need shepherds, kings & angels. If you wish to be an angel, please come wearing an angel's costume. For those of you who can make it, there will be a rehearsal on **Friday 23 December at 2.00pm in church.**

Thursday 29 December – Outing to Geffrye Museum, Shoreditch. Period rooms decorated for Christmas. Meet West Croydon Station at 9.45am. Bring Day Travelcard, Oyster or Freedom Pass. Entry to museum is free, café for coffee & lunch. Details: Jenny Muschamp 020 8686 8521 or David Gilbert 07906 503657.

Wanted after Christmas – Just one more volunteer to take on cleaning the church halls on a once a month basis. Please speak to Denise in the Minster office if you feel able to do this for us.

The Lions Club has launched 'Message in a Bottle'. This is an idea to encourage people to keep basic personal and medical details in a common place where they can be located in an emergency.

Commemoration of the fire of 1867: A series of events from January 5th – 15th 2017

Thursday 5th January, 2-4pm: launch of exhibition about the fire and the aftermath, on the actual date of the fire in 1867.

Saturday 7th January, 11am: Concert – a specially commissioned work on the fire, written and performed by Martin How (piano), with Tom Little (organ) and Paul Wilson (orator), plus a selection of additional songs.

Saturday 14th January, 3pm: Talk by Brian Lancaster, local historian and author of the recent publication on the fire which has been on sale at church.

Sunday 15th January, 10am: commemoration service with the Bishop of Croydon.

Sunday 15th January 12.30pm: international bring and share lunch – tickets will be on sale for this in the coming weeks.

Thursday 19 January, 6.00pm – 8.30pm Community Consultation. Anyone who would like to accompany Fr Lee & meet the development team and architects over proposed developments for Taberner House and Queens Gardens, please let him know and he will give you further details.

Saturday 28 January 2017, 2.00pm-4.00pm. Fr Chris invites you all to attend an afternoon Tea Dance in the Church Hall (with sandwiches and cakes) to mark his departure. £5. You may pay on the door.

Croydon Churches Floating Shelter – We are once again looking for volunteers to help with the floating shelter. The FS is emergency provision for men and women with a Croydon Connection who have no other accommodation available to them during the winter months. The shelter opens nightly for four months each year between 7:30pm and 8:00am. The shelter is provided in a different church venue in Croydon each night of the week. Croydon Minster takes its turn in 2017 on six consecutive Sundays **19 February – 26 March**. Please sign up at the back of church.

The Book 'Consumed by Fire' – by Brian Lancaster is available either from Ruth Dixon or the Minster Office – Priced £4.50.

Remembering 1916 'Life on the Western Front'. A Major exhibition at Whitgift School (extended until the end of April)

Help needed for the monthly delivery of 'The Bridge' Newspaper to 10 Croydon churches. Details available from the Minster Office.