

Please remember in your prayers:

+ 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	+ Robina Stephen
+ Susan Head	+ Sue Turnbull
+ Dawn Johnson	+ Sharon Wallace
+ Ishia Kabba	+ Elizabeth Williams

+ Our neighbours: Christ Church, New Life Christian Centre, & Tamworth Road Baptist Church

Services this week

26 December – 31 December

Monday	12.00noon	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lection Divina
	1.10pm	Eucharist
Wednesday	11.00am	(BCP) Eucharist
Thursday	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

Next Sunday, 01 January 2017

New Year's Day

Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

08.00am	No Eucharist
09.50am	No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	<i>Readings: Number 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21</i>
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
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MINSTER NEWS

Saturday 24 December 2016

Midnight Mass

11.30pm

Sung Eucharist

Celebrant:

Fr Lee Taylor

Preacher:

Fr Lee Taylor

Choir: Full Choral Foundation

Setting:

Missa Sancti Nicolai Haydn

Reader:

Frances Martin

Intercessor:

Fr Alan Bayes

Motets

Various Carols sung by the Choir

during

Communion

Voluntary:

*Toccata on "Puer natus est"
from "Symphonie Gothique"*

Widor (RK)

**The Churchwardens & Ministry Team wish
you a very Happy & Holy Christmas**

Sunday 25 December

Christmas Day

08.00am

Eucharist

Fr Lee Taylor

09.50am

No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG

10.00am

Sung Eucharist

Celebrant:

Fr Lee Taylor

Preacher:

Fr Christopher Moore

Choir: Full Choral Foundation

Hymns:

32, 22, 30, 26

Setting:

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Reader:

Pamela Hall

Intercessor:

Rachel Bayes

Motet:

Sans Day Carol Rutter

Voluntary:

Carillon de Westminster

Vierne (TL)

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

12.00noon

Eucharist at Whitgift Almshouses

Fr Christopher Moore

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

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 not be served in the church hall after the 10.00am Service today.

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 – thank you to those of you who were able to give a Christmas Present to the church – these were much appreciated.

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'. An idea to encourage people to keep basic personal and medical details in a common place where they can be located in an emergency.

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.

Commemoration of the fire of 1867: A series of events from 5 – 15 January 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 7 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 14 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 15 January, 10am: commemoration service with the Bishop of Croydon.

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

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. £5.00. You may pay on the door.

Croydon Churches Floating Shelter – Sundays 19 February – 26 March. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help with next year's Floating Shelter. We are still looking for male and female volunteers for the overnight shifts and we would be very grateful to anybody who felt they could offer themselves to this ministry. If interested, please email *Fr Chris* at christophermoore100@hotmail.com

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'. An 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.