

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Jon Blanchard	+ Patrick Lewis
+ Helen Clover	+ Flo Liddle
+ Matthew Cook	+ Arthur Low
+ Val Coslett	+ Jennie Luchmun
+ Margaret Dickens	+ Rosemary McLuskey
+ Lesley Dix	+ Bernadette McElligott
+ John Downer	+ Valerie Martlew
+ Annet Fernandez	+ Mary & Finlon O'Neill
+ Albie Hammond	+ Bishop Michael Perham
+ Doug Hampson	+ Vi Smith
+ Susan Head	+ Andrea Spalding
+ Ruth How	+ Robina Stephen
+ Dawn Johnson	+ Sue Turnbull
+ Ishia Kabba	+ Sharon Wallace
+ Betty Kimber	+ Elizabeth Williams
+ Horst & Sonja Krippner	+ Barry Wood

+ Our neighbours: St Michael & All Angels, West Croydon & the Salvation Army

+ The soul of Vishnu Carpenen a regular member of our 8 o'clock family. Vishnu's funeral is in church this Thursday 9 February at 11.30am.

Services this week

06 February – 11 February

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong sung by Old Palace of JW School Choir
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lectio Divina – Mary Chapel
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong – Boys & Men
		<i>Canticles: Noble in A</i>
		<i>Anthem: Locus iste Bruckner</i>
	8.00pm	Deanery Synod at St Michael's
Wednesday	11.00am	(BCP) Eucharist
	4.30pm	Evensong – Whitgift House
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong – Girls
		<i>Canticles: Archer in C</i>
		<i>Anthem: Examine me Boyce</i>
Thursday	7.00pm	Choral Evensong – Men's voices
		<i>Canticles: West in C</i>
		<i>Anthem: O merciful Lord Bullock</i>
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

Next Sunday, 12 February 2017 3rd Sunday before Lent

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist We welcome Cliff McBean* as our Preacher.
	<i>Readings: Deut 30:1-5; Ecclesiasticus 15;15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37</i>
	(Cake Sale in the church hall)
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

*Cliff is from the New Testament Church of God and has been on placement here

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 5 February 2017

4th Sunday before Lent

08.00am	Eucharist <i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
09.50am	Crèche meets in the small hall, Kingfishers & BDG to the Almshouses
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: <i>Fr Lee Taylor</i> Preacher: <i>Frances Westcott (Lay Reader, St John's Great Stanmore)</i> <i>Choir: Boys & Men</i>
	Hymns: 232, 140, 401, 379
	Setting: <i>Messe Solennelle Langlais</i>
	Reader:
	Intercessor: <i>Stephen Willmer</i>
	Motet: <i>Prayer of St Augustine How</i>
	Voluntary: <i>Carillon de Westminster Vierne (TL)</i>

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

Thank you very much

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.

Coffee, Tea & squash will be served in the church hall after the 10.00am Service today.

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.

10.00pm	Morning Prayer at The Almshouses – Elaine Cooper, Kingfishers & Blue Door Group
6.30pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: <i>Fr Lee Taylor</i> <i>Choir: Girls & Adults</i>
	Hymns: 408, 459, 373
	Responses: <i>Ayleward</i>
	Psalm: 112:1-9
	Canticles: <i>Dyson in D</i>
	Anthem: <i>Hear my words ye people Harris</i>
	Voluntary: <i>Pastorale Watson (JO)</i>

The February Magazine is available: £1.00.
The Church Times is available from the Minster Office.
 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 – All donations very gratefully received especially: UHT milk, cooking oil, tinned meat/fish, ready meals, noodles, sugar etc. We are happy to receive cash donations to enable Fr Chris & Denise to do an occasional shop when the Food Bank needs it.

For Mass Intentions, Visiting the sick (including Anointing) & **Confession**, please speak to *Father Lee*

Changes to our weekly pattern during the Interregnum We are sorry but we will not be able to offer Tuesday lunchtime Eucharist & there will be no sermon at Choral Evensong on a Sunday evenings.

CCTV

The boy & girl choristers would like to raise £500 to provide a CCTV camera in the choir vestry. They will be holding cake sales on **Sunday 12 February** (Girls) & **Sunday 26 February** (Boys). Consider this a pre-Lenten feast. Please visit our sales table on these days. If you have any special requests, please let the choir matrons know. (Diane Edwards for the Boys & Denise Mead for the girls) and we will see what we can do! Offers of cakes would also be greatly received.

Lent Boxes will be available at the end of February to support the work of the CMS & US both supporting overseas mission work.

Lent Groups – Alan & Rachel Bayes have offered to lead a Lent group – times and details to follow. Would anyone else be happy to host a Lent Group either in your home or in church – details to the Minster Office?

Saturday 4 March; 7 for 7.30pm – Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper in the church hall. Price: £10.00 with Food; £5.00 – Quiz only. Either make up teams of up to 8 people or you can be put into a team. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE LIST UNDER THE TOWER. Tickets available from Diana Hemmings – 020 8667 0575 or at Church.

From Friday 10 March 1.10pm we will be holding a series of Friday Lunchtime Recitals. Bring a packed lunch

and consume it during the recital. Free events with retiring collections. Please let work colleagues know.

Saturday 11 March – 1.30pm-5.00pm – Be a Girl Chorister for a Day. Details from Ronny Krippner, Director of Music

Saturday 18 March – ‘Creature Conference’ at the Oasis Auditorium, Waterloo. £25.00 ticket (heavily discounted price for members of the Minster). Further details from Fr Lee or the Minster Office.

**Neighbourhood Prayer Network
Lent Guide for 2017**

1. Seven weekly readings and Reflections for the duration of Lent, which we suggest are done with at least one other person or a home group. We also provide questions and a ‘Neighbour challenge’ each week.’
 2. A Forty day prayer guide, related to the themes in part one.
 3. For those of you who are want to do more than the 7 weekly, ‘Neighbour Challenges,’ we have added another 33 challenges for you to do, making up 40 daily challenges in total.
- The books will cost you £1.00 each this year. Please let the Minster Office know if you would like one so we can order it for you.*

St Christopher’s Hospice are once again looking for people to train as a ‘Live, Plan & Finish Well Volunteer’. Training is for 3½ days, on 7 (Half-day), 14, 21 & 28 March at Weatherill Business Centre, New South Quarter, 23 Whitestone Way, Croydon (close to Sainsbury’s in Purley Way & Wandle Park Tram Stop). For more details contact c.trower@stchristophers.org.uk

The Book ‘Consumed by Fire’ – by Brian Lancaster is still 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 2017)

Are you on Social Media: (Facebook/Twitter)? You can help raise the Minster’s profile in the wider Croydon Community – and beyond – by following us and liking and retweeting or sharing our posts. We post almost daily, so it would be good for us to have increased presence online by extending our network. This will also raise awareness of, and hopefully increase attendance at, all upcoming Minster events.

<i>Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:</i>		
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