

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Lara Brown + Margy Lewis  
+ Helen Clover + Flo Liddle  
+ Matthew Cook + Jennie Luchmun  
+ Val Coslett + Sandy McRobbie  
+ Jane Davey + Claire Murden  
+ Margaret Dickens + Suzanne & Richard Osbourne  
+ Lesley Dix + Jean Pikett  
+ Annet Fernandez + Michael Robinson  
+ Stella Fleming + Rosemary Smith  
+ Betty Fry + Mary Lou Sorenson  
+ Susan Head + Andrea Spalding  
+ Pat Hulme + Marjorie Stemerding  
+ Bert Hyett + Robina Stephen  
+ Dawn Johnson + Bob Walters  
+ Ishia Kabba + Paul Welch  
+ Angela Kenney + Inez Yankah  
+ Our neighbours: St Michael & All Angels & Salvation Army

+ The soul of Elaine Nanco, support teacher at Old Palace of John Whitgift School

Congratulations to Ruth Dixon on becoming a great aunt to a baby boy, Joseph John, last Sunday weighing in at 7lbs 9oz.

### Services this week

18 December – 23 December

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
Tuesday	9.30am	Minster Infs. Christingle Service
	12.00noon	Lectio Divina (small hall)
Wednesday	10.00am	Minster Jnrs. Carol Service
	11.00am	Eucharist (BCP)
	3.00pm	Elis David Carol Service (at ED)
	4.30pm	Evensong at Whitgift House
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

### Next Sunday, 24 December 2017

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve

08.00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet
10.00am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Psalm 89:1-4,19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
5.00pm	<b>Crib Service</b>
11.30pm	<b>Midnight Mass</b>

Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:

Vicar:	Vacant	
Assoc. Vicar:	Revd Lee Taylor	020 3742 5842
Asst. Priest:	Revd Alan Bayes	07792 846452
Asst. Priest:	Canon John Ackland	07831 516662
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Sunday 17 December 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

<b>08.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Canon John Ackland</i>
<b>09.50am</b>	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> <b>Celebrant:</b> <i>Fr Lee Taylor</i> <b>Preacher:</b> <i>Canon Arthur Quinn</i> <i>Choir: Minster Consort</i>
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>443, 456, 499, 186</b>
<b>Setting:</b>	<i>Noble in B Minor</i>
<b>Readers:</b>	<i>OT: Ann Winter</i> <i>NT: Gail Winter</i>
<b>Intercessor:</b>	<i>Stephen Willmer</i>
<b>Motet:</b>	<i>Ave Maria Parsons</i>
<b>Voluntary:</b>	Classical Organ Concerto "Gaudete" <i>R Krippner</i>

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

**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, could you please avoid dipping your fingers in, as this contaminates the wine. Thank you

**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 will be served in the church hall after the Morning Service**

<b>12.00noon</b>	<b>Holy Baptism – Fr Alan Bayes</b>
<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer at Whitgift Almshouses – Elaine Cooper</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Candlelight Concert (ticketed)</b> <i>Choir: Full Choral Foundation</i>

**December / January magazine** is available – priced £1.00

**Church Times** is available from the Minster Office. Price £2.20

**The Bridge, Croydon Citizen & Heart Newspapers** (all 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.

**Food Bank** – All donations are 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 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*.

**Book: 'Consumed by Fire'** – by *Brian Lancaster* is available from Ruth Dixon – Priced £4.50.

**CD: 'Tudor Choir'** sung by the Whitgift Minster Choristers – Price £10.00, available from the Minster Office – ideal Christmas gift!

**Today 6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight Concert**  
The Minster Choirs' traditional Christmas Concert with a wonderful selection of seasonal classics, featuring the amazing Salvation Army Band (Croydon Citadel). Tickets are £10.00 and are available from the Minster Office. All proceeds go towards the Minster Music.

**Next Saturday 23 December 10.30am – Clean-up of the church.** We really need some help to spruce up the church for Christmas. This has been a very busy time and the weather certainly hasn't helped. If everyone was able to come along for an hour or so, we could get this done really quickly. Please bring mops, buckets, dusters and polish. Hot drinks will be provided. **Please** don't leave this to the faithful two or three! Many thanks in anticipation.  
*Denise the Ministry Team*

**Sunday 24 December** (Christmas Eve) **10.00am** – we are short of a coffee team on this day. Volunteers to the Minster Office please.

**Sunday 24 December 11.30am** – Crib Service Rehearsal in church. For all members of Kingfishers and Blue Door Group.

**Sunday 24 December** (Christmas Eve) **5.00pm** – Crib Service. All children are invited to come along dressed as a shepherd, angel or king and join in the grand procession.

**Sunday 24 December 11.30pm** – Midnight Mass

**Monday 25 December** Christmas Day Services:

08.00am Eucharist

09.00am Eucharist at Whitgift Almshouses

10.00am Sung Eucharist

**Tuesday 26 December 10.00am** – Eucharist for the Feast of St Stephen will be held at St George's Church, Waddon.

**Monday 22 January 2018 – Drug and Alcohol awareness training** in St Mildred's Centre, 26 Bingham

Road, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drug-and-alcohol-awareness-tickets-36904875476>

**Floating Shelter Dates – 11 February – 25 March 2018** Once again we will do the Sunday nights/Monday mornings. The sign-up sheet is in the North Cross Aisle for volunteers to sign up to assist with this. Duties needed are: setting up / serving food / staying overnight / serving breakfast and clearing away & the weekly laundry. Your help with this is invaluable.

**For sale:** 3 x Halfords Roof Bar 'cycle racks' in serviceable condition. Donation to church funds. Contact Geoff Radford 07561 405801

**Would you like your home blessed at Epiphany, Saturday 6 January 2018?**

It's long been a tradition during the Epiphany season to bless the home. Chalk is blessed for this purpose. Special prayers of blessing are said in each room of the house and a 'holy formula' is chanted over the entryway:

**20 + C + M + B + 18**

The C, M, and B are chalked in between the numbers of the current year. The three letters have two significations: The Invocation *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Christ bless this house), as well as the first initial of the names of the three Magi: **C**aspar, **M**elchior, and **B**althazar. This can only be offered for those who live within easy walking distance of the Minster. The idea is that we move from house to house, finishing at my house for refreshments. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to have your home blessed or just come along and join in.  
*Fr Lee*