

Please remember in your prayers:

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

- + The soul of Judith Sarai. Funeral details to follow  
 + The soul of Joan Atton, resident of Whitgift House

Linda Taylor thanks you for your prayers for her new granddaughter Lara Brown who, following a traumatic birth, is now much better.

Congratulations again to Ruth Dixon on the safe arrival of her great niece, Jasmine.

**Services this week**  
 25 December – 30 December

|           |         |                                  |
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| Monday    | 08.00am | Eucharist                        |
|           | 09.00am | Eucharist – Whitgift Almshouses  |
|           | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day |
| Tuesday   |         | No: Lectio Divina                |
| Wednesday | 11.00am | Eucharist (BCP)                  |
| Friday    | 10.00am | Eucharist                        |
| Saturday  | 10.00am | Eucharist                        |

**Next Sunday, 31 December 2017**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

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| 08.00am | <b>Eucharist</b>  |
| 09.50am | No: Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG  |
| 10.00am | <b>Parish Eucharist</b><br><i>Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148;</i><br><i>Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21</i> |

| 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  |
| St George's                                 | Mtr Pat Vowles     | 020 8688 7006 |

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**MINSTER NEWS**

**Sunday 24 December 2017**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve**

- 08.00am Eucharist**  
*Fr Alan Bayes*
- 09.50am Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet**
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist**  
**Celebrant:** *Fr Alan Bayes*  
**Preacher:** *Canon John Ackland*  
**Hymns:** **161, 184, 7, 483 (tune 77)**  
**Setting:** *Addington Service Shephard*  
**Readers:** *OT: Rachel Bayes*  
*NT: Diane Edwards*  
**Intercessor:** *Diana Hemmings*  
**Communion Hymn: 3**

**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.**

**Coffee, tea & squash will be served in the church hall after the Morning Service**

- 11.30am Crib Service Rehearsal**
- 5.00pm Crib Service**
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass**  
**Celebrant & Preacher:** *Fr Lee Taylor*  
 Choir: *Full Choral Foundation*  
**Hymns:** **See order of service**  
**Setting:** *Missa Sancti Nicolai Haydn*  
**Reader:** *Denise Mead*  
**Intercessor:** *Rachel Bayes*  
**Anthem:** *Angus Dei & Carols*  
**Voluntary:** *Toccata on 'Puer natus est' (from symphony Gothique) Widor (RK)*

**December / January magazine** is available – £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.

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

**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 chalked 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*

**Sunday 7 January 6.30pm – Epiphany Carol Service**

**Monday 8 January 7.30pm – Mothers' Union New  
Year Social** at The Whitgift Almshouses, George  
Street. This will include a Bring & Share buffet and maybe  
a Fun Quiz. Do come.

**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 or assisting with the  
weekly laundry. Your help with this is invaluable. Please  
sign up today!

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