

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Brian Barclay
+ Helen Clover
+ Matthew Cook
+ Val Coslett
+ Jane Davey
+ Margaret Dickens
+ Lesley Dix
+ Shirley Eller
+ Annet Fernandez
+ Stella Fleming
+ Betty Fry
+ Susan Head
+ Pat Hulme
+ Bert Hyett
+ Dawn Johnson
+ Ishia Kabba
+ Angela Kenney
+ Our neighbours: West Croydon Methodist Church & the YMCA

+ Flo Liddle
+ Jennie Luchmun
+ Sandy McRobbie
+ Claire Murden
+ Suzanne & Richard Osbourne
+ Jean Pikett
+ Michael Robinson
+ Rosemary Smith
+ Mary Lou Sorenson
+ Andrea Spalding
+ Marjorie Stemerding
+ Robina Stephen
+ Sue Turnbull
+ Bob Walters
+ Paul Welch
+ Inez Yankah

+ The soul of Judith Sarai whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 12.15pm in the West Chapel, Croydon Crematorium

+ The soul of Gordon Money, son of Irene Money, a very close verger friend of Denise Mead

+ Christine Legg and her husband Terence were married at Croydon Parish Church on Saturday, 30th December 1967 and would like to give thanks to God for a long and happy union. Our congratulations go to them for many more happy years to come.

Services this week

01 January – 06 January

Monday		Bank Holiday
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lectio Divina
Wednesday	11.00am	Eucharist (BCP)
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

Next Sunday, 07 January 2018

Epiphany

08.00am **Eucharist**
09.50am No: Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG

10.00am **Sung Eucharist**
*Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12*

6.30pm **Epiphany Carol Service**

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 31 December 2017

1st Sunday of Christmas

08.00am Eucharist
Canon John Ackland

09.50am No: Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: *Fr Lee Taylor*
Hymns: 49, 39, 33, 29
Setting: Addington Service *Shepherd*
Reader: *Martin How*
Intercessor: *Denise Mead*
Communion Hymn: 44
Voluntary: Song of Victory (from Minster Blaze)
Martin How

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 Morning prayer at the Almshouses *Elaine Cooper*

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

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.

**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