

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Heather Barker  
+ David Brecknell  
+ Matthew Cook  
+ Jane Davey  
+ Margaret Dickens  
+ Grenville Russell D'Cruz  
+ Charlie Ellacott  
+ Shirley Eller  
+ Annet Fernandez  
+ Betty Fry  
+ Susan Head  
+ Pat Hulme  
+ Our neighbours: St Mary's Roman Catholic Church & School

+ Angela Kenney  
+ Sylvia Last  
+ Jennie Luchmun  
+ Margaret Parsons  
+ Jean Pikett  
+ Geoff Radford  
+ Michael Randall  
+ Beverley Smith  
+ Mary Lou Sorenson  
+ Andrea Spalding  
+ Marjorie Stemerding

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# MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 23 December 2018

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

**08.00am** Eucharist  
*Canon Andrew Bishop*

**09.50am** No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG

**10.00am** Sung Eucharist  
**Celebrant:** *Canon Andrew Bishop*  
**Preacher:** *Fr Alan Bayes*  
*Choir: Minster Consort*

**Hymns:** **3, 180, 188 (omit\*), 9**  
**Setting:** *Missa Secunda Hassler*  
**Readers:** *OT: Martin How*  
*Responsorial Psalm*  
*NT: Dick Hyde*

**Intercessor:** *Diana Hemmings*  
**Motet:** *Prope est Dominus Rheinberger*  
**Voluntary:** *Chorale No3 Franck (HE)*

*Fr Gareth is presiding and preaching at St Andrew's Church this morning and will be there for Christmas as well*

*If you are new, please complete a 'Blue Welcome Card'. Please ask a sides' person for details.*

**Tea/coffeelsquash & mince pies are available in the church hall after the morning service**

*Retiring collection for church flowers in memory of our loved ones*

*Please remember to look in the south cross aisle for any Christmas cards that may be addressed to you!*

**4.30pm** Evening Prayer – Whitgift Almshouses *Elaine Cooper*

**6.30pm** Christmas Concert  
**'Carols By Candlelight'**  
*Concert by the Full Choral Foundation & the Salvation Army (Croydon Citadel) Band.*  
*Tickets £10*

*Happy Christmas to everyone associated with this Minster Church, from Frs Andrew, Gareth, Alan, John and Arthur, from Elaine our Reader, Diana our SPA and Denise our Verger and Administrator.*

### Services this week

24 December – 29 December

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays at 9.00am

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	2.00pm	Eucharist – Whitgift House
	5.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Tuesday	8.00pm	Eucharist (said)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.00am	Eucharist – Whitgift Almshouses
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
<b>St Stephen</b>		
Thursday	10.00am	Eucharist at St George's, Waddon
<b>St John the Apostle</b>		
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>The Holy Innocents</b>		
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

### Next Sunday, 30 December 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

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

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist  
*Readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52*

**6.30pm** No Evensong

**December/January Magazine** is available – £1.00.  
**Church Times** is available from the Minster Office £2.40  
**The Bridge Newspaper** is at the back of church.

**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.

**Lectio Divina** 11.45am on Tuesdays in the small hall  
**Sponsorship of church flowers** – Forms are available at the back of church. £25.00 buys one arrangement.  
**Bell Quarter Peal** – Forms are available at the back of church (minimum donation £25.00)  
**Food Bank** – All donations, including CASH, are very gratefully received.  
**For Mass Intentions, Visiting the sick** (including Anointing) & **Confession**, please speak to *Father Andrew*.  
**The Book: 'Consumed by Fire'** – by *Brian Lancaster* is available from Ruth Dixon – Priced £4.50.

The text of Fr Andrew's sermons are posted at his blog <https://canonandrewb.blogspot.com/>

**Appeal for the Peal** We need to raise £26,000 to service and update our bells – which have had no substantial work since 1936! You can make online donations to the appeal via the Minster website. So far we have raised over £5000.00.

**Christmas Cards Roads Delivery** There are still a few roads in our parish which need delivering, ideally today. We'd be really grateful if you could please take a road and deliver them. Many thanks to all of you who took roads last Sunday and delivered them.

**Fr Andrew**, Alice and their family would like to thank everyone who has sent Christmas good wishes for their first Christmas in Croydon, and wish everyone at the Minster a happy and blessed Christmas.

**A Christmas message** from Bishop Christopher, in which he reflects on the great gift of Christ at Christmas and the way we might respond, is on the notice board at the West End. It's well worth a read! *Fr Andrew*

**Stewardship Envelopes** if you pay weekly or monthly using the envelope scheme (not using the white Gift Aid Envelopes) there are new envelopes for you, on the table in the North Aisle. Please take yours home to avoid the cost of postage. *Many thanks*

**This evening at 6.30pm – 'Carols by Candlelight'** with the *Salvation Army Band*. Tickets £10.00 are still available from the Minster Office.

**Christmas Eve** – Monday 24 December – Crib Service 5.00pm

**Sunday 6 January (Epiphany)** – There will be no Evensong here at the Minster, instead there will be a **Deanery Choral Evensong at 6.00pm at St Michael's West Croydon**. Anyone who'd like to sing in the choir for this would be most welcome.

**Croydon Churches Floating Shelter** – with the help of our friends from St George's & 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils from both Old Palace & Whitgift Schools we will take part in this project again this winter. We will cover Sunday

evenings/Monday mornings 17 February – 24 March 2019. There is a Rota in the North Cross Aisle for you to sign up if you are able to assist in any way. Further details are available from Denise in the Minster Office.

*Many thanks, Denise Mead*

**Head's Up** there will be an Intercessor's workshop on a Saturday morning in mid-January with Fr John Ackland.

**Whitgift Minster Choral Society** reconvenes on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Whitgift School's Concert Hall to sing Handel's Messiah on Saturday 23 March 2019 here in the Minster. If you wish to take part please contact Ronny on 020 8688 9222 ext. 2147 or email [rjk@whitgift.co.uk](mailto:rjk@whitgift.co.uk)

**GULLY CLEARING KIT:** particularly for the North side of the church (car park side) where the gullies get full of leaves and debris. Could you spare 10 minutes to clear them? There is a box in the flower arrangers' corner which contains bags, gloves, broom etc., so all you need is yourself...and maybe a friend to help! This will help keep the drains clear and prevent flooding. *Pamela*

**Calendars for 2019** just £6.50 each or 2 for £12.00, would make lovely Christmas gifts for friends and family.

**Help wanted** with a Student's Dissertation on Spirituality. Full details available from the Minster Office or contact [Transpersonalex@outlook.com](mailto:Transpersonalex@outlook.com) for more detail and the questionnaire.

Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:		
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Asst. Priest:	Revd Alan Bayes	07792 846452
Asst. Priest:	Canon John Ackland	07831 516662
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*Organists: (RK) Ronny Krippner (Director of Music), (TL) Tom Little (Sub Organist), (HE) Heather Easting (Organ Scholar) (AF) Adam Field (Junior Organ Scholar).*