

# WEEKLY NEWS

## 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Christ Church Ware

Jesus led, Spirit empowered, Grace based.

9.15 Holy Communion

11.00 Morning Worship and Baptism

Reading: 1 Cor 15: 1-12

6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

If this is your first time with us, please do make yourself known to us after the service and stay for refreshments following our service as it gives us a chance to get to know you a little better.

If there is anyone who wants to begin or renew their relationship with Jesus, please do see one of the staff or the prayer ministry team.



### Christmas at Christchurch

Carols by Candlelight – 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm

Children's Christmas Eve Service 4.00pm

Christmas Eve Communion Service 11.00pm

Christmas Day Family Celebration 10.00am

1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 Family Service 10.00am

#### For Christmas

- Mince pies for carol service
- Helpers needed for Christmas pack away- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017. 9.15 am. Please come if you are able.

#### Prayer

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10 am, please do join us in the Youth Wing of the Parish Centre for intercessory prayer. As you enter, you will find prayer templates to help you pray for all of the various events, activities, people and services that are taking place over this Christmas season.

On Thursday 22nd December it hamper packing time for all our CAP clients. As a church family you have been so very generous yet again and from 10am we will be packing, praying, munching mince pies and delivering hampers to our clients. If you support a client and are unable to deliver their hamper please email [Heatherhookway@capuk.org](mailto:Heatherhookway@capuk.org) so she can make other arrangements for another elf to deliver!!!!

#### New Year Encounter

Do you want to see 2017 covered in prayer and in fellowship with fellow believers? The please do come and join us on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm in the Church for our first Encounter of the New Year. Please do contact Darran Mustoe for further details.

**Please sign Christmas Cards for our Mission Partners this Sunday. The cards will be available at the back of church**

#### Operation Christmas Child – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who provided gifts and to those who volunteered with collecting, checking and loading. Our shoebox gifts are now on their way to children in Romania, Bulgaria, Belarus and Ukraine. Thank you so much for your amazing support.

**Ware Christmas Together – Christmas Day meal.** Riverside Age Concern Hall, Priory Street Ware. Forms for guests and helpers are available at the back of church or ring 01920 420642 to book a place.

#### Office Christmas Closure

Ann Dawson will be away from the office from 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, returning 3rd January. The office will be open 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.

**Are you interested in making a difference in the life of the mums in our church, releasing them to spend some valuable time with God?** We've muddled through badly this term, but one or two regular helpers would be so wonderful. Would you be willing to commit to just one morning a week, helping out at the Midweek creche on a Wednesday morning during term time? Maybe you and a friend are free? If so, we would love to talk to you! Contact Kay Hanney or Catriona Baker to find out more.

God's work at Christ Church is funded entirely by our Church family. We encourage planned giving and do not "pass a plate". If you would like to make a gift to our ministry, please leave it in the boxes at the rear of the church. –envelopes are available for Gift Aid purposes. If you would like more information about giving to the work here, please see the leaflet available on the Welcome Desk.

### Pigeon holes

Did you know you can leave messages for anyone in the congregation using the wooden pigeon holes at the back of church? And that others can leave a message for you? Do check yours especially for Christmas cards!!!!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Coming in January: Transformed Lives

A course that aims to bring the reality of the cross into the everyday reality of our lives. It includes teaching, prayer for healing, covering topics such as listening to Christ, family roots, forgiveness and acceptance.

Speakers Stuart and Marilyn Checkley. For further details see the leaflets in church.

**Rediscovering the heart of business.** The first in a series of evening meetings for those working in or interested in the world of business will be held on 17 Jan. Please contact Peter Hanney for further information. [pandk.hanney@sky.com](mailto:pandk.hanney@sky.com)

**Interchurch Quiz – 21 January** The Interchurch Quiz will take place at Leaside Hall on Saturday 21 January at 7p.m. Interested teams (6-8 people) should register with the Christ Church Office by phone (01920 487267) or email ([office@christchurchware.co.uk](mailto:office@christchurchware.co.uk)). Cost per person is £10 and includes food.

**Saturday 4 February 2017 @ 7.00pm** in Christ Church School Hall. Widbury Life Group's **Burns Night Supper** to raise funds for the Church development. Supper, Scottish dancing demonstration and dancing. Tickets £15.00 per person - further details to follow, or speak to Wendy Tucker for more information.

**Alpha Film series** Please do come and join us for our highly anticipated Film Alpha series. Bear Grills will lead us through a series of films enabling us to explore the meaning of life and Christianity. This will take place in the comfort of a home, with the inclusion of Popcorn! Do please come and join us. These evenings will begin on **Tuesday 28th February**. Please contact Rev Caz rolls for more details on [caroline@christchurchware.co.uk](mailto:caroline@christchurchware.co.uk)

### Children's Church

18 Dec start in church- Children's church party  
25<sup>th</sup> Dec and 1<sup>st</sup> January - Children in the Family Services

### Young People

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party  
**Years 7-9**  
**Years 10-13**  
Cell Re start 4-5<sup>th</sup> Jan

### For your Prayers:

**For the family of Olivia Rollins** who is being baptised today  
**For Mary and Bernie Barnaby** on the death of their son Steven  
**Sam Rich** on the sudden death of her mother.  
**Keith Murphy**, for discernment for his future post and while he assists the Cheshunt Team Ministry.  
**For all our leaders and preachers** as they prepare for our Christmas services.

### 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 11 pm

**Reader:** Mike Tucker, Graham Quinlan  
**Wardens:** Hayley Murdoch  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathryn Adams, Peter and Jenny Stratfold

### Sunday 25th Dec

**10.00 am Family Service**  
**Reader:** Dave Willis  
**Intercessor:** Marlow family  
**Wardens:** Stephen Elliott, Martin Dudley  
**Welcome Desk:** June Jarvest, Jan Young, Claire Hallett, Hayley Murdoch

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January

**10.00 am Family Service**  
**Reader:** John Bell  
**Intercessor:** Samuel Stockwell  
**Wardens:** tba  
**Welcome Desk:** Graham Quinlan, Ann Dawson

**Notices Deadline:** 9.30 am  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

### Contact Information

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