

WEEKLY NEWS

10TH DECEMBER DECEMBER 2017
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Christ Church Ware
Jesus led, Spirit empowered, Grace based.

9.15 am Morning Worship
11.00 am Holy communion

Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-7

7.00 SEVEN

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.

Peace
be with
you

Christmas at Christ Church

Carols by Candlelight - 17th December 6.30pm
Children's Christmas Eve Service - 4.00pm
Christmas Eve Communion Service - 11.00pm
Christmas Day Family Celebration - 10.00am
31st December - Family Service - 10.00am

Christmas Helpers needed!

Christmas Eve 4pm service – 2 welcomers and 3 people to serve refreshments.

Christmas Eve 11pm Service- A warden and 3 welcomers needed.

Christmas Day, 10 am communion - one warden and communion servers needed.

Also people needed to switch on church heating over the Christmas holidays. Martin will train you if needed.

If you can help with any of the above, please speak to Martin

Key Dates!

20s and 30s Tuesday 12th December ice skating at Van Hages and pub, 7pm speak to David & Louise Brett for more details.

Mince pies needed for the Carol Service on Sunday 17th December. Please bring your donations to the morning services. Many thanks. We also need a couple of people to set up refreshments before the Carol Service from 5.30 ish.

PRAY PRAY PRAY!!!

Tuesday prayers at 12.30pm weekly.
Monday 10 am prayers on the third Monday of the month at 10 am .

Roger, Chris and David warmly invite you to join us on Tuesday December 12th 2017 at 12:30 for Joanna's funeral and to celebrate and give thanks for her life. There will be refreshments at the Church Centre following the service and we would love to see you there. Please wear something colourful.

Car Drivers needed, Wednesday 13th December To drive Wednesday Welcome members home after their Christmas meeting. If you can help, please speak to Caroline Tiffen.

Resolve New Year Course

Resolve is a four week New Year course exploring what it means to enact a positive change in your life. Topics include: looking after your body, strengthening your mind, inspiring your soul, deepening your relationships. It is a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith and how it might be relevant to your life. This will start on Tuesday 9th January, 8pm, in **the Church Centre, upper room. Please do contact Caroline Rolls for more details on caroline@christchurchware.co.uk**

Come and join Emmanuel as they go carol singing around the estate. Meet at 7 pm at the Tower School on **Monday 11th December.** All welcome! Please come and join us!

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.

Home Communion. If you know of anyone who would like home communion, particularly over the Christmas season, please let the office know.

Scripture Union Bible Reading Notes are now available from the pigeon holes. Please collect yours and pay the Office.

For Parents and Carers of Young People... Please make a note of the dates of our big youth trips of the Spring and Summer Term 2018.

Youth Weekend Away: February 23rd – 25th
Soul Survivor Festival: August 18th – 23rd

Fund Raising

Thank you to all of you who voted by depositing your tokens whilst shopping at Tesco's in Ware. I am delighted to say that we got the most votes and therefore are the winners. Thanks to Tesco's and you we will soon receive a grant of £2400 to help with the funding refurbishment of the church centre.

Thanks to everyone who voted for us on the Aviva Community Fund Scheme. We did not win, but we have been awarded £100 towards the church building project.

Found in Church last Sunday

A green Berghaus jacket, with a car key in the pocket. These are in the church office for collection.

Operation Christmas Child – Thank You and Update

Thank you so much for the shoeboxes and other gifts for Operation Christmas Child and for all the support of Christ Church in terms of volunteering, accounting, co-ordinating collections, car & van driving and lorry loading. Two lorries have already departed to Liberia and Belarus, a total of 15,395 children who will now receive a lovely Christmas gift. We still have a backlog of boxes to check before the final lorry can depart in January, so any help in the Harlow warehouse would be much appreciated. We are open weekdays 10:00 to 16:00 until Wednesday 13th December and for two weeks in January, starting 8th January. Please contact Andrew du Boulay (aduboulay@ntlworld.com), if you wish to know more

10th December
Children's Church & Bubbles
Start in groups
Crèche
Start with parents in church and move to the Church Centre around 11.15

Young People
Sunday at 11 am. Start in church.
Years 7-9
Thursday – 7.30 till 9 pm Christmas Party!
Years 10-13
Wednesday 7.30 till 9 pm Christmas Party!
Start again 10th and 11th January

For your Prayers:

John Harrington for a speedy recovery following a relapse.

For grant applications for the second phase of the church building project.

Chris and Roger Evans and family following their bereavement.
Please can you pray for Claire H who had an operation to remove two tumours last week. Please pray that the operation was successful and for wisdom for the medical team in deciding what treatments are required following the op. Please can you also pray for the children during this time.
Ann Herron following a hip operation.

Next Week

17th Dec

9.15 am
Reader : Graham Palmer
Intercessor: John Stockwell
Wardens: Bob Barker and Stef Campbell
Sidespeople: Eva Ilott and Joan Murdoch
Welcome Desk: Tony and Pauline Vivers
Coffee: Vicarage Estate

11.00 am
Reader : Peter Wall
Intercessor: Ron Porter
Wardens: Bob Barker and Stuart Baker
Sidespeople: Peter and Jenny Stratfold
Welcome Desk Jan Elliott and Gill du Boulay
Coffee Great Amwell

Notices Deadline: Thursday 9.30 am

Magazine deadline
2nd March 2018

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