

WEEKLY NEWS

17TH DECEMBER DECEMBER 2017
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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

9.15 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Morning worship

Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

6.30 Carol Service

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 people to serve refreshments.

Christmas Eve 11pm Service- A warden needed.

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

31st December – one warden, 2 welcomers and 3 of refreshment helpers.

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

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.

Slash 5-8 & Xtreme 8-11 are having their joint Christmas party this Sunday in the church centre.

Christmas Prayer: Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth . . . may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

On Sunday at the back of church there will be **Christmas cards to sign for our mission partner families.** Information about them is on the mission noticeboard near the pigeonholes. Even if you don't know them personally do write your name - support in this way will encourage them.

The funeral of John Easter will take place in Church on Thursday 21st December at 12.30.

Post Christmas Clear Up, help needed on Thursday 4th January, 9.15 onwards. Many hands make light work!

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**

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.

The flower rota for 2018 is displayed on the notice board at the back of church. we are very grateful to those who serve us all in this way. Please do consider signing up for a Sunday. If you would like to have a go then please sign up or talk to me. If you would like to have a go but are not sure how to do it then please do ask the office and we can buddy you with one of the current flower arrangers. Martin

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

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

Accommodation needed. Family with 1 toddler needs accommodation for 10 weeks while on a course at All Nations starting either Jan or April. If you can help please contact the office.

17th December
Children's Church & Bubbles
Start in church – Christmas party this Sunday
Crèche
Start with parents in church and move to the Church Centre around 11.15

Young People
Sunday at 11 am. Start in church.

Wednesday and Thursday meetings
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.
for Claire H recovering from an operation and ongoing treatment.
Ann Herron following a hip operation.
Gwen Easter and family following the death of John

Next Week

24th Dec

9.15 am

Reader : Barbara Richardson
Intercessor: Julia Taylor
Wardens: Richard Clayden and Keith Fairey
Sidespeople: Roland Swaile and Ann Herron
Welcome Desk: Kathryn Adams
Coffee: Widbury

11.00 am

Reader : Jane Eagle
Intercessor: Geoff Madge
Wardens: Richard Clayden and Judith Swindell
Sidespeople: Rob and Ruth Boulton
Welcome Desk : Brett Sutherland and Mary Knight
Coffee Hertford

Notices Deadline: Thursday 9.30 am

Magazine deadline
2nd March 2018

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If you or someone you know would benefit from free debt counselling, please call 0800 328 0006

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