

WEEKLY NEWS
2ND DECEMBER 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



9.15 Morning Worship
11.00 Morning Worship and Baptism

Reading: Luke 1: 5-25

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.

Development Fund Gift Day. Thank you for all you have given so far. Please continue to prayerfully be involved. Pledge envelopes are available in church or give online at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1014113> or email treasurer@christchurchware.co.uk with a pledge to give or pray (or both). If we are all standing together in this, we can leave a wonderful legacy for more to hear the gospel! We would particularly appreciate offers of interest free loans at this time. <https://goo.gl/forms/da6ODiZLH4coSlyH3>

I am inviting the church to be praying and fasting on the first Wednesday of every month, for the development of the ministries of Christ Church and for the time of growth and change that is before us. I would invite you to also particularly pray for this in your life group that week. If you have any words, picture or scripture verses etc. that come to mind (see my sermon on prophecy <http://christchurchware.co.uk/sermons/prophecy-i-corinthians-14-vv-1-5-14th-october-2018/>) please send them to vicar@christchurchware.co.uk Please do only fast if you are medically able and only do what you feel the lord would ask you to. Jesus teaching on fasting can be found in Matthew 5:6-18.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals on Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.15 pm in church. All abilities welcome just turn up on the night.

It's Hamper Time! If you are able to, please could you collect together some items for the hampers for the CAP clients? Some ideas are:- Tinned soup, crisps, biscuits, mince pies, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, chocolates, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar, fruit juice, fizzy drinks, Christmas crackers, Wrapping paper, sellotape, gift tags, Gift sets of toiletries, hats or scarves, Gift vouchers for a meal, stocking fillers for children. Thank you for your support and generosity in blessing our clients. Please mark your donations for CAP and leave at the back of church. Many thanks Sam Rich

Christmas is fast approaching and we are looking for lots of helpers at the various services that we have. Please don't be shy in volunteering and early offers will make Martins life less stressful!! (01920487267 or manager@christchurchware.co.uk)

Wednesday 5th December 7 pm – Ware primary schools carol service- Warden, sides person

Sunday 23rd December- Carols by candlelight 6.30 pm- 3 sides people and welcomers. 3 people to help set up the refreshments from 5.30 pm.

24th December Children's Christmas Eve service at 4 pm- 4 sides people and welcomers, 3 people to serve squash and biscuits after service and 3 people to clear up after the service for approximately half an hour.

24th December Christmas communion service at 11 pm- 2 sides people and welcomers

25th December Christmas Day family service 10 am- a warden, deputy warden, 4 sides people and welcomers, 8 communion helpers

Sunday 30th December family service 10 am – 1 deputy warden, 3 sides people and welcomers, 4 people to set up and serve refreshments 1 person to do media shout.

Lifts needed to take people home from the Wednesday Welcome tea on 12th December. Approximately 4.30pm. If you can help please speak to Caroline Tiffen.

Christ Church on Sundays in 2019 - Information Sessions. Following the announcement of the Vicar regarding the refurbishment; from 13th January 2109 Sunday services at Christ Church will be somewhat different! There will be forty-two Sundays when the services will be in the Church Centre and Christ Church School. The Vicar and Relocation Team will be holding sessions to outline the format for these services.

Do you perform duties at any of the Sunday services? This includes working as a; warden, deputy warden, sides person, on the welcome team, leader of a worship band, operating the sound desk or media shout, would like to represent your Life Group (tea & coffee duties) or you carry out any other duties. You are invited to one of the Information Sessions. The sessions will be in the Christ Church Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th December (Memorial Hall) or 9am on Saturday 15th December 2018

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 visit <http://christchurchware.co.uk/giving/>, or place your gift in the boxes at the rear of the church near the entrance. 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.

PRAY PRAY PRAY!!! Tuesday prayers at 12.30pm weekly in church and Third Monday of the month at 10 am in the Youth Wing of the Church Centre.

Sunday 11am service in 2019 - Help needed! - we continue planning for next year. For the 11am Sunday morning service in 2019, three people have 'volunteered' to be team leaders to set up Christ Church in the school hall. Each team will be twinned with one of the three worship bands. Once every three weeks the team on duty will get the hall ready by putting the chairs in position, then after the service return the hall to normal. There is no heavy lifting. **Andrew du Boulay, Roger Evans & Neil Pearce** would like help with these responsibilities - otherwise they will be starting very early! If you would like to assist **please speak to one of the team leaders or Bob Barker.**

In readiness for moving out of Church in January we need 3 Blackboard/easels made. We have the materials do you have the talent to make us some? If so please speak to Martin

We are looking for two blankets to use if we have a medical emergency in church. Do you have any in a cupboard that you would donate to church? If so please speak to the church office.

Operation Christmas Child – Late Boxes and Volunteering Thank you so much to everyone who has provided shoebox gifts and fillers or has been helping with Operation Christmas Child. Many of these boxes will be going on our first lorry to children in Iraq. If anyone would like to help out with checking boxes, the processing centre at Harlow is open every weekday from 10:00 to 16:00 until 14 December, also Wednesday evening 05 Dec, 19:45 to 21:45. Please contact Andrew du Boulay (aduboulay@ntlworld.com) for more details

Cleaner for the Centre Christ Church has a vacancy for a cleaner for the church centre, 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day Monday to Friday. The person needs to be an early bird as the cleaning needs to be done between 6-9am. We are offering a salary in the range of £8.45- £9 per hour, depending upon experience. The contract is initially for a fixed term period of 12 months. It may be possible to job share for the right people. If you are interested or know somebody who may be, please contact Martin Dudley, Operations Manager, 01920 487267 or email at manager@christchurchware.co.uk

Children's Church
2nd December
Children start in church

Crèche
Start with parents in church and move to the Church Centre around 11.15

Young People
Years 7-9
Sunday at 11 am in Church
Thursday – 7.30 till 9 pm
Years 10-13
Wednesday 7.30 till 9 pm

For your Prayers:
Louise Phelan and family as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
For the family of Maeve Preston, being baptised today.
Give thanks for the PCC decision to commence work in January, and for the funds raised so far.

Dec 9th

9.15 am
Reader: Mike Tucker
Intercessor: John Stockwell
Wardens: Martin Dudley and Bob Owen
Sidespeople Eva Ilott and Joan Murdoch
Welcome Desk Kathryn Adams
Coffee: Musley

11.00 am
Reader Peter Wall
Intercessor x
Wardens Martin Dudley and Carol Walker
Sidespeople Rob and Ruth Boulton
Welcome Desk: Jan Elliott and Cynthia Kattau
Coffee: Music

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 15th March

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If you or someone you know would
benefit from free debt counselling,
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