

WEEKLY NEWS
16TH DECEMBER 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



9.15 Holy Communion
11.00 Morning Worship

Reading: Luke 1: 46-56

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.



23rd December: 6.30 Carols by Candlelight 'Christmas Wonder re:visited'
24th December: 4.00 pm Childrens Christmas Eve Service 'Christmas Wonder re:told'
24th December: 11.00pm Christmas Eve Communion 'Christmas Wonder re: vealed'
25th December : 10.00 am Christmas Day Family Celebration 'Christmas Wonder re:joice'
30th December: 10am All Age Service – 'Christmas Wonder – re:flect'

Mince pies needed for the Carol Service on 23rd December at 6.30 pm. Last year we ran out, so please provide generously!

It's Hamper Time – last minute donations can be handed in to the office until 12.30 on Wednesday 19th December.

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)

24th December Children's Christmas Eve service 3 people to clear up after the service for approximately half an hour.

25th December Christmas Day family service 10 am- 2 sides people and welcomers, 4 communion helpers

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

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 9am on Saturday 15th December 2018

Working parties

Monday 31st Dec 9 am to 12 pm- to continue preparing the church building for shutting. Just turn up and join in.
Monday 7th January – Thursday 10th January- 9 am to 4 pm. Removal of fixtures and fixings from Church. Many hands will make lite work however its is manual work and basic DIY skills needed. Could you take a day of work to help us, use up 2018 holiday date? Further details from Martin

Book of Memories – as we prepare for closing the church building, we would love to capture your recollections of the Christ Church building you know and love. The book will be available at the back of church for the next few Sundays.

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

Please sign the Christmas cards at the back of church which will be sent to our mission partners next week. Even if you don't know them personally, it means a lot to them to know that we are supporting them. Just your name is enough but add a greeting if you wish.

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.**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ
I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you, to you all for the love, support and kindness shown to Jessica, William and myself this year. For the meals, groceries, prayers, financial love gifts and words of encouragement during this awful year. Words fail me to express how grateful I am for all your support from each and every individual who tried to comfort us in our time of despair. I will not be able to ever repay your love and kindness in that regards. Your love and support gave us time to gain our strength to face the ongoing struggles that we continue to face.

I find myself having to say like "[Job 13:15](#) "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him". Please remember us in your prayers, financial lack is still our number one need. Please continue to pray for a financial breakthrough for us and that God will grant me wisdom, patience and endurance to make the difficult choices and decisions that still lay ahead to be made for the future. I continue to praise and be grateful to God for all that he has done and continues to do for me and my children.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a great New Year, when it comes.

Blessings

William, Jessica and Marcia

At the Pinata of Promises a Round of Gold at The Hertfordshire Golf and Country Club was won by Claire Hallett – who doesn't play golf. She is happy to pass this on to someone who does play golf – for a donation to the development fund. Please contact Clare on claire27872@gmail.com

Children's Church
16th 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:

Toddlers Christmas Service, Monday 17th December at 10.00 am
Tower School Christingle Service, Tuesday 18th December at 2.00pm
Christ Church School Christmas Service, Friday 21st December at 9.30 am.

Jean Graham in hospital

Dec 23rd

9.15 am
Reader: Kathryn Adams
Intercessor: Peter Dane
Wardens: Cheryl Bevan and Keith Fairey
Sidespeople Roland Swaile
Welcome Desk Ann Owen
Coffee: Ridgeway

11.00 am
Reader Sam Woodward
Intercessor Jan Young
Wardens Cheryl Bevan and Judith Swindell
Sidespeople Jane Duley and Leslie Scott
Welcome Desk: Deborah Mercer and Ron Porter
Coffee: Dawsons

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 15th March

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Christians Against Poverty

Sam Rich Thurs and Fri
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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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