

**WEEKLY NEWS**  
**9TH DECEMBER 2018**  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**9.15 Morning Worship**  
**11.00 Holy Communion**

**Reading: Luke 1: 26-45**

**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](mailto: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>

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

**Volunteers needed for morning of Thursday 13th December** to decorate the Church Christmas trees, please turn up at 9.30 ready to help.

**It's Hamper Time! Donations by Sunday 16th December please!** 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](mailto:manager@christchurchware.co.uk))  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December-** Carols by candlelight 6.30 pm- 3 sides people and welcomers. 2 people to help set up the refreshments from 5.30 pm.

**24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas communion** service at 11 pm- 2 sides people and welcomers

**25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day family service** 10 am- deputy warden, 3 sides people and welcomers, 8 communion helpers

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

### Working parties

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec** 9 am to 12 pm- to continue preparing the church building for shutting. Just turn up and join in.  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.**

**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.

Operation Christmas Child – Thank You  
Thank you so much to everyone who has provided shoebox gifts and fillers or has been helping with Operation Christmas Child. Many of the boxes will have been on the lorry that departed on Friday carrying your shoebox gifts to children in Iraq. If anyone would like to help out with checking boxes, the processing centre at Harlow remains open every weekday from 10:00 to 16:00 until 14 December. For more details please contact Andrew du Boulay ([aduboulay@ntlworld.com](mailto:aduboulay@ntlworld.com)).

**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](mailto:manager@christchurchware.co.uk)

**Children's Church**  
9th December  
Children start in groups

**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.**

Give thanks for the PCC decision to commence work in January, and for the funds raised so far.

**Dec 16th**

**9.15 am**  
**Reader:** Wendy Tucker  
**Intercessor:** David Briggs  
**Wardens:** Bob Barker and stef Campbell  
**Sidespeople** Margaret Curd  
**Welcome Desk** Elsie Edwards  
**Coffee:** MADD

**11.00 am**  
**Reader** Dave Willis  
**Intercessor** Heather Hookway  
**Wardens** Bob Barker and Judith Swindell  
**Sidespeople** Caroline Tiffen and Alison Richards  
**Welcome Desk:** Ann Dawson and Deborah Mercer  
**Coffee:** Gt Amwell

**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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