9.15 Holy Communion

Weekly News 15th December 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

11.00 Morning Worship and Baptism

Reading: James 1: 5-7

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.

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## Christ Church Christmas Services

22nd December 6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight 24th December 4pm – Children's Christmas Eve Service 24th December 11pm – Christmas Eve Communion 25th December 10am – Christmas Day Family Celebration 29th December 10am – All Age Service

## **CAP Christmas Hampers**

Could you provide some items for the hampers? Ideas are below, but be creative!

Fizzy drinks	Costa Gift Voucher	Sellotape
Hot Chocolate	Gift voucher for butchers - R Gannon Ware	e Gift Tags
Sugar	Gift voucher for a meal	Gift sets of Toiletries
Marshmallows	Family games	Hats or scarves
Christmas Crackers	Wrapping Paper	Stocking fillers for children

There will be a box at the back of church for you to leave any donations by 15th Dec. Thank you! Sam Rich

**Christmas present idea for all ages-** The Barnabas page a day bible- 365 bible stories, fun to read with children or to use yourself. £3 each from office 01920487267 or email Jess Cole children@christchurchware.co.uk

**Crèche Christmas gathering 15th December** at 2pm - Louise and Dave Brett welcome all crèche children to bring their parents and siblings to 35 Canons Road, Ware to play, do some Christmas activities and have a chat.

**SAVE THE DATE Celebration** - **Christ Church Community Open Day** – 1st February 2020 This event will be to showcase the transformation of the church building to the local community and the great things which take place at Christ Church now and in the future. We will need your help to put this event on. Further details to follow. Watch this space.

Inter-church Quiz – 18 January \_\_\_\_\_The Inter-church Quiz will take place at Leaside Hall on Saturday 18 January at 7p.m. Interested teams (maximum 8 people) should register with the Christ Church Office by phone (01920 487267) or email (office@christchurchware.co.uk). Cost per person is £10 and includes food. Any surplus money will go to Christians against Poverty.

Monday 23rd December at 3pm. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Fowler. All welcome

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 <u>http://christchurchware.co.uk/giving/</u>, or place your gift in the boxes available. 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 12.30 pm weekly, Third Monday of the month at 10 am in the Youth Wing: Second Monday evenings 8 – 9 pm all in the Church Centre.

<u>Operation Christmas Child – Thank</u> <u>you</u> Thank you so much to all who gave or helped with Operation Christmas Child. Our 83 shoebox gifts have gone to children in Liberia, Belarus and Albania. Children's Church 15th December Children start in church Crèche Start with parents in church and move to the Church Centre around 11.15 Young People Sunday at 11 am in Church Years 7-9 Thursday – 7.30 till 9 pm Years 10-13 Wednesday 7.30 till 9 pm

## For your Prayers:

- For Maggie Reid's ongoing treatment
- Trevor llott and family
- Bill Griffiths recovering following hip replacement
- School and toddler Christmas services in December.
- For Robin Fowler and family following the death of Margaret
- Christ Church school community
- For Olivia Emeli Thomas being baptised today

## Next Week- Dec 22nd

9.15 am Reader: Wendy Tucker Intercessor Peter Dane Wardens: Bob Barker and John Borgars Sidespeople Pat and Keith Fairey Welcome Wendy Tucker Coffee : Musley

11.00 am
Reader: Jan Young
Intercessor: Emma Dipper
Wardens Bob Barker and Rob Swaile
Sidespeople Alison Richards and
Caroline Tiffen
Welcome Desk Jan Elliot and
Cynthia Kattau
Coffee Hertford

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: Jan 2020 magazine@christchurchware.co.uk <u>Contact Information</u> Christ Church Office, Church Centre, New Road, Ware, Herts, SG12 7BS office@christchurchware.co.uk

Admin: Parish Administrator: Ann Dawson (01920 487267 – ext 207) Mon to Fri: 9 am- 12.30 pm office@christchurchware.co.uk

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Ministers: Vicar: The Rev John Hookway (01920 487267- ext 204) Day off – Friday vicar@christchurchware.co.uk

Associate Minister: The Rev. Norman Richards

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Youth Pastor Christian Cole 01920 487267 ext 203 (07462 691885) ypl@christchurchware.co.uk Day off – Friday

Christians Against Poverty Sam Rich Thurs and Fri

01920 487267 ext 206) 07725 607425 If you or someone you know would benefit from free debt counselling, please call 0800 328 0006

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