

Welcome to Christ Church



'Christ Church as a Living Well, Christ Church Living Well'

Sunday 2nd December

1st Sunday of Advent

Today's Services

08.30am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Fox-Branch

Psalm 25: 1-9 (513), Luke 21: 25-36 (82)

10:00am Parish Communion

Preacher: David Fox-Branch, President: Sue Curtis

Reader: Jane Ward, Intercessor: Robert Burns

4.00pm The Source

5.00pm Youth Club

6.30pm Essence of Advent



Collect for the week

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Diary for next week

Monday 3rd December

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 4th December

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Kingswood House

Carol Service rehearsal

8.00pm Home Groups

Wednesday 5th December

9.30am Holy Communion

With Ministry of Prayer

10.00 Kingswood House Carol

Service rehearsal

10.00am Wheels and Squeals

7.00pm Kingswood House Carol

Service

Thursday 6th December

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Southfield Park Christmas

Service Rehearsal

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 7th December

9.00am No Morning Prayer

2.00pm Church boiler service

7.30pm Surrey Sands Service

Saturday 8th December

Sunday 9th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion

10:00am Parish Communion

5.00pm Youth Club

An especially warm welcome to newcomers or visitors. Please do make yourself known to the sides-people and collect a Welcome Pack from the desk at the back.

Everything you need for worship will be given to you, including a service booklet, notice sheet and small offertory cards for those who give regularly by standing order. Hymn books and Bibles are in the chair pockets. Large print versions are available on request. The church is also fitted with a hearing loop. If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer at Communion, please let a sides-person know before the service.

From the Vicar

#FollowTheStar is the Church of England's 2018 Advent and Christmas Campaign. It seeks to encourage everyone to follow in the footsteps of the Magi, on their journey to meet Jesus. Please do take an Advent Calendar and use it as your countdown to Christmas. At **The Source** we have devotional booklets for each family to use from Christmas Day to Epiphany. At **Essence of Advent** we shall be beginning our candle prayer decorations as we seek to shine God's light into the dark places of the world.

#living well Give yourself a 24-hour break from emails or social media this week.

For intercessions

- ❖ For boldness and confidence in inviting young people we know to come to Christ Church.
- ❖ For restraint and moderation in our preparations for Christmas as we journey through Advent, so that this year we celebrate in ways that are less wasteful and do less harm to God's world.
- ❖ For everyone for whom Advent is a time of stress and fear rather than anticipation and hope.
- ❖ For members of our Church family and their families,

Prayer Chain

This group will pray for any concerns with an assurance of total confidentiality. Phone Jose 721448 or Sue 724080.

Morning Prayer 9.00 – 9.45

This is held in the Peace and Reconciliation Chapel. Please enter through the vestry door which will be open. It is a simple said service, and all are welcome.

Pastoral Visits

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence or know of someone in need who would value a visit, please speak to either a member of the Clergy, Sue Matthews, (Pastoral Co-ordinator 724080), or Jo Woolfe, (Pastoral Secretary 726782).

Mission Focus for November –This month's mission focus we are supporting the work of Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness.

December Lectionary and CCN are at the back of the Church and online.

Songs of Praise - Christingle 50 Today's Songs of Praise (BBC One 1.15p.m.) is covering The Children's Society's celebration of 50 years of Christingle. In addition to a Christingle Service, the Archbishop of Canterbury is featured helping to prepare a Christingle cake.

Marilyn

Christ Church Notices

TONIGHT NEW! ESSENCE – Advent Carol Service, combining the best of *Revive* and *Embrace* this new service will be a terrific way to begin this festive season. With both traditional and contemporary readings and music, use of candles and opportunity to reflect on preparing for Christmas I hope this service will put us into the right frame of mind for meeting with God afresh. All welcome! *Rosemary*



Small Christmas cakes needed (home baked if poss) for us to take to those who have been bereaved or are housebound. Please indicate on the list on the table by the pigeon holes how many you can provide and bring your cakes to the 10 am service on 9 December. We will need 30 cakes. For any help or queries please speak to Jo (726782) or Avril (812175). Thank you *Jo Woolfe*

Christmas cards for all homes in the parish

The time has come around again for our biggest outreach effort of the year - delivering Christmas cards with details of our Christmas services to everyone in the parish.

We have about 3,700 cards to deliver!!! If we have about 40 (or 50) people in our parish who are able to walk easily, are fit and healthy and haven't recently given birth, that means about 75 - 90 cards each. WE CAN DO IT if we all help. SO - if you're one of the forty - please don't be norty! The cards will be at the back of church from Sunday 25th November. With lots of hope and even more thanks.

Jenny Power

CHRISTMAS CHOIR - Let's make a joyful Christmas noise unto the Lord!

The choir invites everyone interested in singing to come and join us for:

ESSENCE – Christmas Carol service, Sunday 16th December 6.30 pm

(Rehearsals: Thursday 6 and 13 December at 8.30 pm) We would ask you to try and attend as many of the rehearsals as possible. Please contact Ruth Grint: ruth@grint.co.uk; T: 01372 727771.

Christingle is 50 years old - 50p coins for 50 years

Join us on **Sunday 16th December** for our Messy Christingle Service, starting at 10am. To celebrate this anniversary, please start saving your 50p coins. We want to make a trail of 50p coins from the altar to the font. *Jen and Marilyn*

TEA CLUB - the Christmas edition- will be on **Wednesday 19th December** in the hall from 2.30-4.00pm with carols and readings followed by tea and the usual scrummy cakes. Offers of help to Sheila Frame 020 8393 1571 & offers of/requests for lifts to Sue Matthews 01372 724080. **ALL WELCOME!**

Big Christmas Card

Please help our Christmas appeal by signing the big card at the back of the church and giving the money you would otherwise have spent on your own cards. This year we are supporting the work of **Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness**.

Thank you for your support and for completing a gift-aid form to maximise your donation if you are a UK tax payer. *The Missions Group*

Christmas card stamps Could you all please save the stamps from your Christmas cards this year and put them in the box on the shelf at the back of the church. These are used to raise funds for the RNIB. Please make sure you leave about half an inch of envelope around each stamp, otherwise they can't be used. Any queries to sarahsear@btconnect.com

Church Tidy up

On behalf of the premises team a very big thank you to everyone who helped with the Church Tidy up last Saturday. Your help is much appreciated. *Jim Smith*

Eco Church

Christ Church has recently signed up for Eco Church, which is an award scheme to help churches and their members 'to live well' in relationships to the rest of God's creation. We're now looking for enthusiastic people to help us take this exciting scheme forward. Has God placed environmental issues on your heart? Would you like to know more? Email David on davidfoxbranch@outlook.com or call 726225.

Prayer for Christian Unity

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th to 25th January) there will be a service here at **Christ Church at 5 pm on 20th January 2019**. Prior to this tea and cake will be served in the Church from 4.15 pm. All are very welcome.

Other Notices

The TASTE AND SEE CAKE STALL will be held outside the Metro Bank, Epsom town centre on Saturday 15th December from about 1030 am to 1230 pm. This is a great opportunity for outreach and we would be delighted if volunteers could bake small cakes or set up and help on the day. Please contact Anne at anne.o.fraser@ntlworld.com for further information. You are also very welcome to pop along and say hello. *Anne Frasier*



Christmas Together Will you be at a loose end on Christmas Day? Why not join us?! Spend Christmas Day amongst friends and join us at Epsom Methodist Church for a traditional Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings and more 12.30 – 4.00pm. Transport will be provided if you find it difficult getting here. Invitations open to singles and couples. For more details about Christmas Together contact Epsom Methodist Church Office on 01372 728535 or by email on enquiries@epsommethodistchurch.org.uk

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