

Christ Church Beckenham

Bulletin



CHRIST CHURCH
BECKENHAM

Welcome to Christ Church

Christ Church is part of Churches Together in Beckenham. We welcome all who are visitors and newcomers to our church. In this bulletin you can find all you need to know about what is happening this week and what else is going on at Christ Church. If you are new to the church, please pick up a copy of our Welcome Booklet from the back of the church.

If someone asks about your **hope** as a believer, **always** be ready to **explain** it.

1 Peter 3:15

Toy Service

This year we are supporting the Salvation Army in Bromley.

Thank you for your donations.



Services Today:

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION - Clive Grinham

'Be Christmas - means worshipping fully'

Luke 2:8-20 & Romans 12:1-2

(pages 1027 & 1139 in church bibles)

10:30am

ALL-AGE - Rob Hinton

'Be Christmas - means worshipping fully'

Luke 2:8-20 & Romans 12:1-2

6:30pm

HOLY COMMUNION - Luke Bacon

'Jesus Born - Jesus born a Son'

Luke 1:26-45

(Refreshments are served after our 10:30am and 6:30pm services. Please come and join us).

Children's Activities during the 10.30am service

Today, children stay in church during the All-age Service. Please note that there is no crèche today. On other Sundays, children come into church at 10.30am for a time of worship then leave for Sunday School in the halls.

Youth Fellowship (Y10+)

The Junction meet in the Halls from 6.15pm to 8.15pm.

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What's on at Christ Church Beckenham...

Monday 3	1.30pm	Thanksgiving Service for Doris B - see back page.
Tuesday 4	7.15am	Prayer Breakfast in the Lounge, all welcome
	10.00am	Meeting Point (women's Bible study) in the Lounge - all welcome
	2.30pm	Open Doors Bible Study with Joe Whiting 'Living as a Christian community' Colossians 4:2-18
	6.00pm	Beaver Colony and Cub Pack meet
Wednesday 5	7.30pm	Track Group for years 10 to 11, ends 8.45pm
	10.30am	Baby & Toddlers in all halls
	3.00pm	'The Lounge' Drop in, 3-5pm after school (year 7+)
Thursday 6	7.45pm	'first Wednesday' starts at 8pm - 'Mary vs Manliness'
	2.00pm	Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter, Lounge. All welcome.
	7.30pm	Worship Team Gathering in church until 9.00pm
Friday 7	7.30pm	Ladies' Christmas Craft Evening, Main Hall.
	8.15pm	Christ Church Singers' practice
	9.40pm	Street Pastors in the High Street until 2am
Saturday 8	10.00am	Church open from 10am to 12noon
Sunday 9	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION: Jonathan Poole 'Be Christmas - means spending less' Luke 1:46-55 & John 1:1-9
	9.30am	Girls' Choir practice in the Lea Wilson Rm
	10.30am	MORNING PRAISE: Jonathan Poole 'Be Christmas - means spending less' Luke 1:46-55 & John 1:1-9
	6.00pm	Building to Bless Prayer Gp in the choir vestry/crèche room
	6.30pm	EVENING PRAISE: Joe Whiting 'Jesus Born - Jesus Born a Sovereign' Matthew 2:1-12

Coffee rota:

2nd December - Wells/Bowman HG (am); Burstow HG (pm)

9th December - Erasmus HG (am); Ghinn HG (pm)

Congratulations to Ben and Sarah Slee, who used to work at CCB, who had a baby girl on 26th November - Abigail Grace. Mum and baby are both fine.

Recovery Course, starting 30th January, 7.00pm

Jesus said "I have come that they might have life and live it to the full." We believe that! And we want to help that become the truth for men and women who are struggling with addictions that are causing significant problems in their life, who want to invest in their road to recovery.

The Recovery Course has proved itself effective in helping people with a broad range of addictions, such as drugs, alcohol, pornography, sex, gambling, self-harming, over-eating or other related compulsive behaviours. The first gathering will be in Christ Church Hall on Wednesday 30th January. More information from Hilary Walker or can be found at www.ccb.org.uk/recovery-course

If you think this is for you, or for someone you know, please get in touch using the confidential email or phone recoveryccb@gmail.com / 07591 296832 (neither of these contacts go through the church office or clergy).



Christmas Cards 2018 - As well as our normal boxes for church family cards, we will again have one card at the back of church for anyone to sign with greetings to all, for a donation to Starfish Asia. We can obviously personally greet each other at our Christmas Services.

Thank you, Vivienne Bowman.

A **Social Committee** has been newly formed and we are looking for ideas of fun things to do across the ages during the coming year. If you have any ideas and would like to offer to help in carrying them out, please do let us know. Daisylin Brown, Jenny Brooks, Wendy Burton, Val Ghinn, Andrea Hinton and Gail Wells.

Making Christingles
Friday 21 December
9:30am, Main Hall



Come and join in the fun of making the Christingles for the service on Christmas Eve. Everyone welcome. Coffee and mince pies on offer.

Persecuted Christians appreciate receiving cards, especially Christmas cards. We have a few booklets entitled Connect and Encourage from CSW at the back of the church under the War Memorial which gives names and addresses of Christians suffering for their faith, it also gives guidelines on how what to put in cards. You need only write a few, but however many you do, it will be much appreciated by the recipients.

Dates for your diary:

- **Men's Curry Night** - 15th December - *see notice.*
- **Family Fun Morning** - 16th December, *Flyers from the back of church.*
- **Student Gathering, The Christmas Party** - 20th December, 7.30pm. Contact Ed for info.



Men's Curry Night | Saturday 15th December | 8pm | Curry Cottage

Over the coming months we are excited to be adding a few additional men's events to complement the Men's Breakfasts and Golf Day. The first of these will be a curry night on Saturday 15th December. We'll be meeting at Curry Cottage on Kelsey Park Road at 8pm. Please feel free to invite friends and family. All men welcome! As we need to book a table please let us know if you are planning to come along by emailing luke@ccb.org.uk

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

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.

Please pray for all items in this bulletin and for:

- The family and friends of **Doris B**, who died on 1st November. A thanksgiving service will take place at Christ Church Beckenham on Monday 3rd December at 1.30pm, with refreshments at the back of church afterwards.
- **Ann L** recovering back at home.
- Those who cannot or cannot usually get to church - Audrey Anderson, Elizabeth Birch, Barbara Brand, Audrey Carter, Gaius and Nest Davies, Joe Gilbert, Peggy McGill, Jean Mills, Michael and Heidi Sanderson, Bert Sandford, Allen Stoffel, Annette Styles, Elizabeth Swaffield, Celia Tickner, David Vevers, Rhoda Weddall.

Rachel Williams, CAP

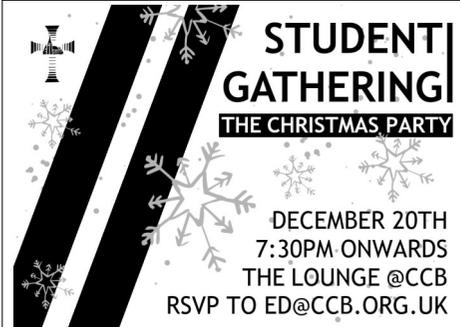
Looking back over this last year, 2018 has been one of my most challenging years working for Christians Against Poverty. As many of you will know, my daughter Amy was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in December last year. My dad has been in hospital twice this year and my parents recently moved home. Being a Centre Manager requires an enormous amount of emotional energy and balancing this with home life has been hard. However, I believe we have an amazing God who goes ahead of us preparing the way and whatever happens HE IS FAITHFUL.

A real highlight this year was 29th October. Justin Welby, The Archbishop Of Canterbury, came to visit St. John's in Penge and my CAP centre. This was part of a two day visit to The Rochester Diocese and Medway area. Justin Welby met four of my current clients. He spent time talking and listening to their stories. One of my clients was in tears explaining how desperate she felt before coming to CAP. It was a moving experience.

Going forward I would value prayer for my clients. Many of the people I see don't have enough to eat. They will prioritise paying their debt over buying food. They also struggle with understanding the benefits system and since Universal Credit has been introduced more problems are coming to light.

Thank you Christ Church Beckenham for your continued support, both prayerful and financial. Happy Christmas. Rachel Williams.

Kerstin Wakely left for Pakistan on Tuesday 27th November. She will be in Lahore for 12 days, staying with Anser and Kashi who oversee Starfish Asia's Pakistan work. She will have a full schedule of visits to people and schools in and around Lahore. What she really likes to do is sit with students and teachers, finding out more about their lives, their ambitions and their dreams. There have been many new developments since her last visit about a year ago. Pray for her health, strength and stamina.



**STUDENT
GATHERING**
THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 20TH
7:30PM ONWARDS
THE LOUNGE @CCB
RSVP TO ED@CCB.ORG.UK