

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

➔ **Change of date** - Christingle making is now Saturday 22nd December, 9.30am in the Main Hall. *See inside for details.*

➔ **Deadline** for Living Well donations is Tuesday 11th December. *See back page.*

Services Today:

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION - Jonathan Poole

'Be Christmas - means spending less'

Luke 1:46-55 & John 1:1-9

(pages 1026 & 1063 in church bibles)

10:30am

MORNING PRAISE - Jonathan Poole

'Be Christmas - means spending less'

Luke 1:46-55 & John 1:1-9

6:30pm

EVENING PRAISE – Joe Whiting

'Jesus Born - Jesus born a Sovereign'

Matthew 2:1-12

(Refreshments are served after our 10:30am and 6.30pm services. Please come and join us).

Children's and Youth Activities today:

- **Children @ 10.30am** come into church for a time of worship then leave for Sunday School in the halls:
 - Climbers: 3 year old - School Year 2; Explorers: Y3 - 6; Pathfinders: Y7- 9; Sunday Line: Y10-11.
 - There is a crèche for under 3s available in the choir vestry when children leave for Sunday School.
- *Parents are responsible for their children as soon as Sunday School has finished. Please collect at 11.45am, before coffee. Children should not be left in the Halls unattended.*

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...

Tuesday 11 Dec	7.15am	Prayer Breakfast in the Lounge, all welcome
	10.00am	Meeting Point (women's Bible study) in the Lounge
	12.30pm	Christmas Community Lunch. Doors open at 12.15pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Book a place on 020 8650 3847. <i>(There are NO chair based exercises today)</i>
	2.15pm	Riverside School Christmas Concert in Church
	6.00pm	Beaver Colony and Cub Pack meet
Wednesday 12	7.30pm	Track Group for years 10 to 11, ends 8.45pm
	10.30am	Baby & Toddlers Christmas Service and Party.
	3.00pm	'The Lounge' Drop in, 3-5pm after school (year 7+)
Friday 14	8.15pm	Christ Church Singers' practice
	9.40pm	Street Pastors in the High Street until 2am
Saturday 15	9.15am	Prayer for Christ Church. We meet in the Lea Wilson Room for an hour. Do join us if you can.
	9.30am	Men Behaving Dadly - 9.30am - 11.00am: for Dads and pre-school children. Toys, bacon rolls, tea and coffee. Suggested donation of £2. Pick up a card with details.
	10.00am	Church open from 10am to 12noon
	8.00pm	Men's Curry Night - see notice
Sunday 16	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION: Tara Kunert 'Be Christmas - means Giving More' Matthew 2:1-12 & 1 Chronicles 29:10-14
	9.30am	Girls' Choir practice in the Lea Wilson Rm
	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION: Tara Kunert 'Be Christmas - means Giving More' Matthew 2:1-12 & 1 Chronicles 29:10-14
	10.30am	Family Fun Morning in the Halls
	6.30pm	EVENING PRAISE: Rob Hinton 'Jesus Born - Jesus Born a Servant' John 13:1-17

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 first gathering will be in Christ Church Hall on Wednesday 30th January. We need members of the congregation (home groups or others) to provide a cooked main meal for between 25 - 30 people. Main course only. If you think you might be able to help in this way please contact Vivienne Smith or the church office for more details. Thank you

More information about the course 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).

Making Christingles
Saturday 22nd 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.

The next meeting of the group praying for persecuted Christians will be on 7 January, 8.00pm. All welcome.

Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service
St Mary's Shortlands
Wednesday 12th December, 2.30pm.
To book a place 020 86582535 or karina.brown@homeinstead.co.uk.

Tithe from CCB's commercial income:

The Treasurer and PCC would like to thank the congregation for their suggestions of recipients of our tithe. The PCC has unanimously agreed to donate the following: Red Thread - £1,500, Breakthrough Project - £1,500, Spinnaker - £1,000, Christian Concern - £1,000, True Freedom Trust - £1,000, Mission Aviation Fellowship - £1,000, Pocket Testament League - £1,000, Recovery Two - £500, St Barnabas Anglican Church Jamaica - £500, ICS - £500. Together with £5,450 already donated to CAP in Penge gives a total of £14,950.

The Treasurer would also like to express thanks and appreciation for the generous hearts of many of our church family, which enables us to be able to use some of our income in this way.

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 Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Please pray for all items in this bulletin and for:

- **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.

Howard and Nora N

Please pray for the many special events during December that are specially designed to help overseas students understand the real meaning of Christmas in contrast to all the secular Christmas they see in the shops and on the Media. We have a special event in the form of a drama at our church on Saturday 15th December.

During the month of December we give out a Jesus Film in the relevant language to every person who comes to our door. Usually we are able to give out over a hundred in the 4 weeks. Pray that God's Word will penetrate into the hearts of those hearing the words of Luke's Gospel through this dramatic presentation. Most live in large families and we are praying that many in the family will watch.

We appreciate your ongoing prayer for our health. Howard is still waiting for a gall bladder operation and Nora still has a problem with the eye that had a cataract removed in July and is on the waiting list to have the other eye done.

At the **Living Well Foodbank**, we are making up Christmas bags for all our visitors. We would really appreciate donations for these items ONLY - **long life milk; mash; sugar; tinned vegetables (but not pulses); pull-ring items e.g. baked beans with sausages, small corned beef, small tins of fruit, small juice cartons; men's spray deodorant; toilet roll; and Christmas donations e.g. Christmas biscuits.** *We are unable to accept anything that contains alcohol or alcohol flavourings - e.g. Christmas puddings and some mince pies.*



All Christmas donations need to be at the Food Bank by 12th December as we are preparing the food bags on 13th December, so we need all **donations before 12th December please.** Your donations can be left at the back of church on Sunday or in the **church office next week before midday on Wednesday 12th.** Any help on the day would also be very welcome, let me know if you can offer. Thank you everyone. Rowena.

Coffee rota:

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

16th December - Gale HG (am); Bates HG (pm)