

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



Big News!
Christ Church Junior Choir
see inside for details



Come and join us for our New Year Walk
see inside for details

Services Today:

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION - Tara Kunert

'Be Christmas - means Giving More'
Matthew 2:1-12 & Chronicles 29:10-14
(pages 966 & 434 in church bibles)

10:30am

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6:30pm

EVENING PRAISE – Rob Hinton

'Jesus Born - Jesus born a Servant'
John 13:1-17

(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 is our Family Fun Morning in the Halls. Children will go straight to the Halls for 10.30am. 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.

Please note that there **will be** Sunday School provision on 23rd, 30th December and 6th January.

Youth Fellowship (Y10+)

The Junction meet in the Halls from 6.15pm to 8.15pm for their Christmas Party today.



What's on at Christ Church Beckenham...

Monday 17 Dec	7.45pm	Home Group Leaders Christmas Party, Lounge
Tuesday 18	7.15am	Prayer Breakfast in the Lounge, all welcome
	10.00am	Meeting Point (women's Bible study) in the Lounge
	12.30pm	Open Doors Christmas Lunch: Luke Bacon speaking
	6.00pm	Beaver Colony and Cub Pack meet
Wednesday 19	10.00am	Balgowan Christmas Concert in church & 2.00pm
	3.00pm	'The Lounge' Drop in, 3-5pm after school (year 7+)
Thursday 20	7.30pm	Student Gathering in the Lounge
Friday 21	8.15pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal in church
	9.40pm	Street Pastors in the High Street until 2am
Saturday 22	9.30am	Christingle making in the Main Hall - <i>see notice</i>
	10.00am	Church open from 10am to 12noon
Sunday 23	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION: Rob Hinton 'Be Christmas - means Loving All' Matthew 1:18-25 & Isaiah 61:1-3
	9.30am	Girls' Choir practice in the Lea Wilson Room
	9.50am	Building to Bless Prayer Group in the choir vestry
	10.30am	MORNING PRAISE: Rob Hinton 'Be Christmas - means Loving All' Matthew 1:18-25 & Isaiah 61:1-3
	5.15pm	Orchestra Rehearsal, ends 6.00pm
	6.00pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal, ends 6.15pm
	6.30pm	CAROL SERVICE: Rob Hinton 'Jesus Born - Jesus Born a Sacrifice' John 1:1-18



Bible reading notes for January
are available at the back of church



In the New Year, Christ Church Girls' Choir is opening its doors to boys and will be renamed Junior Choir.

We welcome new and enthusiastic girls and boys who are in Yr2 and above.

There's no audition, but you must be able to commit to Sunday morning choir practices and regular church appearances.

We meet to practice on a Sunday at 9:30am in Christ Church Halls.

Why not give us a call or drop us a line about coming along.

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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.

Fancy a walk and fresh country air?

The CCB Social Committee is planning a walk/treasure hunt on 5th January to shake off the excesses of the New Year. Starting and finishing at the Queen's Head in Chislehurst, the walk is about 3 miles long and fairly easy going. There will be a few clues for things along the way to make it interesting ...AND there may even be a prize for the team first back with correct answers!

We aim to start at 10.30am and be finished for lunch by 12.30pm (A three-course set menu is available for less than £10). Sadly, no dogs are allowed. Interested? Please contact Andre Erasmus by 2nd January. As space is limited it will be on a first-come, first-taken basis. Please let us know if you intend to stay for lunch.

Christmas 2018 at
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 SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 10:30AM ALL-AGE TOY SERVICE <small>Donations of toys for local charities are welcome at this service</small>	 SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER 6:30PM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT <small>Followed by festive refreshments</small>
 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30PM CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 11:15PM MIDNIGHT COMMUNION WITH CAROLS	 CHRISTMAS DAY 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION 10:30AM ALL-AGE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION <small>Ending at 11:15am & followed by Holy Communion</small>

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An Evening with Caroline and Dick Seed
Wednesday 23rd January at 7.45pm, Main Hall.

In December and January, Caroline and Dick are in the UK for leave and deputations to supporting churches. Please come and hear about their life and theology teaching ministry based in Cape Town with the Church Mission Society. They have a long association with Christ Church, Dick was curate here in the 1990s. They are very grateful for the recent generous giving from Christ Church. Their latest letter is available on the missions table at the back of church.

Expenses payments:

If anyone has any outstanding expenses for 2018, Gail Wells and Richard Oliver would be very grateful if you could submit these by Monday 14th January, to Gail. We are on a tight schedule because of planned holidays and an late Easter, for completing the accounts in time for our auditors, and subsequent Annual General Meeting. Therefore, your consideration would be appreciated.

Any queries, please speak to Gail or email her at

gbwells.treasurer.ccb@gmail.com.

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for all items in this bulletin and for:

- Anne Lancaster who is finding walking extremely painful.
- 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.

Christian Concern and Christian Institute. These charities are committed to upholding the truths of the Bible and to speak of Jesus Christ in public life, especially in the arena of politics, law and the media and on issues related to gospel freedoms, family and God's precious gift of life.

There have been successes namely the Ashers, Christian bakers who won a court fight after rejecting making a gay marriage cake, and Christian street preachers who have been cleared of public order offence charges, so are free to continue to preach the gospel on our streets.

Current issues are the Government's consultation on plans for 'Relationship Education', to be taught as a statutory subject in primary schools across England: how to help 'trans kids': gender self-identification, gender reassignment, and the Equality Act: Christian sexual ethics.

If you would like to know more about the work these two charities do, go to their websites – christianconcern.com; Christian.org.uk Meanwhile do please pray for these issues and these organisations working to ensure justice and pray for their protection as they work in a secular world.

Office Hours over Christmas and New Year - Helen's last day in the office is Thursday 20th December, returning Monday 7th January 2019.

The last bulletin of 2018 will be Sunday 23rd December, returning Sunday 13th January 2018. The deadline for 23rd December bulletin is Tuesday 18th December and for the 13th January bulletin, midday on Wednesday 9th January.

Intercontinental Church Society.

Thank you for your interest and donations to our mission recently. £100 has been sent to head office, which will be well used in Europe and beyond.

Madge Olby

Coffee rota:

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

23rd December - Meeting Point (am); Wendy Burton (Carol Service)

30th December -The Junction (am)

6th January - Wells/Bowman HG (am); Burstow HG (pm)

