To follow Jesus in every way



Welcome to Christ Church!

Jesus welcomed all, and so do we. We have level access, a hearing loop in the Worship Area, an area to occupy preschool children at the front left corner, activity tables for KS1 children at the front, a crèche during our 10.30am services, and toilets. We recognise generosity and giving represents an important outworking of our Christian discipleship. Most of our Church Family give on a regular basis to God's mission and ministry via the Parish Giving Scheme. We don't have an offering during our services, but we have an offering plate at the entrance to our worship area for those who wish to give via cheque or cash.

Sundays 22 and 29 December 2019 and 4 January 2020

Sunday 22 December: "A COMING SON" 9.0 am Morning Worship 10.30 Morning Worship led by Nigel Foster **Reading** Isaiah 11.1-10 (p965) and Matthew 1.18-25 (p965)

Sunday 29 December: "YOUR YEARS WILL NEVER END" 9.45am Joint service of Morning Worship

led by Valerie Fisher. **Reading:** Hebrews 1.1-12, (p1201)

Sunday 4 January: 9am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan Clark

Prayer at Christ Church

We know that God answers prayer, and we would love to pray for you too. You can ask for confidential prayer from the prayer ministry team after each 10.30am service, or email prayer@christchurchchineham.org.uk where it will be passed on to a small prayer team. To be added to our public prayer list (below), please email Gill in the office.

OUR PRAYER FOCUS: Thank you for praying during the year. We pray on during the holiday period, for God never needs a holiday, even if we do!

For our nation: for our government, saying that they are wanting to govern for the good of all in our nation; that they would do so, and reduce some of the inequalities of opportunity and provision between regions and generations. For speedily forming agreements with Europe, and for healing divisions Brexit has brought. For our new MPs to help bring a more collaborative culture back to parliament.

For families: that during this holiday period, families would draw closer to each other; for those without families that they would enjoy good company and deepen friendships.

For our church: that at our final Christmas special services people would realise the good news of God's love for the first time. Then for good re-freshment and re-creation for our staff and all those who minister regularly.

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING PRAYER: Jack, who was terminally ill, has passed away, please pray for his wife Marie and their family; for Sam Daley to settle into his new home; Mark Andrews and family, bereavement; David Arnold, for relief from pain; Shirah, for continued healing; for Philip Bentley and the family of Chase - bereavement; George, in hospital after two strokes; Mike, friend of the Borrells, as he begins treatment for leukaemia, and for his wife and family; Michael Banfield, on chemo, and for Linda; Val W, back on chemo, causing nausea; Marie; Linda Smith, unresolved health issues; Nick, brain tumour; Pat Dawson; Brian Rich, chemo for pancreatic cancer; Harrison with bowel cancer; Helen & husband with increasingly severe health issues.

CHURCH CONTACTS

W: www.christchurchchineham.org.uk / F: christchurchchineham / T: @ccChineham

OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION – Gill Godfrey (*Monday, Thursday and Friday*) Church office open hours Mon 8-4, Tue/Wed 9.30-12, Thur 8-2.30, Fri 8-4. 01256 474280, office@christchurchchineham.org.uk

LEAD MINISTER - Revd. Jonathan Clark (rest day Friday) 01256 816413, <u>jonathan@christchurchchineham.org.uk</u>, 1 Hartswood, Chineham

CHILDREN & FAMILIES LEADER - Katy Lowe (part-time Monday-Thursday) 07526 048052, katv@christchurchchineham.org.uk

PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR – Josephine Childs (volunteer) 01256 473998, care@christchurchchineham.org.uk
SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR – Liz Lang (volunteer) 07597 643691, safe@christchurchchineham.org.uk

NOTICES

Christmas Tree Festival Many thanks to all who helped to make the Christmas Tree Festival such a success. It was lovely to see so many people from our community joining us to see the Christmas trees, watch the entertainment, browse and buy from the craft stalls, and enjoy the delicious refreshments. The total amount raised was a **fantastic £640** which is being donated to the Night Shelter. We were also able to deliver all the food that was on the Chineham Community Noticeboard Facebook Page tree, to the Basingstoke Foodbank! A truly wonderful effort by everybody. Many thanks to all the people who helped in so many ways to make the day a success – the office assistance, setting up, doing refreshments, manning stalls, and staying on to clear up. Thank you all **SO** much!

We will be taking the **Chineham Created Crafted Christmas Tree** down on Monday 6th January 2020, following which we will have 4 days when we will be focusing on blanket making, meeting from 10am - 4pm each day. This will be similar to the week we had when we assembled the tree - please drop in and join us whenever you are able. After this we will be working on the blankets on Tuesday afternoons and again anyone is invited to join us. In addition to this we are hoping that people will take squares home to make into blankets. Decorations from the tree will be sold to raise further funds for the Night Light Winter Shelter.

Katy would love to borrow **any soft toy sheep or cows** for the Crib Service nativity – if you have one you are happy to lend her please contact her as soon as possible. Email <u>cfl@christchurchchineham.org.uk</u> or phone 07526 048052.

Surplus to requirements: A number of small tables suitable for 6-10 year olds. Pine tops, metal legs. Contact Katy Lowe.

The House of Hope has issued a seasonal update, which can be found on the Mission Partner notice board.

The Poppy Box which we had in the Welcome Area raised £60.02. Many thanks on behalf of the RBL.

The collection at Yvonne Andrews' funeral amounted to £637 for Smile4Wessex Charity. Grateful thanks from Mark and Simon

Newborn to Parenting course. Free 5 week course commences **Thursday 9 January 9.30-11.30am.** Life with a newborn and growing baby can be very challenging but extremely rewarding – this course is aimed at helping parents find their feet during the early weeks and months. To reserve a place email Katy Lowe cfl@christchurchchineham.org.uk or phone the office.

Do you know someone who cant read? Read Easy UK is a registered charity, established to help adults learn to read or to improve their reading skills. They provide **free 1-1 tuition** from a trained Reading Coach with half hour sessions twice a week, on a confidential basis. For further info T: 07592 450789; E: <u>Basingstoke@readeasy.org.uk</u>; W: readeasy.org.uk

A reminder of Christmas services
Sunday 22 Dec – 4pm Blue Christmas
Monday 23 Dec - 4pm Crib Service
Tuesday 24 Dec - 11.15pm Holy Communion
Christmas Day - 10am Christmas Family Celebration
Sunday 29 December – 9.45 Joint service of Morning Worship

