

THE COMING WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH	
Sunday 9 December	12.30-1.30 Christmas Choir rehearsal 3.45-5.45 Messy Christingle! 7-8pm Come and Pray
Monday 10 December	9.30-11.30 Coffee and Co
Tuesday 11 December	1-3pm 123 Matinee Group – Christmas Special
Thursday 13 December	9.30-11.30am Sparklers Christmas party
Sunday 16 December	6-7.30pm Carol Service
NEXT SUNDAY	
16 December	'A COMING HOPE' Zechariah 9.9-13 (p955) Andrew Young
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Tuesday 18 December	11.30am Holy Communion 1pm Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch
Sunday 23 December	4-5pm Blue Christmas Service
Monday 24 December	4-5pm Crib Service 11.15pm Midnight Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY	
Sunday 13 January 2019	Lunch for those living alone
Tuesday 22 January 2019	Holy Communion 11am Lunch club 12 noon

CHURCH CONTACTS

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For your notes ...

OUR MISSION:

To follow Jesus
in every way



Welcome to Christ Church!

Jesus welcomed all, and so do we. We aim to be accessible too, with level access, a **hearing loop** in the Worship Area (to use this please switch your hearing aid to the "T" position), a **crèche** during our 10.30am services, and **toilets**. Please ask one of the Welcomers or Ministers about this or anything else you need for the service.



If you would like to know more about the church, or are thinking about joining us, please ask for a **welcome pack**, and fill out a **welcome card**.

We recognise generosity and **giving** represents an important outworking of our Christian discipleship. Many of our Church Family give on a regular basis to God's mission and ministry via the Parish Giving Scheme or standing order. Therefore we do not hold an **offering** during our services. However, an offering plate is available in the entrance to our worship area for those who wish to give via cheque or cash.

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 by leaving a short request in the box in the prayer room, or emailing a new dedicated email address ... prayer@christchurchchineham.org.uk where it will be passed on to a small prayer team. To be added to our **open prayer** list (published below), please email Gill in the office.

Newsletter for Sunday 9 December 2018

SERMON: 'A coming king' Daniel 7.13-18 (Church Bible p.892) by Jonathan Clark

PRAYER FOCUS: Please pray for all those leading, speaking and making music in our Christmas services, and for the 123 Matinee Group and Luncheon Club, for their Christmas specials. Tomorrow (Monday 10th) is our special "Messy Church does Christingle"; please pray that we continue the momentum from the large Light Party and that many families will enjoy hearing the real meaning of Christmas. We pray as well that the Basingstoke Night Shelter will be a place of hospitality, friendship and restoration. Pray for our neighbours in Old Basing as they interview potential Vicars next Tuesday: for wisdom in recognising who God is calling to be their next shepherd. Finally, please pray for our Mission Partners this week ... Junction 5.

PRAYING TOGETHER: The next prayer meeting here will be on Sunday 9 December from 7-8pm. All are welcome; there is no need to be able to pray out loud

Please also pray for; Pam's daughter Jackie, Tracy's friend Jocasta and baby Alice; for Pat W; for Val W, ongoing kidney condition; for Janice's daughter-in-law Lisa, recovering from a heart transplant; for Grace, struggling to walk and in pain; for David (chemo) and also his wife Angela and their children.

COME AND PRAY

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Special Christmas Services

We have a number of special Christmas Services, where we expect to welcome many who don't normally attend. We need people to volunteer to set up, to welcome, and to serve refreshments as well as duty warden, reading and prayers. Our children and young people will be involved in a number of ways as well. **Please see the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Area.**

Parish Christmas Cards:

There are still a few roads left to deliver – if you can take a bundle that would be much appreciated!

COME TO MESSY CHRISTINGLE on Monday 10th December 3.45-5.45pm

We will be making Christingles to take home and enjoying a hot Christmas Dinner! Everyone welcome!



Messy Church

We would really welcome any extra helpers in any capacity: kitchen, chatting to the parents, craft help, tidying. We widely advertise our Messy Church sessions and would love to be able to accommodate greater numbers. We currently have approx. 30 people and would love to be able to double this. Please email me katy@christchurchchineham.org.uk if you can help in any way. Many thanks, Katy

123 Matinee Group

Our next meeting will be next Tuesday, 11 December, from 1-3pm as usual. This month we will be celebrating Christmas and everyone is invited to bring along something to share, perhaps a festive reading or poem. Don't worry if you don't have anything suitable as we will have some readings at the group you could use. As usual Trish will be coming to lead us doing our seated exercises, we will sing a few carols and there will be festive refreshments and good company to enjoy.

ECO CHRISTMAS

Jean Wilde has kindly put some information on the ECO-Board in the Welcome Area about how you can be ECO aware this Christmas – there are lots of useful website links that will help you enjoy the festive period and help the Earth at the same time.

Contact Jean if you have any queries about the links, or speak to Gill
Good news: We are pleased to report that Winchester has received the bronze diocesan award - along with Salisbury, Guildford and Birmingham.

Great news especially as one of the criteria is that 5% of local churches need to have already won the eco church bronze award.

Holy Communion on

Tuesday 18 December will be slightly later than usual, at 11.30am, in order to fit in with the timing of the Christmas Lunch at 1pm.

There are still a few tickets available for the Lunch - contact Jan Markey on 356829

In January the lunch club and Holy Communion will be on Tuesday 22nd a week earlier than normal

The Christmas Choir will sing at the Carol Service and Blue Sunday Service.

Confirmed rehearsal dates are as follows:

After 10.30 service on Sunday 9 December and Wednesday 12 December 7.30-9.30pm

Val Whitbread finds it difficult getting all the way from home to church on Sundays, so if you see her standing by the bus stop lay-by near Minden Close on your way here and have room in your car, she would really appreciate a lift the rest of the way.

As you may know, every year as Christmas approaches we join in with other singers at the North Hampshire Hospital to entertain patients and staff on the wards. We have been invited to participate again on **Wednesday 19 December**. If you would like to join in with this joyous and worthwhile event meet us in the **Hospital chapel at 6pm** where we are split into smaller groups and are led round the wards by members of the chaplaincy team. Refreshments provided afterwards

“Blessed are the Peacemakers”. If you've been struck by this promise by Jesus, here's a brilliant opportunity to be trained as a Christian peace-maker, with the Bridge Builders organisation.

Bridge Builders course - Changing how we handle conflict, useful for Lay People and Ministers. Fleet URC 10.30-2.30 running over 4 sessions commencing Sat 2 March. To book your place contact 023 8067 4513 or email bookings@urcwessex.org.uk

Jan Markey has made us aware of biggive.org.uk If you donate to any of the charities listed on their website, the donation will be doubled. Sounds like a good deal!

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

Whilst they now have sufficient volunteers for Christmas Day, the foodbank are looking to increase the team following the departure of a couple of members. If you can help please contact Paula Vallance on 07986 628055

Silchester Carol Service

Sunday 9 December 4pm
Music from Hannington Band, Service led by Rev Dr Ruth Midcalf.
Mince pies and tea/coffee afterwards.

DO SOMETHING AMAZING!

The Blood Donation Unit will be visiting Christ Church on Tuesday 8 January
Times are: 1-3.25pm & 4.15-6.30pm
You can book an appointment at www.blood.co.uk or tel 0300 123 23 23

From the Methodist Circuit Silchester Carol Service

Sunday 9th December 4pm, Hannington Band will provide the music and the service will be led by Revd Dr Ruth Midcalf. It will be followed by mince pies and tea/coffee.

Save the Date – Accreditation Service for Tessa Bennett

A Circuit Service to recognise Tessa Bennett becoming a Fully Accredited Local Preacher will take place at Tadley Main Road Methodist Church RG26 3NJ, at 3pm on Sunday 3rd February 2019.

“Urgently required: our daughter is in urgent need of a set of bunk beds. If you have some that you no longer require I would be very grateful. Ideally she would like wooden ones, which can be also used as single beds. She currently lives in a 2 bed, 3rd floor flat, but is expecting to be rehoused into a larger property, due to her circumstances changing”.

Please contact Katie Garner Katiemr.garner@icloud.com, or 01256 242973. Many thanks.