

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAYS 8th DECEMBER and 15th DECEMBER 2024



Here for Christ – here for you

A very warm welcome if you are joining us today.

Our services are in Church and on Zoom. We usually record the 8am sermon and 10am service and upload them on Facebook later. If you would like to join any of our services on Zoom, please ring 250844 or email Catherine Richmond on services@christchurch-eaton.org.uk for the details.

SERVICES for SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8 am **BCP Holy Communion** (Collect and Readings p.49)
- 10 am **Family Communion** with activities for the young
 - 1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 (Old Testament p.904)
 - 2nd Reading: Philippians 1:3-11 (New Testament p.193)
 - Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 (New Testament p.57)
 - Voluntary: *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland (BWV 599)* - J S Bach
- 3.30 pm **Memorial Service for the Departed**
(in Church and on Zoom)
- 6.00 pm ***NO Evening Prayer***

SERVICES for SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8 am **BCP Holy Communion** (Collect and readings p.51)
- 10 am **Family Communion** with activities for the young
 - 1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Old Testament p.891)
 - 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 (New Testament p.196)
 - Gospel: Luke 3:7-18 (New Testament p.57)
 - Anthem: *Creator of the stars of night* - arr. John Scott
 - Voluntary: *No 2 of Three Liturgical Improvisations* - George Oldroyd
- 6 pm **Evening Prayer on Zoom**

Christ Church is usually open for Private Prayer from 10.30am to 4pm each day

Charity of the Month: *Norwich Youth for Christ* (norwichyfc.co.uk) - Seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus. Please donate at the back of church or online

Please take home a Youth and Children's Work Prayer Card and use it in your prayers

NEWS AND NOTICES

Calling Musicians

We need instrumentalists and singers to help lead the music at the Nativity Service on Christmas Eve, 3.30pm. If you can help, please contact Matt Wright. *Thank you*

Christmas Memorial Service

Patrick leads this at Earlham Crematorium Chapel at 3pm on Wednesday 11th December, followed by refreshments. All welcome

Charity of the Month Thank You

The total sum collected for Tearfund in October was £1,000. It brings the total (for the two churches) for the year to £5,676. Thank you to all who have given so generously.

Mission Geeks in Zambia have written a letter of thanks for receipt of £662 donated by our congregations. The full letter, which includes details on how the money was spent, is displayed at the back of Church.

Please Help Decorate for Christmas

We shall be decorating Christ Church from 9am on Saturday 21st December. Seasonal foliage and flowers welcome. Donations for flowers will be gratefully received. Thank you. *Carrie Phoenix (07780676837)*

Carol Singers Wanted

For services at Chiswick House, 2.30pm on Monday 9th and at the Hawthorns Care Home, Unthank Road on Monday 23rd December at 2.30pm. No exceptional skills needed! Please see John Harrison for more information

WaterAid

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations after the 10am service; £250 has been sent to WaterAid. This is the second donation this year, making a total of £500. *Ruth Vaughan*

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.52)
10 am Family Communion
(Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45[46-55 tbc])
6 pm Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight

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EVENTS

Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 8th ***LAST Foodbank Collection before Christmas***

Monday 9th

- 10.00 am The Clare School Christingle service
- 2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa* - free drinks and refreshments. All welcome
- 2.30 pm Carols at Chiswick House. All welcome
- 7.30 pm PCC meeting

Wednesday 11th

- 3.00 pm Christmas Memorial Service at Earlham Crematorium. *See notices*
- 7.30 pm Advent Course - *Science and Faith: the Big Questions* with Patrick Richmond and Ros Wright at 161 Newmarket Road and on Zoom

Friday 13th

- 6.30 pm Choir rehearsal

Sunday 15th

- 3.00 pm *The Chosen at Christmas* - free refreshments and children's crafts

Monday 16th

- 2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

Wednesday 18th

- 1.30 pm Norwich High School for Girls Junior Department Carol Service
- 7.30 pm Advent Course - *Science and Faith: the Big Questions* at 161 Newmarket Road and on Zoom

Friday 20th

- 6.30 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 21st

- 9.00 am Decorating Christ Church for Christmas
- 1.45 pm Christingle Workshop for children at St Andrew's Church Hall

Monday 23rd

- 12 noon Parishes Office closes for Christmas - reopens 10am, 6th January
- 2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*
- 2.30 pm Carols at the Hawthorns, Unthank Road. All welcome

Tuesday 24th ***Christmas Eve***

- 3.30 pm Nativity Service
- 11.30 pm Candlelit Midnight Communion
(Isaiah 62:6-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20)

Wednesday 25th ***Christmas Day***

- 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion (p.54)
- 10.00 am All-age Christmas Communion (Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-5,9-14)

Notices for Sundays 22nd, 29th Dec & 5th Jan
should be with Catherine Richmond (250844,
notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on
Monday 16th December. *Thank you*

**Donate to
Christ Church**



PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

Morning Prayer is said on Zoom at 9am, Mondays-Fridays

Collect for Advent II

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.

Collect for Advent III

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.

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for the work of Norwich Youth for Christ through youth groups and work in schools. We pray especially for those involved in their online gaming community. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in College Road, Colman Road, Daniels Road and Dover Street (8th Dec) and Eaton Road, Fairfield Road, Fairmile Close and Grange Road (15th Dec).

Climate Change

Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change. Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit,

with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. © The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Transform us, O Christ, to be more prayerful - listening, open and responsive, yearning for God's kingdom come as you taught us; to be more pastoral - reaching out to those in need, shepherds, like you, of the lost and the lonely; to be more prophetic - heeding the signs of the times, challenging injustice, mirroring your radical inclusivity. Amen

The Sick and Suffering

We pray for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, including Bobs, Evangeline Fischer-Harrison, Penny Furze, Susan Gillard, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris and Don Hobbs, Vivien Humber, Paul James, Geoff Morgan, Phil, Dick and Val Rout, Neil Rout, Jonathan Spelman, and Joan Wheatley.

The Departed

We remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us. We pray particularly for the families and friends of Roger Siggee (David Watkins' son-in-law) and Beryl Watkins. Help us comfort those who mourn.