

WELCOME to our service today at Christ Church! We thank you for joining us today as we meet to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that you will be blessed and feel a part of His family here. If you are new please make yourself known to us. Please do fill in the New @ leaflet from the holder behind the welcome desk and pass it to one of the team. Do stay after the service for refreshments and a chat. If you would value prayer for any concern, do see the prayer ministry team who are always available after any service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRIST CHURCH CHILWELL

TODAY	Contemporary Carols at 7pm
December 17th	Traditional Carol Service at 7pm
December 24th	Christingle around the Crib at 4.30pm Midnight Communion at 11.30pm
December 25 th	Holy Communion Christmas Day 9am Family Christmas Service at 10.45am

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17th December	Carol Service 6.30pm
24th December	Crib Service 3.30pm Midnight Communion 11.30pm



SERVICES - 10th December '17

9 AM - Morning Prayer

Hopeful anticipation

Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8

10.45 AM - Communion

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7.00PM - Contemporary Christmas Celebration

CHURCH VIDEO

From now until next Easter Jonathan Walker will be intermittently filming in church services and groups to put together a 'welcome' video for the church website. Please ignore the camera if it is pointing in your direction, and speak to Jonathan if you don't want yourself or your children to be filmed.

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BETHANY - WEDS 13TH DEC

The Bethany ladies group will meet as usual in the church on Wednesday 13th December from 10am-12 noon.

This month is Christmas Craft. For more information please contact Judy Southwell at catnanjudy@yahoo.com

CAP HAMPERS

If you would like to be involved in making a CAP HAMPER this Christmas please collect your CAP hamper box to fill this Saturday (9th) between 9-10am at church.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Fran and Paul (Beedell) would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and to say thank you for all your best wishes over the last year.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

Please join us on Friday mornings from 9.15am in the Upper Room

NEWS

CHRISTIAN AID DONATIONS

For a small donation please take a 'mince pie' (or two) from the tree at the back of church. This replaces the Christian Aid coffee morning to raise a small amount of money towards our street collections. Janet & Gail.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who was involved with Global Gifts on November 18th - those who baked cakes, helped on the day, and came along to support the event. We raised £1094, which will be shared out among our church missionaries. Love from the Mission Support Team (Mary, Ruth, Clare & Ruth).

LET'S STAMP OUT LEPROSY!

Just a reminder that simply by cutting off stamps, we are helping to improve the lives of those who suffer from this isolating and disfiguring disease. Over the last 30 years The Leprosy Mission has raised £1m pounds in this way (£70k just this year).

Please save: Stamps of all descriptions - or indeed whole stamp albums, Postcards - posted or unused, Coins and bank notes, Cigarette cards, Old matchboxes and Medals. It would help me considerably if you were able to trim the stamps with a maximum of 5mm round each edge. The usual box will be at the back of church for your donations. Thank you so much. Chris Roseblade

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you so much to all that helped filling the shoe boxes for this year's Christmas campaign, you were so generous. We were able to take 90 boxes to the warehouse this year, which was a record. Those boxes are being sent to Jelena in Bosnia

There has been some adverse publicity this year about untoward literature being put into the boxes, but we wanted to reassure you that we saw none of this. Our boxes were checked and sealed and then put into larger boxes ready to go on the vans to their destination.

Yesterday I heard a lovely story of a Doctor from Bosnia, now working in this country, who as a young child received a Christmas box from Operation Child. She still has that decorated box and keeps precious things from her childhood in there.

Let's continue to pray for the children who will receive the boxes this year and also for safety for the drivers and teams involved in distributing. Thanks. Dawn Clarke

URGENT REQUEST

It's that time of year when people flock to church (hooray!) and therefore wardens need extra helpers to for welcome. If you would like to assist by welcoming at our big services: carol service on 17th Dec, Christingle/crib at 4.30 on Christmas Eve; Family Christmas at 10.45 on Christmas Day, please see a warden ASAP. Party hats optional.

But also we are in need of someone to run the following:

AV for the carol service; sound for the Christingle; and both sound and AV on Christmas morning at 10.45. Is anyone available? It is of course possible to worship God without the benefit of technology, but the sound/AV desk does make things easier. Love from Penelope and Clint.

WHAT'S IN A JOB TITLE?

Deputy Warden at 10:45' - sounds rather official doesn't it! In reality, there's nothing very official about it at all. The actual Wardens get the fun of all the legal responsibilities, as a Deputy we just lend a hand where needed. Predominantly this means giving Penny and Clint a well-deserved service 'off duty' once or twice a month by ensuring the smooth running of the service, being a point of contact, dealing with any issues that arise and of course locking up once everyone's gone home. There's the occasional evening meeting, but these are few and far between and are a great opportunity to help shape the way we do things. I've had lots of fun getting to know people and would like to thank everyone for their support during my stint. As many of you will know, I've stepped down to concentrate on my new job (Mummy-to-be!) and we're looking for someone to take this role on. Do give me a shout if you're interested in finding out more, Louise.

There are so many ways we might serve the church and support each other. What ways are you serving and supporting? How (else) could you serve and support? ...Do talk to anyone on the staff team of you'd like to know more about ways to serve. Andy Tufnell