



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 message from our Vicar

Christmas is coming!!! Many will be excited about that, some will be anxious about that. We can quickly get caught up in a whirlwind of joy and worry, and lose sight of the reason for the season.

We'd love to see you this Christmas at whatever services suit you best. Why not join us and experience the joyful anticipation of the simple birth of an extraordinary baby, and how that moment changed the world forever.

Andy

There are a number of Christmas services at Christ Church and St Barnabas, everyone is welcome.

CHRIST CHURCH CHILWELL

TODAY	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

ST BARNABAS INHAM NOOK

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

SERVICES - 17th December '17

9 AM - Holy Communion 2

Joyful anticipation. Isaiah 61:1-4 (may include 7-11),
Luke 1:57-66

10.15 AM - Christmas BrunChurch in the Hall.

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7.00PM - Traditional Carol Service

Isaiah 40:1-11

IMPORTANT....

THERE ARE NO 10.45 OR 7pm SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (24th Dec).

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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SERMON FOLLOW-UP

Following his sermon at the 10:45 service last week, Mike wanted to offer a clarification that "correctly understanding and accepting God's will for our life ensures expectations and reality are aligned, and serves to prevent disappointments from occurring in the first place." If anyone wants to discuss any aspects of the sermon Mike, please contact him at

mikefpayne@hotmail.com

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

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

NEWS

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to everyone who helped and took part in Christmas Craft! It was a great afternoon with roughly 65 children plus parents. There was a lovely atmosphere and fun was had by all. Thank you again for your support and help!! Greer

A big thank you to all who contributed to the annual bike ride for Notts Historic Churches Trust. We made a total of £1090 which is a fantastic effort and means that we will benefit by £545 - a sum which just about covers the replacement of the roof felt over the vestry toilet. Well Done! Graeme Renton.

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. We are still in need of welcomers for the Christingle/Crib service and for both Christmas Day services. 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