



**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.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

We want to give everyone an opportunity to encounter Christ, which is why we as a church family send out a Christmas card inviting those in our parish to all that's going on here at Christ Church and at St Barnabas at Christmas time.

The Chilwell Scouts are kindly delivering to many of the streets in our parish in the forthcoming week, but they can't do every street in the parish. Similarly, the congregation at St Barnabas are limited in what it can manage too.

We have the opportunity to personally extend an warm welcome to either/both church(es) over Christmas. As a sister church to St Barnabas, as well as a resourcing church, it's great that we can also deliver to the places they cannot.

If you are able to carve out some time to deliver some cards, it'll be one great way of being that warm welcome that we all seek to offer. Why not do it as a house group or with friends? Ideally, they need to be delivered this week, so please pick up a bundle at the back of church today.

*Andy*



## 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: sound for the Christmas breakfast on 17th Dec; 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.

## WEEK AHEAD

Weds 6th Dec. 10am Men's Fellowship.

Sat 9th Dec Christmas craft in Church.

**SERVICES - 3<sup>rd</sup> December '17**  
9 AM - Holy Communion 1  
Prophetic anticipation  
Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37  
10.45 AM - Morning Worship  
Prophetic anticipation  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
7.00PM - Celebration Service  
Prophetic anticipation  
Isaiah 64:1-9

## NEWS

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral on Wednesday 29th November for Eric Emmerson, also for the many cards, prayers and flowers of sympathy that the family have received. The love and prayers from you all has been of great comfort.

Gail Weaver

### 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. Thank you, Janet & Gail.

### DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Help needed decorating the church for Christmas Saturday 9th December.

It is a fun time do come and help from 08.30 as we need to be finished by lunch time. Please bring ivy, evergreen leaves/fir.

If you can't flower arrange there are other decorations to go up and you could help by making drinks. Thank you Mary

### 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).

### CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS

Christmas Craft will soon be here and we need your help! On Dec 9th from 3-5pm, we need people to help at a craft table, tell stories, serve drinks or help set up or take down. If you can help in any way please speak to Greer or [gejones15@gmail.com](mailto:gejones15@gmail.com)

### 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.

[jony.walker@ntlworld.com](mailto:jony.walker@ntlworld.com)

### PLEASE SEARCH YOUR LOFT!

Does anyone have a very small keyboard which they would be willing to donate (or sell)? A lovely lady resident at Landermeads would love to be able to play one to pass the time. Please contact Chris Roseblade (01159 179699 or mob. 07855912017).

### NOTTINGHAM SOUTH DEANERY

The diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is divided into nine deaneries, and we are part of Nottingham South, which contains 21 churches. Your deanery synod reps got together with others on 22nd Nov, for general sharing, and an

inspiring address on encouraging Christians to pray together. Can we start by praying for the several other churches in our deanery which are vacant, including St Ann's with Emmanuel (who hosted our meeting in their lovely modern space), St John's Carrington, and of course St Barnabas Inham Nook? Also for the Deanery Leadership Team, which has the unenviable task of allocating Giving for Ministry amounts (formerly known as parish share) among all the churches, none of whom are feeling rich.

### RIDE EAST AFRICA '17 UPDATE FROM STEPHEN SCOTT

This week we received an update from Stephen Scott from his 1,000kms cycle challenge from Kilimanjaro to Rwanda, along with a wonderful photo. He says: "I've made it to Kigali but really hard work at times! Day out of the saddle today and visiting genocide museum and bizarrely the new international cricket ground..... nice to have a bit of Wi-Fi!"



### REPAIR OF CHURCH BIBLES

We are looking for a willing small group of volunteers to repair a number of 2011 church bibles. If you feel you could help, please contact the church office as soon as possible. Thank you

### CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

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