

CHRIST CHURCH HIGHBURY

December 3 2017 – The First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Christ Church

If you are new to Christ Church or need to tell us of any change of address, please fill in a Welcome Card on the Welcome Desk and hand it in the Fellowship Room, where coffee is served after the 11am service.

9.00am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Tania Witter

Preacher: Polly Arthur

Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 24- end

11.00am HOLY COMMUNION

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**If you would prefer to receive non-alcoholic wine, please bring this noticesheet with you to the altar-rail*

6.30pm JAZZ VESPERS

Leader: Liz Clutterbuck/John Gilbert

ORDERS OF SERVICE: If you would like a large print Communion booklet please ask one of the Sides people at the back of the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR – For Shirley Clarke and Family, Samantha Thomas, and Eva Newnham (***Names of people to be prayed for appear for four weeks***)

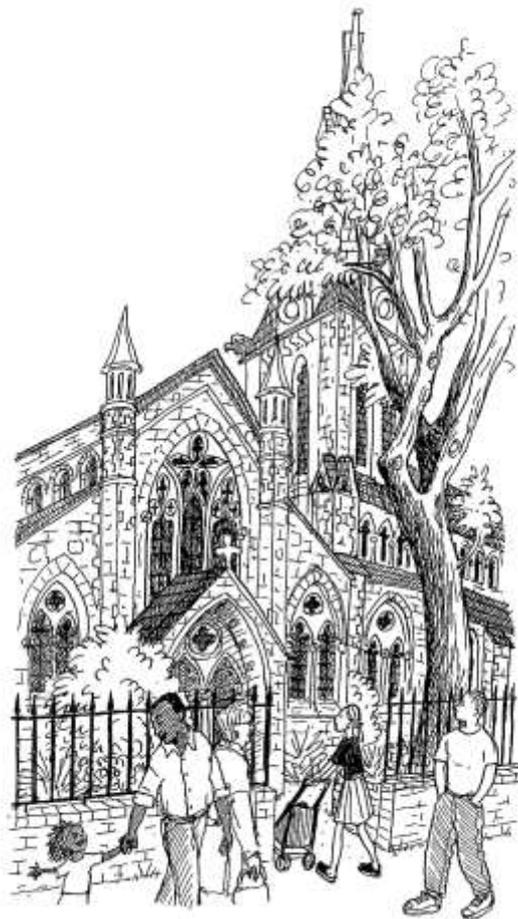
and also our four Mission Links – Cambodia Action, Church Mission Society in the Middle East, Church Army (UK) and the Delhi Bible Institute.

PRAYER MINISTRY: Members of the team will be in the Prayer Corner after the 11am service to pray with anyone who would value this.

MORNING PRAYER – Monday 9am (except Bank Holidays), Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 10.30am, Thursday 9am.

EVENING SERVICES - There will be no Holy Communion and Evening Prayer on Sunday evenings, until a new vicar is installed. However, Christian Meditation (on the THIRD Sunday of the month) and Jazz Vespers (on the LAST Sunday of the month) will continue.

VISITS - Please contact the office if you would like a home visit.



CHRIST CHURCH news

MINCE PIES REQUIRED!: As part of our Carols around the Clock Tower on Wednesday 13 December and the Carols by Candlelight service on 18 December we will be serving mince pies and mulled wine. If you could donate some mince pies that would be a great help. Please bring them on Sunday or drop into the office. We also need helpers to serve so if you're able to help on the night, please can you let one of the clergy or church wardens know.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB: The next lunch club will be held on **Wednesday 6th December**, 12-1.30pm. This will be our Christmas bring and share lunch with carols and games. Anyone over the age of 60 living in Highbury is welcome! To find out more please contact Michelle Paton via the church office on 020 7354 0741. Please sign up in advance at the welcome desk. Hope to see you there.

CRAFT STALL: Back by popular demand, Sue Stevens will be running her craft stall on December 3rd after the 9am and 11am services. As well as all the usually goodies, there will be jewellery by Nikki Fairey and lots of wonderful gifts for Christmas. All proceeds will be donated to the memory café.

HIGHBURY HERITAGE MERCHANDISE IS ON SALE!: Look out for it at church events and various Christmas fairs in Highbury – they make great gifts and stocking fillers. We would be grateful for any volunteers who could sell items after Sunday services. Please let Janet or Jules in the office know if you able could volunteer for this.

PARISH REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE: A short update of work over the last few months on the proposed new Church Centre. Our architects, Matthew Lloyd Architects, have submitted revised plans based on Islington Council's helpful feedback. Updated features include: external wall material to be stone-coloured brickwork, in keeping with church's stonework and retention of church railings against Church Path to retain security of church forecourt. We now enter a new consultation phase until 14 December. During this time, new plans are available to view on the welcome desk from this Sunday (26 November). Do ask Matthew, Pat, Tania or Verity to talk you through them if you wish. You can also see them on Islington Council's website at [Planning Application Search](#) by searching under our application number: P2017/4445/FUL. If you would like to write to Islington Council in support of the scheme, your input would be most welcome - please email our case officer, Emily Benedek, at emily.benedek@islington.gov.uk quoting the application number above. Most importantly, we ask you to pray for the success of this project to help us put 'roots down, branches out'.

HELP PUBLICISE OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Your help to distribute to homes around the parish will be much appreciated. They are next to the Welcome Desk in the fellowship room. There is a list of all the streets covered. Please help us deliver all of them before 3rd December. Thank you.

HOW TO GIVE - Giving from the congregation is our major source of income - over 70% of the total - and vital to the mission of the church. Thank you to all those who continue to give so generously. If you would like to discuss further please talk to the clergy or Evelyn Thomas, the giving secretary. Leaflets explaining the giving process are available on the welcome desk or go to www.christchurchhighbury.com/giving

MORE NEWS...

VACANCY PRAYER: Following the advertisement in the Church Times for a new incumbent we would like to ask the congregation to pray for guidance during the rest of this process. We will be shortlisting at the beginning of December and interviewing at the end of January. For those who wish we will be praying after the 11am Sunday Service every week from Nov 5th –Dec 3rd and will resume on Jan 7th - 21st. Please pray for all of those involved in this decision.

ISLINGTON CENTRE FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS – Is an independent charity, open 3 days a week. Our students, in most cases, have no income or financial support and in the case of asylum seekers cannot work to support themselves. In addition to the teaching of English, advice, support and practical help is given to students. Tea, coffee, lunch are provided and food supplies distributed. Non-perishable food such as instant coffee, tea bags, milk (UHT), sugar, rice, pasta, sauces, tinned meat and vegetables, cereals, tins of tuna, tomatoes, beans, cooking oil (no out-of-date products please) and toiletries can be brought in to Christ Church on Sundays clearly marked for the Centre and either left on the table to the right of the kitchen hatch, or handed to me. All contributions very welcome. www.islingtoncentre.co.uk. Facebook and Twitter (Follow @IslingtonCentre) - Thank you, Christine O'Brien

CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH



Sunday 10th December

11am: Christingle Service with Carols



Wednesday 13th December

6pm: Carols around the Clock Tower

Sunday 17th December

6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

11.00pm: Late Night Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am: All-Age Service with Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH...

December 10 th 2017	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship No Service
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Notices for this sheet should reach the Church Office by 12 noon on Thursday. Thank you

CHRIST CHURCH IS SUPPORTED BY



TIME TO PRAY AND READ ...

Almighty God,
As your kingdom dawns,
Turn us from the darkness of sin to the
Light of holiness,
That we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

MONDAY, December 4	Psalm 50	Matthew 12: 1-21
* For safety on our streets and in our open spaces		
* For those who work in commerce and industry		
TUESDAY, December 5	Psalm 80	Matthew 12: 22-37
* For our memory café		
* For victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice		
WEDNESDAY, December 6	Psalm 7	Matthew 12: 38-end
* For peace in Zimbabwe and wisdom for their new President		
* For victims and perpetrators of crime		
THURSDAY, December 7	Psalm 42	Matthew 13: 1-23
* For our Heritage Centre, all who visit and those who volunteer		
* For those who work with young or elderly people		
FRIDAY, December 8	Psalm 25	Matthew 13: 24-43
* For all who are struggling to keep warm and to feed themselves and their families		
* For those who work for reconciliation		
SATURDAY, December 9	Psalm 9	Matthew 13: 44-end
* For those who are lonely and isolated		
* For those who are close to death		
SUNDAY, December 10	Psalm 40	Luke 1:5-20
* For us all as we come together to worship today		
* For the Church, that we may be ready for the coming of Christ		

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