

# St Christopher's Church Services

## December 2019

<b>Advent Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Readings Romans 13: 11-14 and Matthew 24: 36-44 <b>Theme</b> <i>Keeping watch</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Revd C Collins <b>Remember to bring your cakes!</b>
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<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Readings Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Matthew 3: 1-12 <b>Theme</b> <i>Preparing the way for Jesus</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Revd C Collins with prayer for healing - Steve and Margaret
	5-7.00pm	Tea, chat and pray at the Earlys' 22 Suffolk Close

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Reading Isaiah 35: 1-10 & Matthew 11: 2-11 <b>Theme</b> <i>Blessings from the Messiah</i> Led by Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Miss L Warner
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<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Reading Romans 1: 1-7 and Matthew 1: 18-25 <b>Theme</b> <i>God with us</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Revd J Tonkin
	5.00pm	<b>Traditional Carol Service</b> with mulled wine and mincepies

<b>Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am All age <b>Holy Communion</b>	Reading Luke 2: 1-20 <b>Theme</b> <i>Joining angels and shepherds in praise</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Miss C Griffin
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<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am All age <b>Morning Worship</b>	Reading Matthew 2: 13-23 <b>Theme</b> <i>The refugee Messiah</i> Led by Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Mr C Ndigirwa
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### Christmas Cards

Many people in church prefer to give just one card to the whole church family at Christmas and give the money saved to **Tearfund?**

### Additional meeting for November

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am - Women's Bible Study at the Tonkins

### Diary Dates for December

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Advent 'cake drop' to the Academy
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> - 'Brightstars' lunch club for Yr 5 & 6 Primary Academy pupils
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - Chris & Charles lead **Assemblies** in St C's for Primary students
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> - 8-8:15am - **Morning Prayer**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> - 8-9pm - **Advent Meditations** in Church
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - '**Experience Christmas**' for Marriott Road Primary pupils
- **Carol Singing** at Stonesby Lodge and Nightingale Care Homes (tba)
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - 3:30-5:30pm - **Craft Café** at Pork Pie library.

### Prayer Topics

Give thanks for the life of Pam Smith.

#### Pray for:

- Pam's family and also for Lou's family on the death of her brother
- Sang Youn Lee (Andrew) & family as they begin ministry at St Hugh's, Eyres Monsell
- **Christmas events**, including Advent Meditations, school assemblies, Carol service, 'Experience Christmas' & Craft Café - that God would use these to bless us & others
- **Open Hands'** current **sleeping bag** appeal for rough sleepers
- the Academy & Marriott Road **school staff** as they come towards the end of a very long term
- the frail who are known to us, as the nights shorten and the weather gets colder - Olive, Joan & Sue Stevens
- wisdom, integrity and unity throughout the election
- justice and compassion for all living in poverty at home and abroad and that this will be a priority in the new parliament.

### Regular Activities

#### Little Angels

Mondays and Fridays

9.15-11.15am

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Celebration with Christingles and mincepies**

**Christmas Party**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

(Last meeting of term)

Reopens Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

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#### Coffee Break

**Lunch with Communion**

Thursdays 11.50-2pm

12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> CC

5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> No meetings

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#### Scouts

**Wednesdays**

**Scouts** (aged 10½-14 )

5.30-7.30pm

**Thursdays**

**Cubs** (aged 7½-10½)

5.30-7.00pm

**Explorers** (aged 14-17 inclusive)

7.00-9.00pm

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