

We are here to be and to make followers of Christ.

“Come follow me” Jesus said. Mark 1 v17

Welcome to Christ Church.

28 November

Welcome to our services today at Christ Church.

If you are new to Christ Church, then please do make yourself known to the sidespeople who will be able to answer any questions you may have or direct you to someone who can!!

| Theme | Carry Each Other's Burdens |
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| 8 am | Morning Prayer (MP, CW) Advent Sunday Reading: Galatians 6:1-18 |
| 10 am | Holy Communion (HC, CW) Reading: Galatians 6:1-18 |

If you would like a notice included in this sheet or a prayer for the Prayer Diary, please could you let Sharon Jarvis know by emailing christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk or phoning 01322 221589 by Wednesday and leave a message on the Church answer phone.

Church is a safe place for everyone. If you have any concerns, please contact the Vicar or our Safeguarding Officer for help and advice.

Telephone 07828 082515 or email safeguarding@christchurchdartford.org.uk

At the church this week....

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| Monday 29th November | 9:45am | Housegroup in church |
| Tuesday 30th November | 9:15am 11am 1pm-4:30pm 7:30pm | Toddlers in church Toddlers in church 'Refresh' Café in church Leadership Team |
| Wednesday 1st December | 2pm | Prayer in church |
| Thursday 2nd December | 1:30pm 7:30pm | Housegroup in church Christmas Choir in church |
| Saturday 4th December | 10:30am to 12:30pm | Mini Christmas Fair in church |
| Sunday 5th December | 8am 10am | Holy Communion All Age Worship |

Community Support Fund

Would you like to fund an extra gift this Christmas season for those less fortunate than yourself?

Our Community Support monies are held by the church as a separate fund to help those in need both within the church and those in our local community.

Please consider donating to the fund so that we may, during this festive season, support vulnerable families that have been made known to us.

If you would like to donate, please visit our dedicated Total Giving page – Totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/Christchurchdartford_Community/ **OR** place your donation in an envelope clearly marked Community Support Fund and place in the Collection Boxes mounted in the wall on either side of the back entrance of church.

General Church Notices

Shoebboxes - Thank you to everybody who filled shoeboxes for the Amen trust to go out to needy families in Romania this Christmas. We collected 81 boxes and donated £313 towards transport and administration costs and the work of Amen around the world.

Christmas choir - Rehearsals for the Carols by Candlelight service will begin on Thursday evenings, 7.30-9pm, starting on 18th November in the church. The choir is for anyone who enjoys singing and is for all ages. We will be learning Christmas songs old and new, and will be performing them at the carol service on the evening of Sunday 19th December. Please note, we will be rehearsing and performing in person together, but socially distanced. All welcome!

Could you help to set up and decorate the church Christmas tree? We will be fetching the tree from the basement and setting it up after the 10am service on **Sunday 28 November**. Lots of help needed with this, please. Also, we will be decorating the tree on **Thursday 2 December from 3.30pm** onwards. Come along after school to help; Christmas snacks and drinks will be provided!

This year we will be holding a **Christmas 'Mini-Fair'** in the church building (not the hall) from 10am - 12.30pm on **Saturday 4th December**. Refreshments and pastries will be available (not lunches). Please let Janet White know if you can help out on the day, mainly to cover for the stall-holders whilst they have a break.

We would also be grateful for **volunteers to distribute flyers** in the streets near to the church around 10-14 days before the Fair.

Any donations of **home-made cakes** for the cake stall should be brought on the day and if anyone can bake a cake for 'Guess the weight of the cake' then that would be appreciated.

(Please note that we will NOT be collecting gifts, toys, books, 'bric-a-brac' etc. for the Fair this year.)

The church will not be open for the **Wednesday Private Prayer sessions** during the month of December due to the church hosting Christmas services for schools within the parish!!

The last session will be on Wednesday 1st December and will return on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Prayer Team – Please be aware that Christ Church does have a team of pray-ers who will pray on your behalf, so if you are in need of prayer then please do contact Deb Gibson, via the church office, who will pass on your prayer requests to the team.

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Christ Church is a House of Prayer

Weekly Prayer Diary

| Date | Please pray for..... |
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| Monday 29 th |House Groups, that they may be a blessing and support to all those who attend and give thanks to those who lead these sessions |
| Tuesday 30 th | <p>....fruitful conversations and opportunities to pray with the families attending Toddlers this morning, pray that Toddlers will be a powerful witness to God's love</p> <p>....all who attend the café today to meet with God and experience His love as they spend time in the church, pray that the Café will be a powerful witness to God's love</p> <p>....the Leadership Team as they meet to discern God's plans for our church</p> |
| Wednesday 1 st |our children and young people whose lives have changed inexplicably, ask that God provides people to love, listen and hug them in these times |
| Thursday 2 nd | <p>.... those living alone that they may be comforted in their isolation in the knowledge that God is with them and holding their loved ones in His hands</p> <p>....Catherine and those in the Christmas Choir as they meet to rehearse in readiness for the Christmas services, give thanks for their talents and the beautiful worship that they produce</p> |
| Friday 3 rd | <p>....Richard, Lynne and their families, thank God for all that they do and ask for wisdom and support in their ministries</p> <p>....yourselves, ask God to support and guide you through these times...</p> |
| Saturday 4 th | <p>....those that you know are sick and vulnerable at this time.....</p> <p>....opportunities to speak with people about our services that we are offering during the Christmas season and of the love that God wants to share with us all, give thanks for all those who have tirelessly worked to make this event happen</p> |
| Sunday 5 th | <p>....our services today -</p> <p>8am – Holy Communion with Richard leading and preaching on a theme of “Anticipation and Preparation” - Isaiah 40:3</p> <p>10am – All Age Worship with Junior Church leading and preaching on a theme of “Anticipation and Preparation” – Isaiah 40:3</p> |

Useful Information

Christ Church Office – 01322 221589 Email – christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk

Please note that the lines are not regularly manned, please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Website Link - christchurchdartford.com Facebook Link - facebook.com/christchurchdartford