

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

“Come follow me” Jesus said. Mark 1 v17

Welcome to Christ Church Dartford

20 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	Wilderness: Presence
8am	Holy Communion (HC, BCP) The Sunday next before Advent Reading: Numbers 9:15-23
10 am	Morning worship (MW, CW) Reading: Numbers 9:15-23

Please Note: There is a **supervised crèche** available in the back rooms. You are welcome to leave your baby or toddler with our crèche team whilst you enjoy the service in church.

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...

Monday 21st November	9:45am	Housegroup in church
Tuesday 22nd November	9:15am 11am 1pm to 4:30pm	Toddlers in church Toddlers in church 'Refresh' Café in church
Wednesday 23rd November	2pm 7:30pm	Prayer in church Christmas Choir Rehearsal in church
Thursday 24th November	1:30pm 3:30pm 4pm to 7pm 7pm	Housegroup in church Decorating Church Christmas Tree Just Come Round! in church Alpha Course in church
Friday 25th November	From 9am ???	Christmas Tree assembly by invited groups Preparation for Christmas Fair
Saturday 26th November	10:30am to 1:30pm	Christmas Fair and the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 26th November	4:30pm to 9pm	Alpha Holy Spirit session at St. Peters, Hextable
Sunday 27th November	8am 10am 7pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Presence Service

Supporting Christ Church

You can donate using the QR code opposite.

See our website: christchurchdartford.com/contact-support-us/ for more information about our church finances and ways to support us financially.



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General Church Notices

All are welcome to attend the **Deanery Confirmation service THIS EVENING** at St. Peters, Hextable at 6:30pm.

The **church Christmas tree** is going up **TODAY!!** Could we please have help after the 10am service to bring the tree up from the church cellar and set it up in the church? Please come along and help to decorate the tree on **Thursday 24th November 3.30pm.**

SHOEBOX UPDATE - Thank you to everybody who filled a shoebox, provided baby clothes, knitted blankets or made a donation. We collected 76 boxes, 10 blankets and £305.

Just Come Round to Christ Church Thursdays 4-7pm for dinner. Just Come Round to our place and hang out, chat, play board games with others or get involved in an activity. All ages welcome. No need to RSVP but if you have food allergies or dietary needs that we need to be aware of then please contact Lynne 07592389436.

Rehearsals for our **Carols By Candlelight** service will take place every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, beginning on 2nd November, and culminating with the carol service on the evening of Sunday 18th December. All are welcome to join the choir for this event, but you would be expected to attend most of the rehearsals to be part of this. Please speak to Catherine Mortimer beforehand if you play an instrument, or if you require further details.

Our **Christmas Tree Festival** is to be opened at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November running until Tuesday 13th December. A number of groups attached to the church and local schools have prepared Christmas trees to reflect varying themes and we are very excited to have the opportunity to invite the local community into the church to view them – this is great outreach! Please do come and bring a friend to view the trees, we are hoping to serve tea/coffee and mince pies for all who come. **Opening times** are as follows **Mondays 6 to 8pm, Tuesdays 1 to 4:30pm, Fridays 1:30 to 4pm and Saturdays 10am to 2pm.**

If you can help to host at any of these times please speak with Carol Clements. Donations will be welcomed during the festival with all proceeds going to the Ellenor Hospice

Your help is needed for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

Can you help with the preparation activities on Friday 25th **OR** on the day. If so, then please do speak with Janet or Sharon

Donations for the raffle prizes, bottle tombola stall, **gift quality** items and books to sell (**please do not donate CDs, DVDs or videos**) as well as contributions of cakes on the day of the Fair. Money raised on the day will go to the mission and ministry of Christ Church and the Flower Guild.

Thanking you in advance for your help and support this year!

Please pray for...

Those attending Alpha, that they will be touched by God and want to continue their journey

Our weekly Just Come Round initiative, that its existence will reach the right people, who will come and receive a warm welcome in a warm space. Thank God for those who are helping make this happen

Our interactions with the Guiding Organisation and local schools as they utilise our church for their Christmas events. Pray for Lynne, Richard and Alex as they minister at these events.

Our Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree festival that these events allow us to open the church doors to the wider community and that God's love shines through

Our additional Christmas services this year, may they be an opportunity for people to meet with God and seek more of His presence in their lives

Our wider community and the world during these challenging times and that areas of conflict may find peace

Christ Church Christmas Programme



Sunday 11th December
4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 18th December
6:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th December
4pm Crib Service
11:30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December
8am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion

Saturday 31st December
11pm Watch Night Service
For those who like to bring in the New Year with worship and a blessing

Our services on next Sunday – 27th November

8am – Morning Prayer with Alex leading and Richard preaching on a theme of “Wilderness: Blessing” – Numbers 24:1-13

10am – Holy Communion with Richard leading and preaching on a theme of “Wilderness: Blessing” – Numbers 24:1-13