

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

“Come follow me” Jesus said. Mark 1 v17

Welcome to Christ Church Dartford

27 November Advent Sunday

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: Blessing
8am	Morning Prayer (MP, CW) The First Sunday of Advent Reading: Numbers 24:1-13
10am	Holy Communion (HC, CW) Reading: Numbers 24:1-13
7pm	Presence Service

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.

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 28th November	9:45am	Housegroup in church
	6pm to 8pm	Christmas Tree Festival viewing
Tuesday 29th November	9:15am	Toddlers in church
	11am	Toddlers in church
	1pm to 4:30pm	'Refresh' Café in church
	6:30pm to 7:30pm	Dartford West and Rowhill Girlguiding District Gift Service Rehearsal in church
Wednesday 30th November	7:30pm	Leadership Team Meeting in church
	2pm	Prayer in church
Thursday 1st December	7:30pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal in church
	1:30pm	Housegroup in church
Friday 2nd December	4pm to 7pm	Just Come Round! in church
	7pm	Alpha Course in church
	1:30 pm to 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival viewing
Saturday 3rd December	10am to 2pm	Christmas Tree Festival viewing
	11am	Carols at One Bell Corner
Sunday 4th December	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	All Age Worship

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General Church Notices

7pm TONIGHT - Seek His Presence Night. Our monthly presence service will be a time of worship, teaching and ministry focused on equipping the church family to live out a spirit filled life without being weird. Come with an open heart and open hands and be ready for what Holy Spirit has in store for you!

Our **Christmas Tree Festival** is **OPEN**. 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



One Bell Corner Carols- Dartford churches are gathering together at One Bell Corner to sing carols on **Saturday 3rd December, 11am**. It would be good to have some singers to lead the carols, and so please come along and support this event. Richard also needs help to set up. Please meet him at **8:45am** outside McDonald's if you are able to help with setting up.

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.

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 30th November and will return on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

With the busyness of Christmas our **Tech Team (sound and visual display)** are at full stretch....Would you be willing to join the team? If so, please speak with Richard or Michael Smith.

Do you like having a coffee/tea after church on a Sunday? If so, are you able to join our team to serve them? If so, then please do speak with Sharon. We are looking for another 6 teams of two people so that each team does it once every 3 months i.e. a commitment of 4 times a year!!

If you would like a notice included in this sheet, 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.

Christ Church aims to be a house of prayer, a healing place and a training place – pray for God to fulfil this vision

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 Tree festival that this event allows 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 – 4th December

8am – Holy Communion with Richard leading and preaching on a theme of “The Nativity”
– Matthew 1:18-25

10am – All Age Worship with the Junior Church leading on a theme of “The Nativity”
– Matthew 1:18-25