

Newslink 9th December 2018

9.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Ben Jones</i>
10.30am	Contemporary service with Explosive, Rooted and RiSE	<i>Ben Jones</i>
7.00pm	Evening Service	<i>Joel and Joelle Lane</i>

New to Christ Church? If you are new and want to find out more, please speak to one of the Stewards or Welcomers who greeted you as you came in, or speak to the Service Leader who will be at the door as you leave. Programme, Information and Newcomers' cards are available in the Foyer.

Praying For Transformation In Our Parish. It is time to change the atmosphere in our parish, so we are inviting you to pray for Purley road by road. This week we are praying for **Foxley Lane** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

The week ahead at Christ Church 10th – 16th December 2018

Mon	9.00am	Foyer (Mon – Fri)
	12.30pm	Women's mental health drop in (Philippi)
	8.00pm	PCC (Philippi)
Tue	9.30am	Carousel (Hebron)
Wed	12noon	Thanksgiving service for the life of Tony Bird
Thu	12noon	Midweek Holy Communion followed by optional lunch
	2.00pm	MU Plus
Fri	3.45pm	Extravaganza
	7.00pm	Youth Party (Philippi)
	8.00pm	Christmas Choir rehearsal (Church)
Sat		
Sun	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Carols
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 9th December 7.00pm Evening service interview with The Lanes. Joel and Joelle Lane will be joining us to talk about their experiences following God's calling to live and work in Hong Kong alongside Jackie Pullinger, with their two young children. An informal evening of worship and conversation, do join us to hear their story.

This Week

Tony Bird. The service of thanksgiving for Tony Bird will be held here on Wednesday 12th December at 12noon. The family warmly invite any of Tony's friends from the Church to join them.

Midweek Holy Communion Thursday 13th December 12noon followed by optional lunch.

Special Guest at MU Plus: Thursday 13th December Alison Clark, (married to Bishop Jonathan) who is resident artist at Southwark Cathedral, will be speaking about the role of art in mourning and mending 'Broken Beauty'. The work she will show us was displayed at the Southwark on the anniversary of the attack on the Cathedral.

Extravaganza: Friday 14th December 3.45pm. Christmas fun, games, craft and God! Bookings for the Christmas Extravaganza open the Church website. Book early to avoid disappointment

TFX There will be no TFX this month. We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

The Christmas Lunch on Jesus project gives a hamper, full of high-quality food, to families in desperate need so that they too can have an enjoyable Christmas. Contact Jean Ludlow for details on the variety of ways you can get involved.

Book of the Month: Really Useful Guides: Psalms by Simon Stocks. Filled with a rollercoaster of emotion, the Psalms can be hard to decipher but Simon Stocks seeks to explain the difficult bits, address common misconceptions, show the reader how they can incorporate psalms into their own lives and suggests that they need to be "experienced and felt". Now available from the "SEEDS" bookstall price £6.99.

Christmas Notices

My part in His story

2018

CHRIST CHURCH
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Celebrate Christmas 2018

Christmas Eve
Monday 24th December

4.00pm
Crib Service
Crafts from 3.30pm

11.00pm
Midnight Holy
Communion

Sunday 16th December

10.30am
Family Carols

6.30pm
Carols by Candlelight
Suitable for 10+

CHRIST CHURCH
PURLEY

Sunday 25th December

10.30am
Christmas Celebration
Followed by
Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December
10.30am
An informal service, geared towards all ages

Normal Sunday Services

- 9.00am Holy Communion (No Service on 30th December)
- 10.30am An informal service, geared towards all ages

Christmas collections Our custom is to take a retiring collection at each of our Christmas services. This year we will be supporting:-



Tearfund: Christians passionate about ending poverty. Following Jesus where the need is greatest, working through local churches to unlock people's potential and helping them to discover that the answer to poverty is within themselves. When disasters strike, we respond quickly. We won't stop until poverty stops.



Croydon Refugee Day Centre: Providing a safe, friendly meeting place offering practical assistance to all asylum seekers and refugees in central Croydon. By giving generously you will provide displaced people with help and support.

Bereavement Support Group: Monday 31st December 1.00pm: The Bereavement Support Group will be meeting on New Year's Eve for a light lunch and chat.

Carousel: Help needed Tuesday mornings. Are you free for 30 mins or longer? We need some extras volunteers to further our brilliant outreach...either by setting up chairs/tables/toys or chatting to and welcoming parents/childminders/grandparents or helping with toddler crafts/cleaning up glitter or drinking coffee or making toast/washing up.... A serving heart is all that is required to be part of the Carousel team. We start setting up around 8.45am. The fun starts around 9.30 going on to 11.00am and clearing up from 11.00am- 11.30ish. Interested? Contact Kate Buckley.

School reference requests for 2019 admissions: If you require a Vicar's reference for a school application Christ Church will still be able to provide references for your child's school application during the interregnum. Please make sure that you send/ take a copy of your completed application to the office.

Night Shelter Volunteers 3rd January – 7th February 2019: See website for details on all the ways you can help.

https://christchurchpurley.org.uk/Groups/313663/Christ_Church_Purley/Whats_On/Croydon_Churches_Floating/Volunteers_for_Floating/Volunteers_for_Floating.aspx

Or for more information speak to Liz Sarkodie, Ivanka Lennon or Amanda Shortland after church.

Peaced Together Monday 14th January 10.00am - 12noon: For women, using different creative arts to make beautiful things and to reflect on different aspects of your life, past disappointments and to help you view the future in a positive way. The course runs for 10 weeks (term time only) and the cost is £20 (£2 pw if you prefer) to cover materials, with an additional £5 deposit. Contact Fran King / Anne Scoones / Liz Sarkodie

Giving envelopes

If you are one of our Partners who make regular donations to Christ Church using monthly dated envelopes please collect your 2019 envelopes from the pigeon holes. Thank you.

Gift aid envelopes

If you wish to make occasional donations to Christ Church that we can claim gift aid on you will find envelopes that you can complete in the rack on the wall just inside the church doors. Thank you.

Expense claims / reimbursements

We are rapidly approaching the end of our financial year and it would be greatly appreciated if you could help at this busy time by submitting any receipts or expenses for repayment by **Friday 14th December** so that bank transfers can be made on Monday 17th. Any 2018 claims submitted after this date will be repaid by cheque.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the three items above do please contact me. My details can be found in the church directory or via the church office. Thank you, Kim Watts.

Foyer Coffee Shop • Monday – Friday 9.00am - 12.00noon

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