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Sunday 23rd & 30th December 2018



Welcome to Christ Church

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone.

Services

Today

9.30 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

6.00 pm Carols for Kids
11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.00 am Family Communion

Sunday 30th December

9.30 am Family Communion

Wednesday 2nd January

10.00 am Holy Communion in
St Mary's Chapel

Sunday 6th January

8.00 am Holy Communion in
St Marys Chapel
9.30 am Morning Worship
4.30 pm Messy Church



Refreshments - the service will be followed by refreshments – please do stay and share some fellowship together.

Prayer - people are available in the Chapel after the service to pray with you for healing or for any other needs
Children are always welcome - Flames (Sunday School) meets together in the Headgate Room every Sunday during term time. All primary age children are very welcome and those who are younger too, if accompanied by an adult. Please do ask the door stewards for directions.

Hearing loop – there is a hearing loop in the building. If you use a hearing aid please set it to “+”.

Christ Church Anglican Congregation Vision Statement

“Through our worship, mission, nurture and service we want to enable all people to enter into a living relationship with Jesus Christ”

Diary for this week

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

6.00 pm Carols for Kids
11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th Christmas Day

10.00 am Family Communion

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Service notes

Each week there will be space here for you to jot down any notes you want to make during the service

Welcome:

Please stand

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before us. Awaken your might; come and save us. Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. Psalm 80

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

We light the fourth advent candle - Joy

As we light our advent candle

We thank you for the joy you give.

As we prepare for Christmas time

Light of the world, shine on us.

In the midst of sorrow

Bring joy to our hearts.

To all the people who don't know you,

Light of the world, shine through us.

In this world of pain and darkness,

Help us to find joy in serving you.

In our service here today,

Light of the world, light the way.

Hymn: Meekness and Majesty

We say sorry to God:

Please sit

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:

soften our proud and stubborn hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:

teach us to forgive one another.

Christ, have mercy

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:
Direct us in your way of righteousness.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Songs of praise: Faithful one, Immanuel

Please stand

The Collect:

**Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 39-45.

Please stand

Sermon:

Please sit

The prayers:

Please sit

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace:

Please stand

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory hymn: Still be still my soul

The communion:

The Lord be with you,
and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and give you praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's prayer:

Please sit

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

We share bread and wine together:

During the sharing of communion there will be an opportunity for prayer for healing. If you would like prayer or a simple blessing then please move to the 'prayer place' to the left of the dais where someone will come to you.

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing hymn: Tell out my soul

Please stand

Blessing:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

Amen.

CRAFT, ACTIVITIES, MUSIC, TEA, FAMILY FUN FOR ALL.

Messy
Church

EPIPHANY



With a Spanish
Flavour

SUNDAY 6th JANUARY

4:30PM

CHRIST CHURCH, IRETON RD

Bring and
Share Tea

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Enjoy losing a few of those Christmas lbs
by joining us on the Christchurch New Year's
Walk on Saturday 12th January 2019



This walk starts at The Anchor pub Nayland and sets out over the hills towards the golf club before returning on the St Edmund Way and back to the beautiful Stour valley. It is likely to be very muddy in parts, so please wear waterproof boots. The walk is approximately 4.5 miles. Non-walkers welcome at the pub!

We will meet at The Anchor car park, 26 Court Street, Nayland, CO6 4JL at 10.45 am to make menu choices. The walk starts promptly at 11.00 am. We should be back at the pub by 1.00 pm

In order for us to give the pub prior notice of approximate numbers, please sign in the foyer.

More details from Martin Nelson at:
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07968000075.

Christ Church

Come and join us for an informal evening of curry, beer and chat



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 17th January

EVENING AT 7.30 pm - 10.30 pm

Curry India Tandoori, Crouch Street

Contact: Paul Wakefield or Daniel Cant

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Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

@Christ Church Colchester

Monday evenings

14th January - 25th February

(excluding 11th February)

7:30pm - 9:00pm

Parentalk gives parents time to talk about the day-to-day challenges they face, as well as sharing the things that are going well. Over six sessions, *Parentalk* looks at valuable principles that can be applied on a day-to-day basis with children. DVD presentation followed by discussion time.

For more details or to book, please e-mail
parenting@colchesterchristchurch.org.uk

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Prayer for the Week

Send us out, Lord God, into our bit of the world, to explode joyfully like a cracker and spread the story of Jesus our king. Amen



The World

- We pray for wisdom and peace over the various political tensions around the world.
- The situations in Israel, Syria, Yemen, Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Those areas of the world affected severely with flooding, all those who face lack of clean water, starvation and homelessness.

National and Local

- Our Queen and those who govern our lands.
- Those from our armed forces who are deployed around the world.
- Our emergency and security services
- Those who have concerns over employment, debt and relationships.
- Those affected by crime and terrorism across the country.

Our Church and pastoral needs

- Rev Canon Paul and Glyn Norrington
- Our ministry team
- Give thanks for the life of Bill Bloom. Remember Pat and the family at this time.
- Brian and Marilyn Beattie
- Valerie Denniss
- Those undergoing hospital tests, those recovering from surgery or receiving treatment and those who are unwell
- Those who mourn.
- Those struggling with everyday life both physically and mentally.
- Those who find this time of year difficult
- The Christmas Services

Streets of the week

Please pray for all those who live in Lexden Road, Ashley Gardens, Sussex Road

Pastoral Prayer Care Groups

Please pray for Emma Norrington, Rachel & Giles Saunders, Bradley Powell, Danni Thrower