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Sunday 6th January 2019



Welcome to Christ Church

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone.

Services

Today

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

Wednesday 9th January

10.00 am Holy Communion in
St Mary's Chapel

Sunday 13th January

9.30 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Spirit Space



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 7th January

12.00 pm Funeral for Bill Bloom

Tuesday 8th

9.00 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 9th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Friday 12th

7.30 pm Splodgy Youth

Saturday 13th

Christ Church Walk – see notice board for details

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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

Psalm 34:1 "Come near, you nations, and listen; pay attention, you peoples! Let earth hear, and all that is in it, the world and all that comes out of it!"

Bible reading : Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."^[b]"

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: We Three Kings

We say sorry to God: Please sit

The Lord has come, he has brought light to the things 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 ways of righteousness.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Praise: What child is this?

Interactive Time – Young People and Families Minister
Story, and song from Hamilton School Carol Service - Follow that Star
(on overhead Emma and children to lead)

Good News Stories - Testimonies

Song: Joy has dawned

Our belief:

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us.

Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth

To the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven To be everywhere present,

And his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,

The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,

Life-giving breath of the church,

Spirit of healing and forgiveness,

Source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen

The Prayers:

The Lord's prayer

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

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

Reflection

End reflection with:

How do we follow Jesus in 2019?

All: 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.

Closing Hymn: Brightest and best

Blessing and Dismissal

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from 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.

Spirit Space
Sunday 13th January 2019

Words

Stories



**A Dog Called
Cumberland Grandparents**

A reflection on Aspects of
Nurturing Children in Faith

Led by David Lankshear

Refreshing Views on Fairtrade

reflecting on an
experience in
Nepal

A presentation by
Clare and David
Lankshear
At Christ Church

Saturday 19th January

2.30 pm and 4.30 pm



Light refreshments

All welcome



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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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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Prayer for the Week

Guide me this week, Lord. Speak to me as you will, so I may walk in your ways and lay the gifts of my heart, mind and soul at your feet. 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 and as they gather for the funeral on Monday.
- Give thanks for the life of Bob Humphreys and remember Mary and the family as they gather for the funeral on Tuesday.
- 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.

Streets of the week

Please pray for all those who live in West Lodge Road, Silvanus Close, Victoria Road

Pastoral Prayer Care Groups

Please pray for Leanne & Daniel Cant, Glyn & Paul Norrington, Mary Orriss, Brenda Pearce-Higgins, Pat Prestney