COLLECT: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of ther Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

Prayer this week

The *Daily Prayer Diary* helps us pray for everyone at Christ Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR UNABLE TO JOIN US:

Pat Rowland, Nancy Barrow, Margaret Carlyle, Vera Beecroft, Ada Johnson, Harry Hooper, Lucy Donnelly, Sylvia Clarke, Carol Hayes (Derek's sister)

BEREAVED:

For the families of Thelma Whitfield, Stanley Rushton, Leo McSherry, William McGuire, Marie Bell & Noman Banks

WEDDING:

For Paul & Jemma Buntin who were married at Christ Church yesterday

Many at our 9.00 am service will remember Marie Bell. Marie died last week, and her funeral is at 2.00 pm on Thursday 20th Dec at Landican South Chapel

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Sunday 16TH DECEMBER 2012

Welcome

If you're new or visiting today We hope you feel at home. Please visit the Welcome Desk if you'd like to know more about who we are and what we do as a church. If you haven't filled in a Welcome Card yet please do so. We welcome children to join in Sunday Club during our 10.45 am service.

Today's Services

10.45 am Family Communion - ***Why Mary?***
(Luke 1:26-38)

6.30 pm Carol Service
(*followed by mince pies and mulled wine)*

Refreshments

If you can then please join us after the morning service for tea or coffee in the Parish Centre (the building next door). Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be served in the Parish Centre after the Carol Service.

Prayer Ministry

Would you like prayer for something? Members of our Prayer Ministry Team are available to pray with you today. If you would like prayer for any reason please make your way to the front of church after the service.

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

WHAT'S ON

MORNING PRAYER

Please note Morning Prayer will take place each Monday morning from 8.50 am for a short and simple service of Morning Prayer. Please do join us if you are free.

OPEN CHURCH

Open Church will close on Friday 21st and and will reopen for quiet prayer on Monday 7th January 2013.

'LIGHTHOUSE'

The 'Lighthouse' - please note the Lighthouse is now closed and will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January.

Diary for the week 16th December - 23rd December 2012

Monday	-	1.30 pm Sandbrook Primary School Carol Service
Wednesday	-	8.50 am Orretts Meadow School Carol Service
Friday	-	9.30 am Christ Church School Carol Service
Saturday	-	11.00 am Carol Singing outside Coop (Moreton)
		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sunday	-	10.45 am Family Communion - ***Why Jesus?*** (Matthew 1:18-25)
	-	6.30 pm Christmas Café Church - ***People at Jesus' Birth***

Please see Newsletter or Website for regular activities

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS

Please don't forget all AGM reports for inclusion in the AGM booklet need to be in the office by Friday 4th January 2013. Thank you.

CAROL SINGING

On Saturday morning (22 Dec) we will again be joining with other churches to sing carols outside the Co-op in Moreton between 11.00-11.45 am. It is a great opportunity to share the Good News of Christmas with people in our community. If you are able to join with us please can you let Graham know today. Thank you.

WIRRAL CHURCHES ARK PROJECT will be holding a carol concert with the One Voice Community Choir outside Birkenhead Town Hall in Hamilton Square on at 5.30 pm on 19th Dec, followed by tea and coffee and mince pies in the town hall. Everyone is welcome

FOUND

Money has been found in the Churchyard here, so if you or anyone you know has recently lost some money please contact the Parish Centre Office. Thanks.

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD

Have you signed our Big Christmas Card yet? It is a good way to give your Christmas greetings to all of your church family at Christ Church.

This year all the money we raise through the Big Christmas Card will be donated to the **'Bread of Life'** community project in Birkenhead. They are a charity whose aims are simply to relieve those of our community who are in hardship, or who are sick or aged. They seek to achieve this by collecting donated food and consumables from suppliers such as supermarkets and retailers in the food industry and distribute what we collect on a daily basis.

They also share their Christian faith by their witness and the free distribution of Christian literature and information. All their staff are volunteers and freely give of their time and support. You can find out more about them from their website: http://www.breadoflifecp.org/

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in the Nativity Play last Sunday, making it a very special occasion, and **a big thank** you to Master Chef Steve Smaith and his team for a wonderful Christmas Dinner!