

Advent 2015 at



christ church
moreton

O come, O come Emmanuel!

The start of Advent, and once again as God's people we face the challenge of making the most of this special time of year. Inside this newsletter are some suggestions of ways in which you might do that, and below is a prayer which we have used regularly in Advent for the past few years.

At the heart of Advent has to be recognising who Jesus is, why he came, and how we can have hope through him. Following our series 'God's story, my story', on Sunday mornings we are starting a series on Luke's gospel, showing us how our story can only be complete through Jesus. That should be good news for us – and it is good news which we need to take every opportunity to share. So don't waste Advent 2015 – use it to get ready for the King!

Yours in Christ *Graham Cousins*

An Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am : Toddler Group (close on 15 th December – reopen on 11 th January)
	-	1.00 pm : TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am: Toddler Group - 3.30 pm: S.O.S. (restarts 12 th January)
	-	6.00 - 8.00 pm Foodbank
Wednesday	-	5.15 pm: Rainbows (close 16 th December - reopen 13 th January)
Thursday	-	9.45 am : Keep Fit - 11.00 am : Keep Fit (close on 3 rd December – reopen 7 th January)
	-	1.00 pm : Craft Group (close on 17 th December – reopen 7 th January)
	-	5.30 pm : Brownies (close on 17 th December - reopen on 14 th January)
Friday	-	9.15 am : Mothers 'n' Others (close 18 th December – reopen 8 th January)
	-	2.00 - 4.00 pm Foodbank

Open Church will close on 22nd December and reopen on 5th January
TLC will remain open during the Christmas holidays except for
Monday 28th December
Foodbank will be open except for Christmas Day

Not such a Silent Night!

Christ Church School are holding
community carol singing round the
Christmas Tree on Thursday 17th
December at 5.00 pm. This will be a great
opportunity to share with the community
at this special time of year. Everyone is welcome.



CAROL SERVICES

Several Schools will be holding their Carol Services in Christ Church:

Thursday 17th Dec (morning) – Orretts Meadow School

Thursday 17th December (afternoon) – Sandbrook School

Friday 18th December (morning) – Christ Church School

MAKING THE MOST OF ADVENT 2015:

CHRISTMAS BOOKSTALL



As Christmas approaches, and the search for presents hots up, why not give a Christian book? On Sundays 29th November, and 6th & 13th December we will have a bookstall at the back of church, with books for children, books for adults, and books for you!

We also have a wide range of Christmas Cards, and calendars for 2016.

While buying presents for others, why not pick up a book to read yourself during Advent, to help you keep Jesus at the centre of your Christmas preparations.

Our Bookstall is provided by Birkenhead Christian Bookshop – if you can't find what you are looking for here, why not give them a visit at 14, Grange Road West, Birkenhead.

LIGHT HAS COME – Readings and Prayers for advent.

Produced by the Evangelical Alliance and Mission Aviation Fellowship. Copies are available on the Welcome Desk.

ADVENT READINGS. Christian publisher IVP offer a daily e-mail through Advent. Each day will consist of a Bible verse and a short extract from a recent IVP book. Sign up at <http://www.thinkivp.com/advent>

SERVICES FOR ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2015

Sunday 6 th Dec	9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Zechariah's story, my story?</i> Luke 1:5-25	10.45 am Family Worship <i>Zechariah's story, my story?</i> Luke 1:5-25	6.30 pm Holy Communion Reclaiming Xmas (i) Trees and lights <i>John 1:1-14</i>
Sunday 13 th Dec	9.00 am Morning Prayer <i>Mary's story, my story?</i> Luke 1:26-38	10.45 am Nativity Service (Luke 1:26-38)	6.30 pm Evening Praise Reclaiming Xmas (ii) Presents and Parties <i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i>
Sunday 20 th Dec	9.00 am Holy Communion <i>Christmas songs</i> Luke 1:46-55, 68-79	10.45 am Family Service <i>Christmas songs</i> Luke 1:46-55, 68-79	6.30 pm CAROL SERVICE
CHRIST- MAS EVE		5.00 pm Twas the Night before Christmas	11.00 pm Holy Communion
CHRIST- MAS DAY	10.00 am Family Communion Luke 2:1-20		
Sunday 27 th Dec	10.45 am Christ Church Together Communion <i>Long wait finished</i> Luke 2:22-40		
Sunday 3 rd Jan 2016	9.00 am BCP Communion Vision 2016 <i>Luke 2:41-52</i>	10.45 am Family Worship Vision 2016 <i>Luke 2:41-52</i>	6.30 pm Holy Communion Vision 2016