

**COLLECT:** God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son; grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour; so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015

### 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.

### REFRESHMENTS

If you can then please stay after the service for refreshments of tea or coffee. Refreshments will be served from 6.00 pm before the evening service.

### Prayer Ministry

Would you like prayer for something? Members of our Prayer Ministry Team are available to pray with you today.

### Prayer this week. PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### ***Those unable to join us:***

Rene Hall Rhona Colby, Mabel Raffe, Margaret Carlyle, Margaret Nash, Pat Rowland & Monica Edwards.

***Those sick or recovering from operations:*** Jean Griffiths, Harry Hooper, Wendy Martindale, Ruth Johnson.

***Bereaved:*** For the family and friends of Dorothy Kelly, Alan Mutch, Marjorie Andrews & Joyce Jones recently bereaved

***Mission: Tear Fund*** [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org). Christians committed to following Jesus where the need is greatest. God has called them to serve those living in poverty, regardless of race, gender, nationality or religious belief.

***Please see Newsletter for regular activities***

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### SERVICES TODAY: ADVENT 4

9.00 am Holy Communion - Christmas songs  
(Luke 1:46-55,68-79)

10.45 am - Family Service Christmas songs (Luke  
1:46-55,68-79)

6.30 pm Carol Service

### Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

## WHAT'S ON

### 'OPEN CHURCH' DURING ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Christ Church – your Church – is open daily Monday to Friday 12 noon to 1.00 p.m.

So much to do! Seek a quiet space to hear God's voice. Open Church is closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 until 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

### OPEN CHURCH



### LIGHTHOUSE'

'The Lighthouse' will be closed during the Christmas break.

### DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Christmas Eve - 5.00 pm 'Twas the Night before Christmas  
11.00 pm Christmas Eve Communion

Christmas Day - 10.00 am Family Communion

#### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY:

10.45 am - Christ Church Together Communion  
*Long wait finished (Luke 2:22-40)*

#### SERVICES 3RD JANUARY 2016

9.00 am BCP Communion - Vision 2016  
*(Luke 2:41-52)*

10.45 am Family Worship – Vision 2016  
*Luke 2:41-52)*

6.30 pm Holy Communion - Vision 2016

### THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD



Once again our Big Christmas Card is at the back of church. Rather than sending cards to one another at Christ Church, why not sign the Big Christmas Card, and give your Christmas greetings to all your church family. Then, the money you have saved on cards can be donated to our Big Christmas Card Collection. All the money collected will be shared between Claire House, and the Barnabas Fund's collection for Christians in Iraq and Syria.

### THE CHURCHYARD

You might have seen notices in the churchyard (or in the local press) about the closure of the churchyard, and you might be wondering, or have been asked by someone, what this means.

It is now several years since there have been any new burial plots in the churchyard – any burials, including of ashes, have been into existing graves. When a churchyard reaches the stage where no new plots are available, the church can apply to have it officially closed. This just recognises that no new burials will be possible, but also means that responsibility for maintenance can be passed to the Local Authority.

18 months ago the PCC agreed that we should pursue this, and we are now at the stage of making the public aware. Closing the churchyard will have no impact on access, nor on interment in existing graves, so practically nothing will change when this is finally approved.

### GREETINGS FROM GREECE

Brenda & David Lancaster-Smith send Christmas greetings and blessings to everybody at Christ Church and say they will be thinking about you all this Christmas.