

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 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

If you would like to be part of morning or evening prayer using your computer, tablet or phone please, contact the office.

Morning Prayer starts at 8.30 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Evening prayer starts at 5.30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday

Prayer this week. PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those sick or recovering from operations:

Margaret Yates and Joanne Little .

The bereaved:

Please pray for the family and friends of Pat, Eileen Hughes' sister, for Bob and Pauline Evans on the death of their son Keith. Ken and Yvonne Ashford on the death of Yvonne's mum Enid Squire.

Mission:

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At Christ Church we want to balance being as safe as possible with being as welcoming as possible. In light of the recent developments in the Covid pandemic, we would encourage you to wear a mask where possible, including when singing, but wouldn't want you to stay away or not sing rather than wear one. Similarly please watch out for others who would rather keep socially distanced. Let's be a

fellowship where all of us do everything we can to support one another.

SERVICES TODAY

9.00 am Morning Prayer

Christmas present Isaiah 7:10-17 & Luke 1:26-38

10.45 am Family Nativity

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

19th December

9.00 am Holy Communion

Christmas future Titus 2:11-14 & Matthew 25:1-13

10.45 am Family worship

Christmas future Matthew 25:1-13

4.00 pm Carol Service

6.30 pm Carol Service

PRAYER MINISTRY

Would you like prayer for something? Members of our Prayer Ministry Team are available to pray with you today if there is anything specific you need prayer for. There are also prayer cards by the 'say one for me' box if you prefer.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Is Jesus your Wonderful Counsellor, or do you draw your wisdom from the world?

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 13th Dec	Psalm 40	Isaiah 38:1-8 & 21-22
Tuesday 14th	Psalm 70	Isaiah 38:9-20
Wednesday 15th	Psalm 75	Isaiah 39
Thursday 16th	Psalm 76	Zephaniah 1:1-2:3
Friday 17th	Psalm 98	Zephaniah 3:1-13
Saturday 18th	Psalm 71	Zephaniah 3:14-end



Happy 50th Birthday to Steve Smith on Thursday

THIS WEEK IN CHRIST CHURCH

We will be welcoming Lingham School for Christmas services on Monday & Tuesday morning, and Christ Church School on Thursday morning and afternoon. We will also be holding a service on Tuesday evening with JW Bell Funeral Directors for those who have been bereaved over the past year.



HOPE EXPLORED is a new series from Christianity Explored Ministries. Just 3 sessions, looking at how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus give a hope that won't disappoint us. We'll be running Hope Explored on 3 Monday evenings in January. Is there someone you would

like to bring?

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD

Our Big Christmas Card is at the back of church. For £52 we will be able to provide a family in Sudan or Niger with a goat – see more about it at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/gift-catalogue/give-a-dairy-goat/>

We've made a great start – already we have raised enough for one goat. Let's see if we can increase that



CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday 19th Dec – Carol Services at 4.00 & 6.30 pm
(also streamed at 6.30 pm)

Christmas Eve – 5.00 pm – 'Twas the night before Christmas
11.00 pm – Communion *(also streamed)*

Christmas Day – 10.00 am – Family Communion *(there will also be a Christmas Day meditation on our You Tube channel)*

26th December – just one service – 10.45 am Communion

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who offered to serve mulled wine and mince pies. We will now be able to offer these after the 6.30 pm carol service.

If anyone is able to help once a month at the ladies lunches please speak to Lindsey Lawrence.