

# Christ Church Notices

for the week beginning Sunday 04 December 2011  
2nd Sunday of Advent

## BUILDING FUND NOTICES

**TREE OF REMEMBRANCE** - As you see the Christmas tree is in place thanks to the generosity of Vi O'Leary-many thanks Vi. You are invited to remember your loved ones by entering their name(s) on the baubles provided and consider a possible donation to the ongoing church building fund. Please note that it is not a requirement to make a donation but we would greatly appreciate your support, if you so choose. If you do decide to make a contribution please complete the appropriate application form which allows the church to gift aid any funds that you are giving thus increasing your donation by 20% if you are a tax payer. Please place the bauble(s) on the tree yourself and write in the book of remembrance. Thank you so much for your continued help.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** - This event raised a magnificent profit slightly in excess of £2800. Sincere thanks to everyone who was involved in any way.

**SKITTLES/FISH & CHIP SUPPER** - The profit from this event was £134. Not only did we enjoy ourselves, but we raised money too!

## Christ Church Annex

The builders are making good progress. We need everyone's forbearance during the building works but do notify Graham Croft, Paul Bushell or Sue Wilson if there are any issues which concern you and need to be addressed. PLEASE PRAY FOR SAFETY ON THE BUILDING SITE AND A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO ALL OUR WORK. WE ARE ALREADY IN A PERIOD OF RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF OUR FAITH IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY - THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT !!

## The Collect

**Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and Saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## Prayer After Communion

**Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

*Minister* Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever,  
for you are our light and our salvation.

*All* Blessed be God for ever.

*All* Your Son our Saviour  
was born in poverty in a manger.  
As you promise to bless the poor in spirit,  
help us to trust you  
and find in you our joy and hope.

*Minister* Eternal God, you have made known in Jesus Christ  
the completion of your purpose of love.  
May we live by faith, walk in hope  
and be renewed in love,  
until the whole world reflects your glory,  
and you are all in all.

All **Amen.**

**Today's Readings:**

- 2 Peter 3:8-15a
- Mark 1:1-8

**NEXT SUNDAY**

8.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Parish Communion

**Next Sunday's Readings**

- Isaiah 61:1-4,8-end
- John 1:6-8,19-28

**PRAYER POINTS:**

Please include these items in your prayers this week.

- ▶ Organist's, Band and Choir
- ▶ Our extension completion

**The three churches of this benefice as they prepare to appoint a new team rector.**

**TODAY 4 December at 5pm** You are invited to a **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** in aid of the Childrens' Society. If you are a child, know a child, or have ever been a child then this Christingle Service is just the service for you!

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Christmas morning service at Christ Church this year as we will be hosting Midnight Mass. Instead we will join our friends at The Church of the Good Shepherd to share the Eucharist and we look forward to welcoming Bishop Clive to lead us in our worship. **NB; 9.30AM START.**

**The Week Ahead**

Monday	9.30-11.00am	CC Nursery in Church
	1.15-2.30pm	CC Nursery in Church
Tuesday	11.00am	Funeral of Dennis Clifford in Church
Tuesday	1.00pm	Prayer Lunch
Wednesday	1.30pm	Funeral of Sidney Mantle in Church
Thursday	7.30am	Prayer Breakfast at URC
Friday	9.30am	Holy Communion

**FAIRTRADE GOODS** will be on sale at both services next week. Any special requests to Ann Fulljames (tel. 425710) by Wednesday, please.

**MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE TREE DECORATIONS** will be available - these include chocolates and stickers with nativity scenes which your children or grandchildren can decorate while you read the card with the Christmas story. After Christmas they can enjoy the Fairtrade chocolate!

**Transport Rota** - please let Angela Williams know if there are any dates you cannot cover between January and March 2012.

**Coffee Contact** - please note change of venue for Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Paralympics GB on Thursday 08 December - 10.30-noon. This will now be held at 3 Swallowdale, home of Liz Biddulph. Admission £2.

**Christmas Flowers** - there will be a box at the back of church from this Sunday for your kind donations.

**Carol Service.** The next rehearsal for singers from all three churches will be at 6.15 pm on Tuesday 6 December in Tettenhall Wood URC church hall. John Collins 01902 750800 jtycollins@aol.com

**Christ Church - Giving to Missions & Charities 2011** A list has been put up on the notice board in Christ Church of our Annual Giving to Missions and Charities Paid out in 2011. The list includes all causes recommended by members of our congregation.

**Care and Share Appeal** in support of Good Shepherd Ministry with their 'Food Hampers for Christmas' appeal- Monday 5 Dec at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church. Items of non-perishable food will be gratefully received at the service or between 2.00 & 3.00pm Mon-Fri at the Methodist Centre, 24 School St. Notice at back of church.

**Compton Choir presents:** Graham Kendrick's 'Rumours of Angels' on Tues 20 and Wed 21 December - 7.30pm at Beckminster Methodist Church. See poster at back of church.

**Carols on the Green** - organised by the Covenanting Churches. Saturday 17 December, 10.45am to 11.15am, Upper Green, Tettenhall. If you enjoy singing carols, please join us, followed by coffee and mince pies at Tettenhall Parish Centre, (next to the Library).

**The Revd James Makepeace** is following up his lectures on the Old Testament last year with 3 on the New Testament this autumn. He will take a radical look at the New Testament and address the question:

**How and why did it appear?** The sessions will be as follows:-

7th Dec. and so much more was written.

Time:- 7.30pm-9pm each evening at Pattingham church.

**Pilgrims Progress to the Holy Land** on 3 May 2012 with Roger Balkwill. For application forms please contact Betty Smith at The Good Shepherd or Hilary Moore on Tel: 01902 892856.

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