

Christ Church Notices

for the week beginning Sunday 11 December 2011
3rd 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 !!

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The Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts:
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before your face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. 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 **Blessèd be God for ever.**

As the candles are lit

All **The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
As we too seek for your presence
help us to 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:

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

Next Sunday's Readings

- Romans 16:25-end
- Luke 1:26-38

PRAYER POINTS:

Please include these items in your prayers this week.

- ▶ Our spiritual preparation for Christmas
- ▶ The homeless in our area

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

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	2.00pm	Ladies Fellowship*
Wednesday	1.00pm	Prayer Lunch
Wednesday	2.00pm	Mothers' Union**
Wednesday	8.00pm	Old Lane House Group***
Thursday	7.30am	Prayer Breakfast at URC
Friday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday	12 noon	Funeral of Louie Illidge in Church

FAIRTRADE GOODS will be on sale at both services TODAY. 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!

***Ladies Fellowship** - Monday 12 December at 2pm at the Royal Oak. Advent Devotions with Revd Olwen Smith. All welcome.

*****The Old Lane Housegroup** will meet on Thursday 15 Dec at Glendale, Old Lane. 8.00pm Please bring some " nibbles" to share! We celebrate the coming of Christmas !!

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

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

****MOTHERS' UNION** - will be meeting at the URC at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 15 December, when Joy Dipple will be leading us in worship for our Christmas devotions. This will be followed by tea and mince pies. Everyone welcome! Our latest collection of toiletries for the 'Haven Homes' will be on Sunday 11 December. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed. These gifts will be most appreciated by women suffering great sadness and hardship at this time of year.

Children Society boxes yield over £700. Thank you for the generous and kind donations to the Children Society and we would be pleased if you would collect your empty boxes from the Church (near the book stall area). If your box has not yet been emptied this year please can you bring it into Christ Church. Next collections will be collected by 31 October 2012.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS There will be collections for Christian Aid at the Carol Service on 18 Dec at Good Shepherd, at Midnight Communion on 24 Dec at Christ Church, and on Christmas Morning at Good Shepherd. If you are bringing your usual weekly envelope then, please bring some extra to give to Christian Aid, to help the world's poorest at this time. You will be able to gift-aid this. Many thanks.

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.

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).

Healing Course - Pippa is going to run a course on Healing starting in January. It will take place at The Good Shepherd at 11.00am on Fridays, and last for one and a half hours. Dates as follows:- 6 January, 13 January, 20 January, 27 January, 3 February & 10 February.

