

# Christ Church Notices

for the week beginning Sunday 18 December 2011  
4th 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!

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## The Collect

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer After Communion

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

*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.

*As the candle is lit*

*All* The wise men followed the star  
to find Jesus the King.  
Guide us on our journey  
that we also may find him  
and offer our gifts and our worship.

*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:

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

### Readings for Christmas

#### Eve:-

Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:8-20

### Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10 John 1:1-14

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

Please include these items in your prayers this week.

- ▶ The Haven & The Brothers work
- ▶ Peace in Syria
- ▶ Christians in Palestine

**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

Thursday	1.00pm	Prayer Lunch
Thursday	7.30pm	Annex get together (see separate sheet)
Friday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday	5.00pm	Crib Service

**Christmas Cards** Please check the post rack at the back of church and take away any cards you may have.

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:-** Sunday 1 January 2012 - Eucharist service at Christ Church - **9.30am start.** We will be joined by The Good Shepherd - **No Service at Good Shepherd.** NO COMMUNION at Christ Church on 8 January 2012.

**Social Gathering** to discuss any ideas we may have to improve the crèche service we offer at church. Anya Ellersiek has kindly offered to host the gathering at her house, 50 Long Lake Ave., Tettenthal Wood on Sunday 15 January 2012 at 8.00pm. Please let Anya know if you will be attending - Tel: 742870.

**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.

**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.

**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.

