Christ Church Notices

BUILDING FUND NOTICES

TREE OF REMEMRANCE - 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.

HAPPY NEW ANNEX! FROM THE BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

Find us online at: www.christchurchtettenhallwood.co.uk email: <u>contact@christchurchtettenhallwood.org</u> Parish Office: <u>01902 238988</u> for the week beginning Sunday 25 December 2011 Christmas Day

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

Prayer After Communion

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE (4 Advent candles already lit)

Loving God,

on this night our Saviour was born,

and those who live in darkness see a great light!

The candle is lit.

Lord Jesus, Light of Light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest!

Today's Readings:

- Isaiah 9:2-7
- Luke 2:1-14

Next Sunday's Readings

Luke 2:15-21

PRAYER POINTS:

Please include these items in your prayers this week.

- ▶ The work of Freespirit & Compassion with children
- Peace in Egypt
- Christians in Saudi Arabia

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

The Week Ahead

Friday 1.00pm Prayer Lunch Friday 9.30am Holy Communion

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

<u>Social Gathering</u> 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., Tettenhall Wood on Sunday 15 January 2012 at 8.00pm. Please let Anya know if you will be attending – Tel: 742870.

<u>Children Society boxes</u> 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.

Would anyone be prepared to give a home to an elderly greyhound? She belonged to Lady Barbara (Patshull) who is now living at Sunrise. The dog is 12 but she is fit and well, and very peaceful and undemanding - warmth and a comfortable bed/sofa are main requirements. If anyone took her on the family would continue to pay her insurance and any vets bills. Contact Pippa. <u>Christ Church - Giving to Missions & Charities 2011</u> 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.

<u>Healing Course</u> - 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.

<u>**Pilgrims Progress to the Holy Land**</u> 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.

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD NOtices for the week...

SERVICES AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9.30am Service at Christ church. No service at Good Shepherd

Prayer area for this week: - The Avenue, York Road

OTHER EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Thursday 1.30pm - Fitness Group

<u>Please note</u> Class now closed until further notice.

<u>Amnesty Greetings Cards Campaign</u>. Please spare a few moments to send a prisoner of conscience a card letting him /her know that he has not been forgotten. It is as important that their captors are reminded that their prisoners have friends in the world who are aware of their situation. For more information please contact Sally Brockley on 654107.

Remember we are ONLINE at

www.goodshepherdcastlecroft.co.uk

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