

# Christ Church Notices

for the week beginning Sunday 27 November 2011  
1<sup>st</sup> 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.** Those involved will no doubt be very tired this morning but we are sure it has all been worthwhile. THANKS TO THE MANY MEMBERS OF OUR WONDERFUL CONGREGATION WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY. Just as soon as we know the financial result we will let you know.

## 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,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Prayer After Communion

O Lord,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## This week's readings:

- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Mark 13:24-end

## LIGHTING THE 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.

All Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts,  
be king of our lives today.

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.

### NEXT SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Sunday Praise

### Next Sunday's Readings

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

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

Please include these items in your prayers this week.

- ▶ Crisis & Shelter Charities
- ▶ Our Wardens and all who lead worship

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

### The Week Ahead

#### **Tuesday Familiarization Day**

Tuesday 1.00pm Prayer Lunch

Thursday 7.30am Prayer Breakfast at URC

Friday 9.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 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!

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

**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.

**Christmas Carol Service rehearsals** in the URC meeting room 6.15pm to 7.00pm Tuesday 29 November. Please contact John Collins (01902 7500800) for further information.

**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.

**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.

### **Barbara Joan Smith RIP**

A huge thank you to everyone at Christ Church who visited Barbara/Mum or who helped in any way at all with her funeral arrangements. We have felt greatly blessed by the ministry of all at Christ Church, both before she died and since. The amount donated to the Mothers' Union Overseas Fund in her memory was £690 of which £215 was Gift Aided. THANK YOU so much for your generosity to the Mothers' Union, of which she had been a member for over 60 years. She is greatly missed.

Olwen, John and Anne Smith

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