

SERMON NOTES



16th December 2018

A warm welcome to Christ Church - especially if you are visiting us today. We hope you will feel at home among us.

During the morning service, for parents and carers with younger children, there is an unsupervised crèche available in the church lounge.

Today at Christ Church

9.30am Prayer meeting

10.45am **Morning Service**
Sunday Gang-led service
The second coming of Jesus

12.00pm 20's plus lunch

6.00pm **Evening Service**
Carols by Candlelight

Please take this sheet home with you to help you to pray for all the people and activities at Christ Church throughout the week.

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This week at Christ Church

Mon	17 th	10.00am	Take a Break: coffee morning
Tues	18 th	7.30pm	Impact
Wed	19 th	9.30am	Parent & Toddlers
Sun	23 rd	9.30am	Prayer meeting
		10.45am	Morning Service (HC) Family ties <i>Matthew 1:1-17</i>
		6.00pm	Evening Service Its urgency <i>Luke 19:11-27</i>
		7.30pm	BLAST
Mon	24 th	6.00pm	Christingle service
Tues	25 th	10.00am	All-Age service God with us <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>
Sun	30 th	10.45am	Morning Service Keeping on keeping on <i>Hebrews 2:5-18</i>
		6.00pm	Evening Service Its invitation <i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>

Christmas services

Please note the details of our Christmas services. We will be meeting as usual on Sundays. On Christmas Eve, we hold our annual Christingle service at 6.00pm. This is a short service for all ages. Do take invitations to pass on to family, neighbours, etc. On Christmas Day, we meet at **10.00am** - do come and bring one of your presents to show us! There will be a short service of Holy Communion at 11.00am.

Christianity Explored

We will be running at least one course starting in January. If you've never done the course before, why not come along to our taster evening on Monday 21st January at 7.00pm. Dependent on demand, we would also like to run a daytime course. For more information, speak to Andrew.

Giving

We don't take a collection at any of our services. If you are new or visiting, we don't want you to feel you have to give. But if you would like to give to the work of the church you will find an offering plate at the back of church. If you are a UK taxpayer please consider using a Gift Aid envelope enabling us to claim the tax back on your gift at no extra cost to you. To commit to giving regularly please take a standing order form or speak to our treasurer, Steve Shaw.

Christmas card

As an alternative to sending multiple individual cards to church family members, there is a Christmas card available on the noticeboard for all to sign. Why not give what you would have spent on cards to Crosslinks via their website or via Cathleen Rawcliffe?

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 16th

Pray for our services today - especially for guests who will be joining us.

Monday 17th

Pray for the visit of St Matthew's school children this morning - and for Fiona as she speaks to them.

Tuesday 18th

Pray for our government during this time of upheaval and uncertainty.

Wednesday 19th

Pray for Parents and Toddlers meeting for their Christmas party - for the Lord to be at work in the lives of the families we serve.

Thursday 20th

Pray for Sangeeta Verma as she leads Christmas activities among families in their area of Delhi.

Friday 21st

Pray for growth in our children's ministry - on Sundays and midweek.

Saturday 22nd

Pray for people living on the Waterside estate, including people you may know.

I'm new here!

If today is your first time with us, we're delighted that you're here. We hope you'll come again!

To help us get to know you, we'd be grateful if you'd spend a moment to give us a few details about yourself.

I'd like... (please tick as appropriate)

- to find out more about the Christian faith
- prayer for ...
- a visit from someone in the church
- anything else?

Name:

Address:

Tel:

email:

Please tear off this slip and give to one of the service leaders before you leave.
Thank you!