

## PRAYERS

*Please remember in your prayers:*

+ Naomi Baguma	+ Noel Jackson
+ Orlean Bishop	+ Norman Johnson
+ Lorna Brotherston	+ Betty Kimber
+ Joan Caney	+ Sheila Murphy
+ Joan Chaplain	+ Lynne Potter
+ Len Chaplain	+ Ingrid Quartey
+ Sue Cook	+ Doreen Rawlings
+ Stella & Vic Cowie	+ Judy Rawlings
+ George Curtis	+ Hannah Rich
+ Iris Frank	+ Ross Simpson
+ Lorraine Gonsalves	+ Jacquie White
+ Lilian Grant	+ John Williams
+ Una Harvey	+ Freda & Fred Wood
+ Jan Hughes	+ Diane Woodward
+ Paschal Hussey	+ Yvonne Wilson

+ Christ Church, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Iraq, the conflict in Afghanistan & our armed forces

+ Michelle Macartney & Martin Mullane married at the Whitgift Almshouses yesterday

### Services this week at CPC 21 December – 26 December 2009

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
Tuesday	1.10pm	Eucharist
Wednesday	11.00am	Eucharist (BCP)
	4.30pm	Evensong-Whitgift House
Thursday		
Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Friday		
Christmas Day	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	11.45am	Eucharist-The Almshouses
Saturday		
St Stephen	10.00am	Eucharist

### Next Sunday, 27 December 2009

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas*

*St John, the Apostle & Evangelist*

08.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	Exodus 33:7-11a; Psalm 117; 1 John 1; John 21:19b-25
6.30pm	Evensong to Chants

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## SIREN

Sunday 20 December 2009

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

08.00am	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Revd Geoffrey Thompson</i>
09.50am	<b>No Sunday School this morning</b> <b>Crèche meets in the small hall</b>
10.00am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> <i>(Men's voices)</i> <i>Celebrant: Revd Geoffrey Thompson</i> <i>Preacher: Revd Geoffrey Thompson</i> <b>Hymns: 48, 407, 188, 9</b> <b>Setting: Messe cum júbilo – Duruflé</b> <b>Reader: Keith Bailey</b> <b>Intercessor: Diana Hemmings</b> <b>Motet: Behold the Virgin – Tavener</b> <b>Voluntary: Allegro from Symphonie 2 – Vierre</b>
11.30am	<b>Matins at the Almshouses</b> <i>Margaret Davies</i>

Coffee, tea & squash will be served in the church hall after the 10.00am service

3.30pm **Christingle - Sunday School**  
*(in the church hall)*  
*Revd Sara Goatcher*

6.30pm **Readings & Music for Christmas**

## Today....

*If you are new, please complete a 'Blue Welcome Card' which is available at the back of church. Please ask a sidesperson for details. Sidespeople wear red badges*

**The December/January magazine** is available today: 80p

**The Church Times** is available each week at £1.25

**The Bridge Newspaper** (free) is available

*You can now donate online to Croydon Parish Church via JustGiving. Please visit our website (address overleaf)*

**Giving to and through the Church** At Croydon Parish Church, planned giving schemes enable members of the congregation to contribute regularly to our mission and ministry. To join a planned giving scheme, please ask Denise in the Parish Office for a form. If you do not worship regularly at CPC and are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your offering at today's service by using one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided. Thank you.

**Thursdays at 10am** – No Mini Movers this week  
**Sponsorship of the church flowers**– forms available at the back of church or from the Parish Office  
**Westminster Abbey Pass**–available from the Parish Office  
**Ironing** – Enquiries to the Vicar or the Parish Office  
**CD's of 'The Way'** – Lenten Cantata by Martin How are still available from the Parish Office – price £12.00. Copies of the words booklets are available – price £1.00

**Parish Christmas Card & Newsletter** Thank you to everyone who has helped with this delivery.

**Thank you** to Melvyn Mead, Nicola Rowley & Maxine Symonds who set up for the refreshments following the Town Carol Service and to Lucy Sullivan who was visiting, Diane Edwards, Diana Hemmings, the Vicar and Sue & Dick Hyde who helped clear away and to Drew who came and offered his help.

**The Christmas Coffee Morning** raised £1345.60 – thank you to Diana Hemmings who organised this event and all who helped and attended the Coffee Morning last weekend.

**Bags for Life** (£5) & **Tea Towels** (£4) are available at all times from the Parish Office and we now have mugs which will be on sale this morning.

**Christmas Present** You will have read the Treasurer's Financial Matters report in the magazine and know that we are again facing a substantial deficit this year. We will have no savings left at the end of the year to balance the books so if you can, please consider donating a 'Christmas Present' gift to your church. Any sum, large or small, will make a difference. Remember that you can gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer by placing your donation in one of the gift aid envelopes provided and writing on the front 'Christmas Present'. Thank you.

**Tuesday 22nd December 7.00pm** Carols Round the Wards at Mayday. Assemble in the Hospital Chapel If you are interested in joining us please do let us know - 020 8401 3105 or [hilary.fife@mayday.nhs.uk](mailto:hilary.fife@mayday.nhs.uk) Please can all singers wear a short sleeved shirt or one with sleeves that can be

easily rolled up and no watches/bracelets. This is so that warm outer jumpers/coats can be left in the Chapel and all of us can be bare below the elbow on the wards to comply with infection control procedures. Mulled drink and refreshments will be served on their return from the wards.

**Wednesday 23 December** – the church will close at 12noon today because the staff will be going out to lunch.

**Sunday 3 January 2010** – BBC1's [The Big Question](#) will be broadcasting live from Whitgift School in South Croydon. If you would like to be part of the audience please contact Charlie Bullock on 01414 226131 or email him on: [Charlie.bullock@mentorn.com](mailto:Charlie.bullock@mentorn.com)

**Young Adults at CPC** A new group for those aged (roughly!) 20 to 35. The format and timings are all open for discussion but to get things started, you're invited to dinner on Thursday 28 January at 7.30pm. Food and drink provided (suggested contribution: £2). All you need to bring is the conversation. RSVP to Christopher Grinbergs at [cjgrinbergs@hotmail.com](mailto:cjgrinbergs@hotmail.com) or via Facebook.

**Parochial Church Council** Did you know that PCC Minutes and Minutes of the new Working Groups can be viewed in the Parish Office? Please come and ask if you would like to read them.

Please save your plastic **milk bottle tops** whether blue, green, orange or red and bring them (washed) to the Parish Office. These are needed to raise funds for a child who needs a special machine to help her breathe which costs £10,000. For every 360,000 - £25.00 is raised so we need everyone's help please – thank you.

**Retreat 2010** – we have booked the weekend 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> January at The Centre just outside Edenbridge. Please sign the list under the tower if you would like to attend. Details from Fr Geoffrey.

**Trip to the Holy Land – 17-27 October 2011** Fr Tim is organising a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October 2011, which will last for 11 days. If you wish to book a place, view a copy of the planned itinerary or receive more information (including the potential cost) please complete a form from the back of church and return it to Fr Tim.

*Our Parish Clergy are available should you need to talk to them, they are:*

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