



**DAILY READINGS  
COMMENCING 22.12.2008**

**Mon** Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127  
Isaiah 52:13-end of 53 2 Pet. 1:1-15

**Tues** Psalms 128, 129  
Isaiah 54 2 Peter 1:16-2:3

**Wed** Psalms 45, 113  
Isaiah 55 2 Peter 2:4-end

**Thur** Psalms 110, 117  
Isaiah 62:1-5 Matt. 1:18-end

**Fri** Psalms 13, 31:1-8, 150  
Jeremiah 26:12-15 Acts 6

**Sat** Psalms 21, 147:13-end  
Exodus 33:12-end 1 John 2:1-11

**CHURCH OFFICE**

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Mon - Fri 9:15am-1:00 & 2:00-3:45pm  
If you want to place something in the  
Church Notices send to the office by  
email, or in writing, by **Wednesday 12:00  
noon** please.

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**Services at Christ Church this week  
21.12.2008**

**earlychurch@9am** Holy Communion  
or Morning Worship with Anglican  
Liturgy, Hymns and Sermon.  
*This week:* Holy Communion 2  
*Theme:* Messiah  
Hebrews 9:11-15 John 8:21-30

**allagechurch@10:30am.** Lively  
worship for all ages. Crèche is  
provided every week with Children's  
Groups most weeks.  
*This week:* All age worship  
*Theme:* Messiah  
Hebrews 9:11-15

4.30pm Carol Service

**latechurch@7pm.** Informal and  
contemporary worship.  
*This week:* Carol Service

The Prayer times at Christ Church for  
weeks (during term time):

**Monday 9:00-9:45am** In the Chancel  
**Friday 9:00-9:45am** In the Lower room

**Pathway**

**together@10:30am** Pathway meets at  
Inham Nook Methodist Church on  
Pearson Avenue (Inham Road).

For more information please contact  
the Pathway leadership team:  
leaders@pathwaychilwell.org.uk or  
phone 07005980929  
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programme

**There will be no service on 28th  
December.**



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**21st December 2008**

**WELCOME !!** Thank you for joining us today as we meet to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that you will feel part of His family here. If you are new please make yourself known to us – there are welcome cards at Christ Church on the table by the door to complete and hand in if you wish. Please do stay with us after the service for refreshments and a chat or if you would value prayer with the prayer ministry team who are always available after the service.

**CHRISTMAS UPDATED**

(with homage to John Betjeman)

The sustainable spruce from Norway  
And flashing santa from B&Q  
Will soon be mounted in the bay  
With chocolate elves from Thorntons too  
So that the neighbours can say  
"That house looks nice," on Christmas Day

And is it true? And is it true?  
The most tremendous tale of all  
Seen in santa's grotto queue  
A baby in an Ox's stall  
The maker of the stars and sea?  
Became a child on earth for me?

And Beeston shops on Christmas Eve  
Are strung with sparkling lights of neon  
As hurrying girls their check-outs leave  
To get their party kit on  
And heaving taxis go skidding by  
As tanked up blokes see if they can fly

And is it true? For if it is  
No last minute panic present wrapping  
No popping champagne bottle fizz  
Nor TV chef's Christmas stuffing  
Chocolate box or something smelly  
Nor naff CD from off the telly

And girls in skinny jeans remember Dad  
And hoody lads remember Mum  
And sleepless children's eyes light up  
And Christmas morning bells say "Come!"  
Even to loaded ones who's seat  
is an overpriced top floor suite

No love that any family share  
Can with this single Truth compare -  
That Jesus Christ is Alive Today  
And hears and answers when we pray.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LATEST MOMENTUM FIGURES.**

As of December 14th we have received £17,686 in gifts and an increase of £8,649 in regular giving. In these challenging times this is a fantastic response and the warden's and I express our thanks to all those who have given so generously. Please pray for the PCC as we deploy resources in 2009.  
Alan Howe

### **DON'T FORGET THESE FORTHCOMING SERVICES:**

Today at 4.30pm and repeated at 7pm is Christ Church **Carol Service**.

On Christmas Eve at 4.30pm is the **Crib Service** and at 11.30pm is

**Midnight Communion**.

Celebrations on Christmas Day are at 9am for Communion and 10.30am for a family celebration.

There will be normal services at 9am, 10.45am and 7pm on Sunday 28th December.

### **CHURCH DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

The PCC at it's November meeting reviewed the church Data Protection Policy which safeguards the information we hold. It was decided to revert to our old practice whereby the Parish Office, in consultation with the Vicar, will give out basic contact details (including telephone number) of any *adult* member of the Church to any other member of the Church who needs them. A copy of the Policy is available to be read at the back of Church. If, having read the Policy, you still have concerns relating to this change please contact the Church Office by Wednesday 23rd December.

### **OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

The Church Office will be closed on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Monday 5th January.

### **THE GREAT BIG NEW YEAR BREAKFAST**

The first ONE service of 2009 - 10.45am in Church on Sunday 4th January. Welcome in the new year with a bacon butty!!

### **ALPHA**

There will a new alpha course starting in January. Please be thinking and praying about who you can invite. The introductory evening is on Tuesday 13th January at 7.30pm at St Barnabas, Inham Nook.

### **PARISH PRAYER EVENING**

The next Parish prayer evening is on Monday 19th January at Christ Church at 7.30pm.

### **FIRST FRIDAY: TIME AND SPACE FOR GOD**

WHERE: Methodist Church Centre, Pearson Avenue, Inham Nook

WHEN: Friday 2nd January 2009

TIME: 7.30-9.30pm (but come and go at any time during the session).

Various activities available, some meditative, some interactive, or just come to take time out and relax. All ages welcome. For more information contact: [leaders@pathwaychilwell.org.uk](mailto:leaders@pathwaychilwell.org.uk)

### **THANK YOU, THANK YOU...**

..to Bethany members and all who supported our cards, carols and cake morning, last week. A cheque for £575 will be sent off to this year's charity Hope and Homes for Children.

### **PRAY FOR ST JUDE'S MAPPERLEY**

Please pray for their search for a youth worker to work with a number of boys aged 14-18, and also for their open youth group on Wednesday—a challenging group. Pray for love and understanding and wisdom for the leaders. Please pray for the search for a Worship Team leader with enthusiasm for new music. Also for their Money Matters team, trying to help those in the community with debt problems. Pray that the right people will seek their help.

### **SOUL SURVIVOR 2009**

A group will be going from the Parish to Week A (Fri July 24th - Weds 29th) which will be at Stafford Showground. This Christian Festival is for young people from year 9 upwards. Various group leaders will be going for some or all of the time. The price excluding food and transport is £75 if you book before 30/1/09, £84 if you book before 30/04/09 and £92 thereafter. Please see your group leaders for more information.

### **\*\*STOP PRESS!\*\***

...Hope Community Gospel Choir invite you to their First Birthday gig, Saturday 21st Feb 2009... watch this space in the New Year for details...

PLEASE CHECK THE PIGEON HOLE BOX FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS.