



**DAILY READINGS
COMMENCING 01.12.2008**

Mon	Psalms 47, 147:1-12 Ezekiel 47:1-12	John 12:20-32
Tues	Psalms 80, 82 Isaiah 43:1-13	Revelation 20
Wed	Psalms 5, 7 Isaiah 43:14-end	Revelation 21:1-8
Thur	Psalms 42, 43 Isaiah 44:1-8	Revelation 21:9-21
Fri	Psalms 25, 26 Isaiah 44:9-23	Rev. 21:22-22:5
Sat	Psalms 9, 10 Isaiah 44:24-45:13	Rev. 22:6-end

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**Services at Christ Church this week
30.11.2008**

earlychurch@9am Holy Communion
or Morning Worship with Anglican
Liturgy, Hymns and Sermon.
This week: Holy communion 2
Theme: Listening
2 Thess. 3:1-5 John 9:13-34

allagechurch@10:30am. Lively
worship for all ages. Crèche is
provided every week with Children's
Groups most weeks.
This week: Morning worship
Theme: Listening
2 Thess. 3:1-5

latechurch@7pm. Informal and
contemporary worship.
This week: Evening celebration
Theme: Listening
2 Thess. 3:1-5

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
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30th November 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.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent when we look forward to Christmas, back to when Jesus came to fulfil his purpose as Saviour, we look forward even more to when He will come again. It's a time of light and expectancy, of opportunity and joy.

It's a time when we can listen to God speak as we will be in today's services: at Christ Church in a structured and dedicated way during each of the times of worship; and at Pathway as we consider the way forward and what God is saying to us as a fellowship.

We are encouraging everyone to look at their gifts, time and talents as well as the financial offerings they make – as we all thank God for his goodness to us. If you are in Christ Church today, do take a gift pack that will enable you to offer these gifts.

As the writer of Proverbs says: 'We plan the way we want to live, but only God makes us able to live it' and 'The very steps we take come from God, otherwise how would we know where we are going?' (The Message, chapters 16 and 20).

Let's seek God's direction as the characters in the nativity sought Jesus and base all our decisions on His wisdom.

LAST TRADCRAFT STALL BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS IN CHURCH TODAY

SWANWICK—EXTENDED DEADLINE

Over 100 people have booked and we need to tell Swanwick very soon so that they can seek reallocate places we don't need. So if you would like to go please fill in a form today or contact the Church Office. If finance is the main reason you are not able to go speak to a staff member because help is available.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our meeting on Wednesday 3rd December at 10am in the lounge the Rev John Williams is to talk to us on 'Memories.' All men do come and hear John. After the meeting we are going to the Rockaway restaurant for a Christmas lunch.

PRAYER LABYRINTH

A chance for some peace and meditation at Christmas. A chance to hear what God has to say to you this Christmas. The HOPE prayer labyrinth will be set up in Christ Church, on Saturday 6th of December. It will be open for entry between 10am and 3pm. Please allow at least 45 minutes to complete the whole labyrinth. Children between the ages of 12-16 can go around on their own if their parent gives permission. Under 12s must be with an adult, ages 16 and over can go around independently. It is possible to go around in small groups of up to 3 people if you wish. Please put this date in your diary and come and experience some peace and "God-focus" during this busy run-up to Christmas.

The next Parish prayer night is on Tuesday 2nd December 7.30pm at St Barnabas.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Christmas cards are ready for collection this week. Please pick up a road or two to deliver. Maps are included with some of the lesser known roads to highlight their location. We are hoping to finish delivering next Sunday 7th December with the delivery party, please join us from 4-6.30pm. Hot drinks and mince pies provided.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTINGLE CHOIR

There will be a practice for the Children's Christingle Choir on 7th December 4-5pm at Christ Church. All children welcome.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS CRAFTS...

On Saturday, December 6th, at St Barnabas Church Hall, Derby Rd, Lenton Abbey, drop in from 1.30pm to 4pm. Entrance £1.50 for children aged 3-14 yrs or £3.50 for a family, includes all materials and cold drinks. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

NOTTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christ Church received a Grant of £5000 towards the Reordering Proposals (for the recent internal renovations) from the Notts Historic Churches Trust There are a few packs of Christmas cards which are sold on behalf of the Trust. They are in packs of 5 and cost £3.50. Every pack sold will aid the Trust funds by £1 and Christchurch by 50p. If you would like a pack, please ensure that you sign the sheet and give the money to Graeme Renton to forward on to the Trust. Further supplies may be available 9253351.

The choir are singing at Cafe Ambience on Thurs. 4th December at 7.30pm.

FAMILY CARE—TOY SERVICE

Our annual toy service will take place next Sunday at the 10.30 service. Please bring a collection of good quality second hand and new toys to all 3 services. Toys need to be unwrapped and no soft toys please. These will be given to Family Care to distribute to children (up to 18) in Nottinghamshire that would not otherwise get a Christmas present.

FAMILY CARE NEWS

Family Care are developing partnership working rather than a full merger with the Catholic Children's Society Nottingham. Together they have recently launched SPIRAL—which is a children's bereavement service. This offers early support to children and young people who have experienced significant loss.

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.

FORGET ME NOTTS

Would you like to help label up the selection boxes we're giving to children in the care system? If so please come along to Christ Church come along on Wednesday 3rd December at 7.30pm - it would be wonderful to see you there. Hot drinks and mince pies will be supplied. For more information please contact Anthea Wainwright 9139974.

PRAY FOR ST STEPHEN & ST PAUL—HYSON GREEN

We are not a Church alone; we are part of a Diocese and a Deanery. At the recent joint meeting of the deaneries for Nottingham North and South, we were asked to pray for the Church of St Stephen and St Paul, who are at this time busy interviewing and selecting a vicar. Prayer requests for other churches to follow in future weeks.

BETHANY LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th December at 10am in the main Church. Carols, cakes, cards and A charge of £1 for coffee/tea with mince pies/cakes/biscuits. All welcome. Proceeds to Hope and Homes for Children.

CHARITY CONCERT...

..in aid of the Frank Water Project (providing clean drinking water to India) and Mercy Corps (rebuilding communities after disasters). If you like the mandolin in the 7pm service, here's an opportunity to hear it in a bluegrass context - The Lost Cause band is playing at the Hotel Deux, Pelham Road, Sherwood Rise on Thursday 4th December 8.30 - 10.30pm. Tickets are £4 and are available on the door or in advance from David Fowler tel 9220378.

PLANNING PERMISSION

Brian and Sally Hodges would like to let everyone know that planning permission for the 'care home' has been unanimously given. Thank you for your prayers and support.