



Services at Christ Church this week
07.12.2008

earlychurch@9am Holy Communion or Morning Worship with Anglican Liturgy, Hymns and Sermon.
This week: Holy communion 1
Theme: Light of the world
Ezekiel 1:22-end John 1:1-14

allagechurch@10:30am. Lively worship for all ages. Crèche is provided every week with Children's Groups most weeks.
This week: All age worship Toy service
Theme: Light of the world
John 1:1-14

latechurch@7pm. Informal and contemporary worship.
This week: Evening celebration
Theme: Light of the world
John 1:1-14

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
http://www.pathwaychilwell.org.uk/programme

DAILY READINGS
COMMENCING 08.12.2008

Mon	Psalm 44 Isaiah 45:14-end	1 Thess. 1
Tues	Psalms 56, 57 Isaiah 46	1 Thess. 2:1-12
Wed	Psalms 62, 63 Isaiah 47	1 Thess. 2:13-end
Thur	Psalms 53, 54, 60 Isaiah 48:1-11	1 Thess. 3
Fri	Psalm 85, 86 Isaiah 48:12-end	1 Thess. 4:1-12
Sat	Psalm 145 Isaiah 49:1-13	1 Thess. 4:13-end

CHURCH OFFICE

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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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7th 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.

Speak Lord—Your servant is listening 1 Samuel 3 verse 8
The darkness will not be dark to you: the night will shine like the day. Psalm 139 verse 12

During our time of listening at all three services at Christ Church last week these two verses were given to a number of different individuals at the same moment. We are processing the many ways that God spoke to many of you and we will share the outcomes. The two verses are important and linked because they tell us that God knows we really want to listen to him and he is ready to speak to us in ways that 'make our ears tingle' 1 Samuel 3 v11. Our world is going through a time of economic darkness in this the darkest season of the year but God is reminding us that he is able to overcome all darkness and reveal his light. Many people across the church saw 'pictures' of God's exploding light. Fitting that on Advent Sunday that should be his word to us.

Gift Weekend—Initial Responses

At this point we know that a number of us are still praying through our response. We are encouraged that...

- A good number of people have begun to give sacrificially for the first time
- That we have already received almost half the target of £30,000 to finance the mission & ministry done in 2008
- That we have already seen an increase of approaching £5,000 in our regular giving to meet the ministry we plan in 2009

If you have not yet returned your form please do so before by December 14th. If you have been away and have not had a form we have plenty available please ask a sidesperson or staff member or just take one from the back

Thank You for your generosity and thank God for His provision—Alan

TODAY...

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 today 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 today 4-5pm at Christ Church. All children welcome.

FAMILY CARE—TOY SERVICE

Our annual toy service will take place today 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.

COMING UP....

13th December—10am-12noon Community Carol Singing Event—Broadgate Park.
14th December—4.30pm—Christingle service at Christ Church.
18th December—6pm Carol Singing and gifts for the Church's neighbours.

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.

NOTTINGHAM YOUTH FOR CHRIST

The December prayer letter for Nottingham Youth for Christ is available at the back of Church. Please take a copy and use it in your housegroups and in personal prayer.

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.

PRAY FOR ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST IN CARRINGTON

Please pray for the re-ordering of the church - a major project aimed at making the building a place of worship and service to the community. During the 10 months this is taking (four have passed) services are taking place in the church hall and the vicar's front hall! Please also pray for God's blessing on the vision and its development.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

We will be remembering Sally Skelton as a church family on Friday 12th December at 3pm in Christ Church with a service of thanksgiving followed by refreshments. There is a private service of cremation taking place that morning at 10.40am and the family have asked that no flowers be sent, but donations can be made to the funeral directors: Cooperative Funeral Care, 88-90 Derby Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham, NG10 4LB. The money will be split between the Treetops Hospice-Risley, Derby MS Society and Canine Partners. If you would like to help with serving tea and coffee or making a cake could you please ring Fran on 9227730. Thank you.

MOTHER GOOSE PANTOMIME...

...is being performed by members of 17th Nottingham BB and 30th Nottingham GB from Wednesday 24th to Saturday 31st January 2009 at the Pearson Centre for Young People, 2 Nuart Road, Beeston, Nottingham. Performances 7.15 pm and Saturday matinee 2.30 pm. Tickets available from the Pearson Centre (0115 9254112) at a cost of £4.50 per adult, £3.50 for concessions. Group rate available. The Centre looks forward to welcoming you all to the show.

CHRISTINGLE CANDLES

Children's Society Christingle candles are available for collection from the back of Church today. Please fill the candles with as many coins as you can and hand it in at the Christingle service— 4.30pm on Sunday 14th December. The money you collect will help those children who are most in need of help. Thank you.

DOREEN HATTERSLEY

Doreen Hattersley's cremation service is to be held at Bramcote crematorium - Main chapel on Tuesday 9th December at 2pm. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made towards Cancer Research UK. Please send to AW Lymn, Trent House, 106, Station road, Beeston, NG9 2AY.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The Church is being decorated for Christmas on Friday 12th December at 5pm (after Sally's service). Everyone is welcome to come along and help with this.

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS (in the Holyland) DVD

Copies of this £20,000 venture will be available next Sunday (14th December) at all services, at the special launch price of £10 (£8 for 5 or more). This is an excellent Christmas present (not available today as Ray and Pam are at an ordination service).

BETHANY LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th December at 10am in 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.

THERE IS AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE REORDERING AT CHRIST CHURCH IN THE LATEST EDITION OF THE C MAGAZINE.