

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Brian Barclay	+ Sam Mitchell
+ Mark Beckwith	+ Cheryl Moorhouse
+ Heather Brewer	+ Sheila Murphy
+ John Brown	+ Parveen
+ Joan Caney	+ Lynne Potter
+ Joan Chaplain	+ Ingrid Quartey
+ Len Chaplain	+ Denis Rigden
+ Sue Cook	+ Ross Simpson
+ Stella & Vic Cowie	+ Derek Stallard
+ Lynda Drummond	+ Rebecca Stevenson
+ Raneë Eliatamby	+ Margaret van Hoorn
+ Iris Frank	+ Sally Vincent
+ Lorraine Gonsalves	+ Jacquie White
+ Jan Hughes	+ John Williams
+ Paschal Hussey	+ Freda & Fred Wood
+ Noel Jackson	+ Max Wordsworth
+ Heather Johnson	+ Diane Woodward
+ Norman Johnson	+ Yvonne Wilson
+ Robert Ladd	+ Eudora Yankah
+ George Martin	

+Our neighbours: St Michael & All Angels and the Salvation Army

Christmas greetings from the Vicar and staff of the Minster.

Congratulations to Melvyn & Denise Mead on the arrival of their first grandchild Imogen Emma Mead born on Tuesday 20 December. A daughter for Melvyn's son Daniel and daughter-in-law Tanya.

Services this week

26 December – 31 December 2011

Monday	10.00noon	Eucharist
Tuesday		Bank Holiday
Wednesday	11.00am	Eucharist
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

Next Sunday, 1 January 2012

New Year's Day

Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

10.00am	Parish Eucharist with hymns Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21
12.00noon	Baptism

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 25 December 2011

Christmas Day

Happy Christmas

08.00am	Eucharist <i>Rev'd Mark Hill</i>
09.50am	No Crèche No Kingfishers No Blue Door Group

10.00am	Sung Eucharist <small>(Choral Foundation)</small>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>Rev'd Tim Goode</i>
<i>Preacher:</i>	<i>Rev'd Tim Goode</i>
Hymns:	32, 42, 30, 26
Setting:	Missa Brevis – Dove
Reader:	<i>Sue Williams</i>
Intercessor:	<i>Canon Colin Boswell</i>
Motet:	Ding! Dong! Merrily on high – Wilberg

11.45am	Eucharist at the Almshouses <i>Canon Colin Boswell</i>
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**Coffee, tea, & squash will be served in the hall
after the 10.00am service**

Today....

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

Children's **Activity Bags** are available at the back of church for use in the pews only. Please ask a Sides' person to show you where they are.

The December/January Magazine is available: £1.00

The Church Times is available each week: £1.60

The Bridge Newspaper (free) is available

Thursdays at 10am – Mini Movers.

Sponsorship of the church flowers– forms are available under the tower or speak to Denise in the Minster Office.

Giving at Croydon Minster

It costs around £16,000 every month to run Croydon Minster. During **November**, our planned giving envelopes, standing orders and weekly collections came to £8,248.80. We are able to claim Gift Aid from the Government on donations of £1640.47, giving a grand total for November of **£9,889.27**.

Weekly & Monthly Envelope users – There is still **some** envelopes which have not been claimed yet. If you usually pay by this method please check the table in the North Cross Aisle and take the envelopes which have your name on them. This new supply began on Advent Sunday.

Saturday 7 January 12.00noon – The Diocesan Servers Festival at Southwark Cathedral. Could all the servers make a note of this date and try and attend. This counts towards a Company of Servers Meeting.

Sunday 8 January – (short) Sides People's meeting after the 10 am service

Monday 9 January at 7.30 pm at the Almshouses.

Mothers' Union New Year Social and Annual Meeting

Do remember to come to our New Year Social. We will have a short Annual Meeting and then social time and a 'fun' quiz. Don't forget to bring your food contribution. Look forward to seeing you all. *Diana Hemmings*

Monday 23 January 7.30pm – Floating Shelter Meeting in the St Nicholas Chapel

Saturday 28 January 7.30pm – Bring & Share International Meal. We shall be celebrating the diversity and cultural richness of our congregation with a meal reflecting our different nationalities and cultures. This will be an opportunity to tempt your taste buds by trying something new. All are welcome. If you would like to contribute a dish please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Please indicate whether you will bring a starter, main course or a dessert (more than one course, if

you wish). Hot and cold food is acceptable. Please provide enough for 12 or more portions. We will need volunteers to help set up the hall on the day and to clear up afterwards. If you have any queries please contact Revd Katherine via the Minster office.

Floating Shelter – There are sign up sheets on the North Cross Aisle for you to volunteer your help with the Floating Shelter which will take place here for 7 weeks on Sunday evenings/Monday mornings starting on Sunday 12 February 2012. There are various duties to choose from:

- Setting up (making beds and laying the tables)
- Helping with cooking the evening meal – normally a roast dinner
- Making conversation with the guests and serving the evening meal and clearing away (includes loading/unloading the dishwasher)
- Staying overnight
- Setting out breakfast and clearing away
- Doing the Laundry

Beware – Energy Scam (targeted at the elderly). This has come from The Trading Standards Institute. Please beware of callers saying they represent your energy suppliers and offering you a plug in device which they say can save you 40% off your energy bills – this is a really dangerous scam, please don't be caught out by it!

Our Parish Clergy are available to talk to them, they are:

Vicar:	Canon Colin Luke Boswell	020-8688 1387
Senior		
Curate:	Revd Sara Goatcher	020-8660 6198
Curate:	Revd Tim Goode	020-8406 4188
Curate:	<u>Chaplain to the Minster</u> Revd Katherine Farrell	
Hon C:	Revd Mark Hill	020-8688 1387
St George's		
C-in-C:	Revd Pat Vowles	07709 253496