

## PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

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

+Our neighbours: St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

+ The soul of George Curtis, Elaine Cooper & Jane Davey's neighbour.

+ The soul of Doreen Rawlings who passed away last Saturday.

+ The soul of Eileen Murray, resident of Whitgift House.

+ Nigel Scarffe & Olivia Bradshaw being married here on Thursday.

### Services this week

19 December – 24 December 2011

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
Tuesday	1.10pm	Eucharist
	2.00pm	Parish Church Junior School Carol Service
Wednesday	11.00am	Eucharist
Thursday	11.00am	Eucharist – Whitgift House
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist
Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

### Next Sunday, 25 December 2011

Christmas Day

08.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; 1 Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14

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## MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 18 December 2011

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

<b>08.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Canon Colin Boswell</i>
<b>09.50am</b>	<b>Crèche</b> in the small hall <b>Kingfishers</b> Angels Everywhere <b>Blue Door Group</b> Mince pies!
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(Lay Clerks)</i></span> <i>Celebrant: Revd Tim Goode</i> <i>Preacher: Revd Tim Goode</i> <b>Hymns: 7, 186, 33, 10</b> <b>Setting:</b> Communion Service in A Minor – Darke
<b>Reader:</b>	<i>Lesley Stout</i>
<b>Intercessor:</b>	<i>Drew Cantrill</i>
<b>Motet:</b>	Gabriel's Message – Basque Trad.

**11.30am** **Matins at the Almshouses**  
*Elaine Cooper*

**Retiring collection for Christmas Flowers in memory  
of our loved ones**

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

**6.30pm** **Messiah (Part 1) – Handel**  
*(Choral Foundation)*

### 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.

**Minster Christmas Cards** – are available after church or from the Minster Office during the week. Cards are £2.50 for a pack of 5 cards – there is a sample on the blue notice board under the tower.

**Sunday 18 December 6.30pm** – the Minster Choral Foundation will sing 'Messiah' The Christmas section (Part I) by Handel.

**Carol singing** around the Wards of Croydon University Hospital (formerly Mayday) will be taking place on **Thursday 22nd December**. Meet in the hospital chapel by 7pm. Carol sheets will be provided. All are welcome to come and sing. Please give just an hour of your time for a worthwhile cause.

**Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve 5.00pm – Crib Service.** Get ready for Christmas day by coming to the Minster Crib Service. There's a part for every child who wants to join us. Costumes galore and carols to sing. Arrive anytime after 4.00pm. The service begins at 5.00pm. See you there – Revd Sara.

**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.

**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:*

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