



# Christ Church Cheltenham



## December 2023 Newsletter

*And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.*

***Luke 2, v 7-9***

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# This month at Christ Church

## **MORNING PRAYER IN CHURCH**

8:45am on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

## **MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM**

8:45am on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Contact Andrew Judge to join - 07494 003372 or  
andrew.judge50@gmail.com

## **MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION**

Wednesday morning Holy Communion this month will be at  
10.30am on **December 13th** and **27th** in The Music Room.

## **COFFEE MORNINGS**

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Holy Communion.

## **SUNDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**

**3rd at 8am** - Holy Communion BCP.

**3rd at 10:30am** - Holy Communion.

**3rd at 6:30pm** - Advent Carols.

**10th at 8am** - Holy Communion BCP.

**10th at 10:30am** - All Together Service.

**17th at 8am** - Holy Communion BCP.

**17th at 10:30am** - Family Carols.

**17th at 7pm** - Carol Service.

**24th at 8am** - Holy Communion BCP.

**24th at 10:30am and 5pm** - Christingle.

**24th at 11pm** - Midnight Communion.

**25th at 10:30am** - All Age Communion.

**31st at 8am** - NO SERVICE.

**31st at 10:30am** - All Age Communion.

**CRECHE** during 10.30am Sunday Service in the Side Chapel.

## **ADDITIONAL SERVICES & EVENTS**

**Wednesday 6th** - There is NO CRAFT CLUB today.

**Wednesday 6th** - Friendship Club (see back cover).

**Wednesday 13th** - Friendship Club (see back cover).

**Thursday 14th at 10:00am** - Plan B: Bereavement Group at Webbs Garden Centre, Evesham Road, Cheltenham.

**Wednesday 20th at 10:30am** - Craft Club (in the Music Room).

**Blue Christmas** is a quiet service which will give time and space to acknowledge the pain that comes with Christmas. For those who mourn the loss of loved ones who will not be with us at Christmas through bereavement or broken relationships. For those for whom this season of peace, hope and joy is difficult to bear. **Wednesday 20th December at 7:30pm.**

Our new twice monthly **Sunday evening youth group** for all young people in school years 7-11 starts soon. Could you volunteer to help? Speak to Simon or Shelagh to find out more.

## **COMMUNITY PANTRY**

Monday to Wednesday, 9am to 2pm, in the Porch (except 25 to 27 December, and 1st January 2024).

## **FRIENDSHIP CAFE**

Drop in on Friday mornings 9am to noon for refreshments.

**See website or social media for Christ Church Without Walls**



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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Time to look forward to the Christmas celebrations at Friendship Club!

On **Wednesday 6th December** at 2.30pm we welcome The Spakeleles our local ukulele band who will be entertaining us with a whole new selection of Christmas tunes to sing along to.

Afterwards we will have our tea party with a delicious assortment of party food. Please note that there will be no lunch on that day.

The following week on **Wednesday 13th December** it is our festive three-course Christmas Lunch. Fruit punch will be served from 12.30 pm with lunch being served at 1pm.

Booking for this lunch is essential so please phone Mandy Whitefield on 07880 715200 in advance to avoid disappointment. The charge for lunch is £9.00.

After lunch entertainment will be provided by the wonderful youth choir The Beauregard Singers.

