



Christ Church Cheltenham



December 2024 Newsletter

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2 v 8-11

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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 11th** in The Music Room.

COFFEE MORNINGS

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Holy Communion.

CRECHE during 10.30am Sunday Service in the Side Chapel.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday 4th at 10am - NO CRAFT CLUB.

Wednesday 4th - Friendship Club Christmas Party (see back cover).

Wednesday 11th - Friendship Club Christmas lunch (see back cover).

Thursday 12th at 10am - Plan B: Bereavement Group at
Webbs Garden Centre, Evesham Road, Cheltenham.

Wednesday 18th at 10am - Craft Club.

FRIENDSHIP CAFE

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

***We politely request that people only use the Church car
park when using Church facilities.***

We are very pleased to welcome **Simon and Gill back from their sabbatical** on 1st December.

DECEMBER PROGRAMME (see insert for more info)

1st at 8am - Holy Communion BCP.

1st at 10:30am - Holy Communion.

1st at 7pm- Advent Carols with Cheltenham Ladies College choir.

3rd at 7pm - Teens In Crisis Carol Service.

8th at 8am - Holy Communion BCP.

8th at 10:30am - All Together Service.

8th at 5pm - Choral Evensong.

10th at 7pm - Maggie's Carol Service.

14th at 4pm - Cheltenham Singers Christmas Concert.

15th at 8am - Holy Communion BCP.

15th at 10:30am - Holy Communion.

18th at 7:30pm - Blue Christmas.

21st at 4pm - Brass by Candlelight.

22nd at 8am - Holy Communion BCP.

22nd at 10:30am - Family Carols.

22nd at 7pm - Carols by Candlelight.

24th at 3pm and 5pm - Christingle.

24th at 11pm - Midnight Communion.

25th at 10:30am - Christmas Day All Together Service.

29th at 8am - Holy Communion BCP.

29th at 10:30am - All Age Communion.

See website or social media for Christ Church Without Walls



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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club coffee mornings (11:00am) and lunches (12:30pm) take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month - we are currently serving the soup and cheese menu.

Please pre-book for lunches with Mandy or Sue on friendshipclub@christchurchcheltenham.com or 01242 578163.

Chair exercise - with instructor, Tony, takes place EVERY Wednesday from 11.30 - 12.15 in the Music Room. All are welcome. A contribution of £3-£5 per class would be welcome but is not obligatory.

Everyone is most welcome to come to our **talks**. They take place in the Harwood Hall at 2.30pm, after Friendship Club lunches, and last for about one hour after which there is always homemade cake and tea to enjoy. Cost £2.

Wednesday 4th is the Christmas Party starting at 2.30pm with the Spakeleles, Martin Young's Ukulele Band. He will be bringing us a selection of festive music with plenty of opportunity to join in. This will be followed by afternoon tea and a raffle.

Wednesday 11th is the Friendship Club Christmas lunch followed by entertainment from the talented Beauregard Singers. We are pleased to welcome this choir again after their excellent performance last year.

Friendship Club will resume on Wednesday 8th January.

December Newsletter - Additional Information

Nadia Eide Concert - November 30th at 7pm

Chart-topping soprano and star of The Voice UK Nadia Eide presents Winter Light – a spectacular Christmas Concert for the whole family.

Tickets £19 - www.christchurchcheltenham.com/events

Advent Carols - Sunday 1st December at 7pm

Join us for an evening of Advent Carols with the Cheltenham Ladies College choir and Christ Church Choir. All are welcome.

TIC+ 30th Anniversary Carol Service - December 3rd at 7pm

Please join us on Tuesday 3rd December at 7:00pm for the Teens In Crisis Carol Service in aid of TIC+.

Tickets are £5.00 on the door (or in advance using the QR code on the posters at church). The evening will feature a TIC+ pop-up choir with members from Christ Church, mulled wine, and mince pies, hosted by BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Jamil Foster.

Special guests include: Excelsior Brass Band, Gloucestershire Police Ladies Choir, Prestbury St Mary's School Choir & Jacob's Well Productions.

All proceeds will go directly towards ensuring that young people aged between 9-25 in Gloucestershire have someone to talk to when they need it most.

Maggie's Cheltenham Candlelit Carol Service - Monday 10th December, 7pm to 9.30pm.

Tickets £12.50 in the Nave and £10 in the Gallery.

The event includes a special performance by Giffords Circus, the Beauregard Youth Choir, a seasonal medley from the Flowers Band and the harmonious voices of Maggie's Choir.

Last year's concert was a sell-out, so secure your tickets early. Buy tickets at www.maggies.org/get-involved/find-event/maggies-cheltenham-carol-concert

Blue Christmas - Wednesday 18th December at 7:30pm

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.

Brass by Candlelight - Friday 21st December at 4pm

Sparkling seasonal favourites from Cotswold Brass Quintet with mulled wine and mince pies.

Tickets are £10 (students £5) on the door.

Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 22nd December at 7pm

Join us for an evening of Advent Carols with Christ Church choir. All are welcome.