

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Monday 10th December

- 8.45 a.m. Café O
8.00 p.m. Advent Course in Church

Tuesday 11th December

- 9.05 a.m. Morning Prayer
2.30 p.m. Pastoral Contact Group

Wednesday 12th December

- 9.05 a.m. Morning Prayer (keyholder needed)
7.00 p.m. Carol Singing at Morrisons

Thursday 13th December

- 9.05 a.m. Morning Prayer
2.30 p.m. MU Carols and Readings in Jubilee Room

Saturday 15th December

- 7.45 a.m. Men's Breakfast: talk by Richard Lee on
'Local Historical Curiosities'

Sunday 16th December – Third Sunday of Advent

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Readings: Philippians 4.4-9 (p.1181);
Luke.3.7-18 (p.1029)
10.00 a.m. "Spotlight" Communion: Theme "Loneliness"
11.30 a.m. Companions Christmas Post Sorting
3.00 p.m. Network Children's Christmas Party

NB 11am deadline for Companions Christmas Post Box

INTERCESSIONS

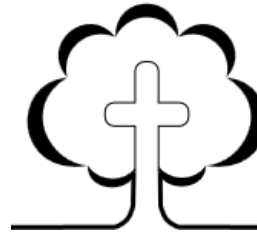
We pray: for the sick and frail: Paula Timmins, Fr. Philip Cross, John Lowe, Jean Langston, Alan Clifford (Steve's brother), Tony Furr, John Auld and Myra Banks; also for our 10% giving charities: USPG, CMS, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, ASCEND, Church Army Marylebone Project, Alternatives Newham, Watford Schools Trust and A Rocha.

The Living God's Love Prayer

Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve; Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage; for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Our Vision is...

to be a joyful, prayerful, caring and growing church; alive to the Holy Spirit; welcoming and accessible to all; building relationships with God and the community we serve.



The Parish Church of Saint Oswald Croxley Green

Sunday 9th December 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

We extend a warm welcome to everyone at our services today. After attending the 10am service, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the Hall.

- 8.00 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION** (Book 1)
Readings: Philippians 1.3-11 (p.1178); Luke 3.1-6 (p.1029)
- 10.00 a.m. **PARISH COMMUNION** (Book 1)
Readings: as above Setting: Rutter
Hymns: 644, 38, 46, 75
Communion: 450, 448 (ii)
- 11.30 a.m. **COMPANIONS YOUTH DISCUSSION**
- 5.30 p.m. **JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB** - Christmas Wreath Making
and Games

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER AT THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. **Amen.**

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS

Please inform a sidesperson if you require a gluten free wafer.

FORGOTTEN YOUR READING GLASSES?

There is now a tin of various glasses and lens strengths at the back of church to borrow for the service. Please replace in tin at the end of the service for the next person in need.

NOTICES



DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS ADVERT Please view and share the amusing video appearing on St Oswald's Facebook page.

POST BOX The last time for posting is NEXT Sunday at 11am.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING AND CRAFT EVENING Many thanks to all who came or helped. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and £300 was raised for the Parish Project, Through the Roof.

CHRISTMAS TREE PLEDGE SCHEME This year's charity will be The Music in Ministry Trust which supports the work of guitarist and singer songwriter Bryn Haworth in prisons across the UK, sharing the Gospel through music and testimony. If you missed last week's visit from Bryn, he can be heard on Youtube. Donation envelopes will be available in mid-December, when the Church Christmas Tree goes up.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP The next edition of the BRF booklet is now available for collection by subscribers at the back of Church.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Croxley Methodist Church, New Road, TODAY 9th December 2.30-4pm, followed by Carol Service at 4.30pm.

ADVENT COURSE Prepare for Christmas with quiet reflection, prayer and discussion on Mondays at 8pm in church with a series of Advent Explorations of the Letter to the Hebrews. All welcome. Just turn up.

CAROL SINGING AT MORRISONS Come and sing carols and Christmas songs in Morrisons with the residents from Byewaters on Wednesday 12th December from 7pm. We will sing for approximately an hour and collect for the Peace Hospice. This is a great opportunity to connect with Byewaters, which is part of our parish, and to collect for a very worthwhile local cause. EVERYONE WELCOME. For more info speak to Margaret Cox or Michael Hart.

ST OSWALD'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY The Christmas Party on Sunday 16th December 3-5pm is for children aged 3 up to Year 6. Please note that 3 year olds should be accompanied by an adult. Children will be provided with a tea during the party (please inform us in advance of any dietary requirements). There is no charge for the party, but a suggested donation would be around £5 per child to cover costs of and make a donation to our Parish Project—Through the Roof. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To register a child for the party please email: helen.gosnell@btinternet.com.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING The Augmented Choir will be singing on the following occasions:-

Wed 12th December: Morrisons, with the residents of Byewaters, 7-8pm

Tue 18th December: Sunnyside Club, 8.15-9.15pm

Thu 20th December: a local pub(s), with All Saints, 7.30-9pm (tbc)

Fri 21st December: Informal Service at St Oswald's, 2.15-3pm

ITEMS FOR PEWSHEET Please send to oswaldvicar@gmail.com or hand to the Vicar.

BREAD AND WINE ROTA If you are not currently on the rota for bringing up the bread and wine at the Offertory but would like to be added for 2019, please contact Jane Brading (492893, janebrading@hotmail.com) by 17th December.

QUIZ SHEETS 40-50 questions, for family occasions, are now on sale from Jim Hughes or Lynn Williamson at £1 each in aid of Parish Project.

POPPY APPEAL £43.34 was raised at St Oswald's for the British Legion.

WEEKDAY SERVICE CORRECTION Thank you to all eagle-eyed magazine readers who spotted the Vicar's error in this month's magazine! The midweek communion service will take place on first and third Thursdays at 11.30am, beginning on 20th December.

HOME INSURANCE To mark their 130th Anniversary Ecclesiastical Insurance will donate £130 to the church for every new home policy taken out. Visit www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130 or call 0800 783 0130.

MAGAZINE COLLATORS Volunteers are required to collate the church magazine 5 or 6 times a year for about 45 minutes on the morning of the last Saturday of the month. Please speak to Hilary Broadbent if interested.

FIRST AIDERS Could anyone with a current first aid certificate who is willing to be on the church list of first aiders please let Vanessa Mackay (auntiebones@hotmail.com) know the qualification and expiry date.

HELPING THE HOMELESS New Hope and Watford Borough Council will provide up to 15 additional beds in town centre churches this winter. Volunteers are needed to help with evening or overnight support. Details at newhope.org.uk/volunteer.

REACHING NEW PEOPLE PRAYER EVENING Tuesday 11th December, 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start at St. Christopher's Church, Stockingstone Road, Luton, LU2 7NB (Parking at the Jolly Topers).

HELP BUY A HANDBIKE! James Foster is raising funds towards the purchase of a handbike so that he can go on bike rides with his children. Please support him at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/handbike.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE SCHOOL SITE IN BALDWINS LANE? A £2 pamphlet of two articles - The Lost Manor of Snells Hall and Cassiobridge House and its People - is now available from Brian Thomson (226850).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY The next Christian Aid event will be on Saturday 23rd February. A choral evening with Omnia Vocal Octet at All Saints' Church Hall. Further details and tickets available early January.

PUPPETS IN CHURCH! A Puppet Training Day with One Way UK Ministries has been booked for Saturday 29th June in St Oswald's Church Hall. There will be 12 FREE places for members of St Oswald's under 25 years of age (normally £18). Please put the date in your diary and let the Vicar know if you are interested in attending.