



WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HINCHLEY WOOD



29th December 2019 - **CHRISTMAS 1** - 5th Sunday of the Month
Welcomers this week: Roy Turner and Rosemary Coath

WELCOME!

Adults and children of all ages are most welcome at St Christopher's. Please do stay for refreshments after the service and introduce yourself to us. If you require ANY assistance please let us know. Large-print service sheets are available, please ask.

HOLY COMMUNION

Members of all churches are welcome to receive Communion. We have gluten-free wafers available – just ask when you come up to communion. To receive a blessing, please bring this leaflet when you come forward. If you need communion brought to you please tell a Welcomer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY - 29TH DECEMBER **CHRISTMAS 1**

10:00am All Age Eucharist

Monday, 30th December

Parish Office closed for Christmas and New Year

Wednesday, 1st January 2020

New Year's Day

Thursday, 2nd January

6:15pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY – 5TH JANUARY **EPIPHANY**

10:00am All Age Eucharist

ECO TIP

Saving Paper

Today's world is much more reliant on computers and digital technology. It is easy to go a day without using a notebook or even a piece of paper. The less paper you use, the less paper needs to be produced and the more trees that get to fill our forests. If you have to use paper at your job or at school, you can still make a difference by recycling the paper you do use. Today, more than 40 percent of municipal solid waste is paper and paper products. It takes less energy to create paper through recycled and used sheets than by creating 'virgin' paper. This is a good start. For more tips on recycling see; See www.recyclenow.com

TODAY'S HYMNS

Gathering:

Christians Awake (94)

Gradual:

Unto Us a Boy is Born (700)

Offertory:

Ye Holy Angels Bright (755)

During Communion the choir will sing:
Confitemini Domino (Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good) (925)

Communion hymn:

Silent Night (597)

Post Communion:

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (670)

COLLECT

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers all those in need, those who are housebound, and those who are ill, at home or in hospital.

We give thanks for the life of Rev. David Robinson. May he rest in peace.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 2:13-23

13 After they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph and said, "Herod will be looking for the child in order to kill him. So get up, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you to leave." 14 Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and left during the night for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until Herod died. This was done to make come true what the Lord had said through the prophet, "I called my Son out of Egypt." 16 When Herod realized that the visitors from the East had tricked him, he was furious. He gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its neighbourhood who were two years old and younger—this was done in accordance with what he had learned from the visitors about the time when the star had appeared. 17 In this way what the prophet Jeremiah had said came true: 18 "A sound is heard in Ramah, the sound of bitter weeping. Rachel is crying for her children; she refuses to be comforted, for they are dead." 19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 20 and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go back to the land of Israel, because those who tried to kill the child are dead." 21 So Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went back to Israel. 22 But when Joseph heard that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea, he was afraid to go there. He was given more instructions in a dream, so he went to the province of Galilee 23 and made his home in a town named Nazareth. And so what the prophets had said came true: "He will be called a Nazarene."

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