

Weekly Briefing - Sunday 4th December 2022

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Advent Sunday "Hybrid" Service - Sunday 4th December

We are holding a "Hybrid" Eucharist Service on Sunday 4th December @ 10am.

This is a hybrid service and will be at 10am as usual, in the church and on Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

The order of service for this week can be found on the website by following this

link: <https://www.stchristopherschurch.org.uk/service-sheet>

The Zoom ID for the service is: 689 343 005. The passcode is 2021.

Christmas Lunch - Sunday 4th December

We are really looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at the Angel on Sunday. A few final details:

- It is proposed that we assemble at the Angel, Giggs Green, at 12.30 pm on Sunday 4th December, to sit down to lunch at 1 pm. Our orders have been placed, and 34 of us have signed up for the lunch.
- Please note that the food is paid for, but everyone will be individually responsible for his or her own drinks (apart from a tea or coffee at the end).
- The price does not include any tips or service charge. Do please have some cash with you to show your appreciation to the staff of The Angel, and we shall pass the hat around for them at the end of the meal. £2.50 per person should be sufficient.

Any questions please contact Simon Crome.

E-Christmas Card

As part of our efforts towards an eco-friendly Christmas, the EcoChurch Lifestyle Group has set up an e-Christmas card. The idea is that you can send a greeting to everyone in the Church and wider Church community in an eco-friendly way. Just follow this

link https://www.groupcards.co.uk/AddMessageFromLink.aspx?EventCode=ep6nYUkTVdKfbY2LvZe6_ and add your message by the 22nd December. If you would prefer not to do this online,

please call or email Liz Hammond (lizhammond2003@gmail.com) with your message and we will ensure it is added to the e-card for you. You may choose to do this instead of, or in addition to, sending a physical card to your particular friends in the St Christopher's community. Sending a message via our e-card will let you send your Christmas wishes to everyone.

If you have any questions or have any trouble accessing the link please email Julia Bowden (jlbowden@gmail.com)

Christmas Services

This year we are able to hold an in-person service. If it is safe for you to do so, you would be very welcome to join us in Church. If you are feeling unwell or have cold or flu symptoms, please join us online.

If you are not able to join us in Church, you can join us virtually as a community in our homes to sing and pray together via Zoom. The Zoom ID is **689 343 005**, the passcode is **2021**. It is the same as our normal Sunday services.

Service Sheets will be [available to download from our website](#), and there will be some paper copies available in Church.

Nine Lessons and Carols - Sunday 18th December 2022 @ 6:30pm

Our Annual Carol Service has been moved back to 6:30pm to avoid any overlap with the World Cup Final. **At this time we are NOT anticipating the need to pre-book.**

Christmas Crib Service - Sunday 24th December 2022 @ 3:00pm

Crib services on Christmas Eve are traditionally family events with lots of engagement for children of all ages. This Christmas we are able to welcome families, and there is no need to worry about social distancing. If you or your family are feeling unwell, please join us from home. **At this time we are NOT anticipating the need to pre-book.**

Christmas Day Eucharist Service - Sunday 25th December 2022 @ 10am

We will be holding a Christmas Day Eucharist at 10am this year, which is really popular with families and visitors to Hinchley Wood. This Christmas we are able to welcome families, and there is no need to worry about social distancing. If you or your family are feeling unwell, please join us from home. **At this time we are NOT anticipating the need to pre-book.**

Community Carol Singing - Monday 19th December 2022

Our Church choir and guests will be visiting Gibson Court and Royston Court on Monday 19th December from 7pm to 8pm to sing Christmas Carols for the residents. If you would like to join us please speak with Mandy Ali, or any of the choir members for details.

Hinchley Wood Fellowship - "What to buy for Christmas" - Wednesday 14th December

On Wednesday 14th November @ 7pm, the Mother's Union and the HW fellowsip invite you to a talk by Rev. Professor Alison Baverstock on "What to buy for Christmas". All are welcome to join us. Please do invite your friends and neighbours along.

- The Zoom ID for this meeting is: **825 7503 3344**, passcode **2021**. [Click here to start Zoom](#)

Vocations Evening

Katherine Willis writes: *I am writing to invite you to join us for a vocation evening, hosted at Holy Trinity Claygate for Emly Deanery, on Monday 30 January 2023. Refreshments will be served from 7.45pm with the programme beginning at 8pm.*

*The event is aimed at anyone who would like to explore how God might be calling them – so please consider who you might invite from your churches, and **please come with them!** Do feel free to forward the attached flyer to anyone who might be interested. The evening will begin with a Bible reflection on the theme 'Here I am, Lord' and then guest speakers Archdeacon Martin Breadmore, and Sarah Slater (diocesan training lead) will speak into pathways towards ordained and licensed lay ministries respectively. The final section of the evening will involve group discussions to help guests explore their own sense of calling. Patrick Bateman will lead a separate group at this point for incumbents/clergy who have accompanied the guests, focussing on developing a culture of vocation within our churches. The evening will finish by 9.30, with opportunity for informal conversations to continue past this point for those who are interested in chatting further with Martin or Sarah or others.*

There is no need to RSVP but if you've got any questions or would like to know more, please feel free to contact me on katherinewillis@htclaygate.org or on 01372 662011. I wanted to circulate the date before we hit December – please pop it in your diaries now and start considering who you might invite to come with you.

Wishing you every blessing.

Peter Jenner

Vicar of St. Christopher's, Hinchley Wood