



## Prayers

### Anglican cycle of Prayer

Psalm: 45: 10-end Esther 2: 5-18

Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie

### Our Parish

The homeless and those in need.

### Our Church

The Administration team

**The Sick & Needy:**- Rev Michael Crowther-Green, Will Anstice, Fang's parents, Bryan Stewart, Alfred Newman, Christopher Browne, Peter's family, Katie, Kalvi Daniel, Evelyn Bhebe, Cherish, Mark who needs to find comfort and stability in body, mind and spirit

### **Rest in Peace:-**

Neil Gilson, Lana Richards, Eileen Morgan, Sheila Ellis, George Medford, Edna, Joyce Chapman, Flora, Sally Robson.

### **In Memoriam:- December**

'Topsy' Marshman, Lionel Nelson, Peter Dray, Phyllis White, Veronique Moens, John and Geraldine Stevenson and their daughters Hannah and Rachel killed at Lockerbie.

### **Request for Prayer**

If you would like a name added to the prayer list for any reason, **please complete a prayer form at the back of church** and place this slip in the BLUE Parish Box at the foot of the balcony stairs. There are no boundaries to prayer. We include in our prayers here non-parishioners and non-churchgoers.



The next **Meet and Eat** will be on

**Monday 8th January**

Doors will open at **12.30pm** and a hot meal will be served at around 1pm.

**Suggested donation is £3 or what you can afford**

Please come along and bring a friend

**Everyone welcome !**

**Please sign up as soon as possible at the back of church to give an idea of numbers.**

### **This News Sheet**

Please do keep it and take it home with you!

## **Christ Church Reading Sunday 17th December 2017 Third Sunday in Advent**



### **Ministry Team**

**Vicar :** Rev Dr Peter Day  
**Curate :** Rev Dr Liz Ratcliffe  
**Associate Priest:** Fr John Croton

**Lay Minister :** Joan van Emden (LLP)

**Churchwardens:** Roger Haigh  
Ian Shorrocks

### **Parish Office**

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### **Administrator:** Amanda Stewart

For enquiries regarding Baptisms and Marriages etc please contact the above number or email address.

### **The office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-2pm**

Messages can be left on the answer phone and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

For more information please go to our website;-

[www.christchurchreading.org.uk](http://www.christchurchreading.org.uk)

or find us on

Facebook - 'Christ Church Reading'

### **Welcome to Christ Church!**

We hope you enjoy being with us today. If you are a full member of a church that is not part of the Anglican Communion, please join us in receiving Communion. If you are not confirmed, please come to the altar for a blessing (kindly carry a service booklet so we know this is your intention) Please stay for a coffee/tea afterwards – served in the Meeting Room at the back of church.

### **Our website**

[www.christchurchreading.org.uk](http://www.christchurchreading.org.uk) is now affiliated to the on-line **Amazon retail** company. Please use the link on **our** home page to access Amazon, then shop as usual, and earn money for our church. Many Thanks

## CALENDAR

<b>Sun 17 Dec</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b> 8am Holy Communion <b>10am Parish Eucharist</b> <b>6pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols</b> <b>followed by mulled wine and mince pies</b>
Mon 18 Dec	9.30 Christ Church playgroup <b>10am George Palmer School</b>
Tue 19 Dec	10am Holy Communion (coffee to follow)
Wed 20 Dec	7pm YOGA
Thu 21 Dec	9.30 <b>No playgroup on Thursdays until further notice</b>
Fri 22 Dec	6.30 Junior Choir 7.30 Full choir
<b>Sat 23 Dec</b>	<b>10am Decorating the church for Christmas</b>
<b>Sun 24 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 8am Holy Communion <b>10am Parish Eucharist</b> <b>3pm Crib Service</b> <b>11.15 Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Mon 25 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>10am Parish Eucharist</b>



Decorating Christ Church for Christmas  
**Saturday 23rd December**  
**at 10am**  
Everyone welcome



### Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Sunday 17th December**  
**at 6pm**  
followed by Mulled wine and Mince pies  
**Everyone Welcome**

## Christmas Cards

**2017 Christmas cards are now available!**

**This year's card features another picture of one of our beautiful church windows!**

**a pack of 10 cards is just £5 .**

**Please give money to Liz Ratcliffe**

### **' Thinking Allowed '**

is a safe space to discuss questions of faith and spirituality.

Our current sessions are exploring issues of church and inclusion .

**The next session will be in the New Year date to be advised**  
**All Welcome**



### **Joint New Christ Church School and Christ Church Christmas Fete**

Many thanks to all those who volunteered and made donations to the Christmas Fete.  
It was a great success.  
We took over £1000 !



### **Crib Service** **Sunday 24th December**

**Please note that the Crib Service is at 3pm**  
**All children are welcome to come dressed up in nativity costumes if they wish.**



### **Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Eve at 11.15pm**  
**Everyone Welcome**