

Christ Church, New Catton

December Notice Sheet

A very warm welcome to Christ Church, New Catton, especially if you are a visitor here this morning. Do join us for tea and coffee in the Christ Church Centre after the service.

Sunday morning services

Sunday 7th December, Advent 2

10.30am, Service of the Word

Margaret Gray

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday 14th December, Advent 3

10.30am, Service of Baptism and Holy Communion

Rev'd Phil Charlesworth

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday 21st December, Advent 4

10.30am, Service of the Word

The Ven Keith James, Margaret Gray

Isaiah 7:10-16

Matthew 1:18-end

Sunday 28th December

Please note that there is no service at Christ Church on this date.

Christmas Services

Do join us and invite your friends and neighbours.

Sunday 14th December, 6.30pm, Carol Service

Bible readings and carols with music by the Stookey Blue Folk Band.

Wednesday 24th December, 4.00pm, Christingle Service for all ages

Thursday 25th December, 10.00am Christmas Communion

From 1st - 31st December the church will be open every weekday morning (except Bank Holidays) and from 10am to 4pm on Saturdays.- see inside for details.



Do visit the church any weekday morning during December (except Bank Holidays) or between 10am and 4pm on Saturdays.



- Displays by local schools and organisations.
- Gift themed prayer spaces — Take time to reflect on the theme of gifts.
- Lego Christmas trail for children. Use your phone to watch the hidden videos.
- Take part in crafts.
- Collect your own Christmas gift.

Thank you

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped prepare our church for Christmas. Special thanks to:

- All those who helped to knit and sew stockings and crackers.
- To Shayne Stork Funeral Services for donating our Christmas tree.
- All those who have helped to decorate our church.
- Those who have helped to deliver Christmas invitations.

Book Swap Christmas Party—Wednesday 17th December 10am

Do put the date the date in your diary and join the celebrations.

- Mince pies, sausage rolls
- Wordsearch and carols
- A prize for everyone!

Christingle Service 24th December

Collection



**The
Children's
Society**

We will be taking a collection for the

Children's Society at the Christingle Service. If you won't be at the service, but would still like to make a donation, there are donation envelopes at the back of church. Alternatively, you can donate direct to the Christ Church, New Catton, Christingle page using this web address:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/christingle/christ-church-new-catton-2>

Help needed!

- Could you help to assemble Christingle Bags? Margaret will be in church to assemble the bags on Monday 22nd December at 2.00pm. All help would be greatly appreciated.

A Message from Margaret

The Archdeacon has asked your PCC to draw up a Parish Profile with a view to recruiting an incumbent for Christ Church. If you have thoughts about the qualities needed in a new vicar please speak to Margaret, Phil, the Churchwardens or any PCC member.

It is a privilege to lead this church, but with a full-time incumbent, there is potential to reach out to our community and do so much more than has been possible for Revd Phil and me. This does not mean that I am planning to go elsewhere, and I intend to support and work alongside whoever is appointed.

Bible Reading

Please see the enclosed note from Barry. If you don't already follow a regular Bible reading plan, this is a great way to commit yourself to doing so.

For your prayers

Throughout the month please remember the following in your prayers:

Please pray for a full recovery for:

- ◆ ***Peter Philp's granddaughter Emily, John Chapman's granddaughter Rachael. Sandra Armes' granddaughter Vicky.***
- ◆ ***Martin Walker's Mother, Helen awaiting an operation on 8th December.***

Please pray for our Christmas events and services:

- ◆ ***For a good response to the Christmas invitations being given to groups meeting in our Church Centre and being delivered to those in our parish.***
- ◆ ***For our Christmas Services and Margaret & Phil as they prepare for them.***
- ◆ ***John Grooms' Court and their carol service in St George's Church on Saturday 13th December.***
- ◆ ***Mountfield Care Home and their carol service in church on Wednesday 19th December.***

Those recently baptised or being baptised in December

- ◆ ***Georgia and Wren***
- ◆ ***Obiajulu David Igwekolo being baptised on Sunday 14th.***

Standing Committee as they meet on 8th December to begin to put our Parish Profile together.

***Phil and Margaret would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas.
Thank you so much for your love, support and prayers throughout 2025.***

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