

# 17<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Welcome to St Andrew's!

Welcome to St Andrew's. We would like to extend a particularly welcome to Revd Steve Cox who is with us today. If this is the first time you are joining us please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or someone with a name badge. If you would like more information on anything at St Andrew's please leave your details on the card on the desk. Members of all Christian churches are most welcome to receive Holy Communion. We have an audio loop in the church and large print versions of our service booklet are available. Please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a donation. There is a WC in the corner of the church, just past the organ. We hope you enjoy the service.

### 8am Holy Communion

Presiding & Preaching: Peter Vickers  
Intercessor: Clergy  
Reader: Jenny Vickers

### 10am Parish Communion

Presiding & Preaching:  
Revd Steve Cox  
Deaconing: Charleen Hollington  
Intercessor: Leonard Beighton  
Reader: Ayo Babatunde and Gill Sharp

### 6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Presiding & Preaching:  
Charleen Hollington

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### 10:30am Holy Communion

Presiding and Preaching:  
Peter Vickers

**Kids' Church** is a time of teaching, fun and worship for children and young people. We have activities available for children from the age of 2 to 13 and up. Please enter through the main door of Church Gate House. Children join their families to worship together for the last part of the service. **Parents should meet their children at the Church's main door at the start of Holy Communion.**

At the back of the Church there is an activity space for very small children.

**SAY It's Sunday youth group** for year 6 and above meet at 6pm during term time in Church Gate House. This evening is the SAY Christmas Party.

**Refreshments** Tea & Coffee will be served after the 10am service by Carrie Taylor and Lyn Sahami. Please do join us.



### CRIB SERVICE

5pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Come early to get a seat!**

# This week's prayers and readings:

## Service Booklets:

**8am:**

Eucharistic Prayer E

**10am:**

Eucharistic Prayer H

## Readings:

**8am & 10am:**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end  
(OT 718)

1Thessalonians 5:16-24  
(NT 220)

John 1:6-8, 19-28  
(NT 99)

## Collect:

God for whom we watch  
and wait,  
You sent John the  
Baptist to prepare the  
way of your Son:  
Give us courage to speak  
the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the  
cause of the right,  
with Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen

## Praying For:

- Peter, Steve and Charleen as they lead our services today. Pray that God will speak to us through their words as we worship together.
- Those reading and leading the prayers.
- Those singing and reading in the Nine Lessons & Carols service this evening.
- SAY It's Sunday Youth and leaders and their Christmas party this evening.

## Pastoral/Church

- The bereaved family and friends of the late Bette Hill.
- Those in our congregation who are ill, recovering from operations or lonely.
- The CAP clients & befrienders who are attending the CAP Christmas Lunch at Bookham Baptist Church today.
- The preparations for our Christmas Lunch and that invitations will reach the right people.
- The successful outcome of the treatment to beat lung cancer faced by Liz Bradley, and her family.
- Peter Franz as faces further treatment for cancer.
- Judith Robinson as she recovers from the operation.
- Sue Kilpatrick recovering from a chest infection.
- The Church Wardens & Clergy during the Interregnum.
- The residents of Cobham Gate, Four Wents, Freelands Road and Haleswood.
- For those who are to be married here at St. Andrew's in the coming year. For the marriage preparation day and the time couples will spend with the priest who will conduct their weddings, in preparing their services.

### A VACANCY PRAYER

God our father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place; Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; And guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new Rector for this Benefice, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

# This week's notices:

**HD CAMCORDER NEEDED** Does anyone have access to a HD camcorder so we can stream the crib service onto the monitors. It would need an HDMI output, and a battery life of an hour and a half or mains adaptor? Please chat with Michael or Fiona (Churchwardens) if you are able to help. Thank you

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**FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM** are you talented with flowers or would just like to have a go. The flower arranging team is looking for new willing volunteers. Please contact Mabs Ostley on 01932 862178 if you can help.

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**CHURCH CLEANING** could you help to keep the church clean and tidy. The team meet on a Thursday morning but jobs can be done at other times if more appropriate. If you are able to help please contact Mabs Ostley on 01932 862178

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**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH** There are two signup sheets in the porch, one for volunteers to help pre cook items eg hams and the second for those that can help on the day. Please sign up if you can help. We would also like to bless our guests at the lunch with gifts – if you can help with a gift for a man, woman or child please bring them to the office.

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**HAMPER FOR CAP CLIENT** thank you to everyone who contributed to the hamper Charleen was able to give her CAP clients. Charleen delivered the hamper this week and they were over joyed and delighted with the kind gifts.

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**THANK YOU** David Cooke would like to thank friends at St. Andrew's for the support he has received following Florence's death; for the kindness which people have shown in different ways, for their cards, words of condolence and visits; and with thanks to Peter Vickers, David Fuge and members of the choir at the funeral on Monday.

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**DAPHNE MCFARLANE**  
Please join Daphne to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday after the service with prosecco and nibbles.

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**THE FOOD BANK**  
would be grateful for Tomato ketchup, UHT/Long-life milk and fruit juice or squash, Custard, Tinned vegetables (not sweetcorn or pulses please), Tinned potatoes, Tinned meat Hot drinking chocolate, Deodorant (for men) and toilet rolls.

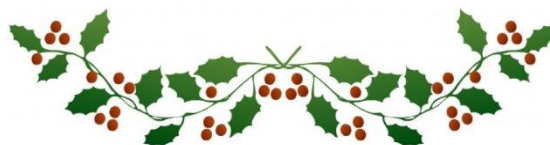
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## Christmas Eve:

**8am Holy Communion**  
**10am Parish Communion**  
**5pm Crib Service – *The Greatest Journey***  
**11pm Midnight Eucharist**

## Christmas Day:

**8am Holy Communion**  
**10am Family Service - *Hectic or Holy***



# Upcoming Events

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St Andrew's School Carol Service
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Baby Talk – Christmas Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Classical Christmas Concert
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Kids' Church Party and Crib Service Rehearsals
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	10am	Parish Communion (No Kids' Church)
	5pm	Crib Service – <i>The Greatest Journey</i>
	11pm	Midnight Eucharist
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10am	Family Service – <i>Holy or Hectic</i>
	1pm	Christmas Lunch – Church Gate House
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Parish Communion (No Kids' Church)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Baby Talk
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Family Service
	6pm	SAY It's Sunday Youth Group
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Baby Talk