

December Diary 2006

Vicar's December Jottings

While Christine & I were shopping last week (not my favourite occupation) we met a variety of shop assistants from those who seemed more interested in a chat with a friend to those who tailed us like a bad conscience. But we noted one who got it just right. She came and enquired if she could help, found out what Christine was looking for, made useful suggestions while really listening to Christine's responses, and then left us alone at the right moment, keeping eye contact at a distance so we didn't feel abandoned. No matter we didn't buy anything there; we'd certainly go back.

Christmas is a time when many people still come to church and we try to put on services that will encourage that. On several occasions we also have refreshments like mulled wine and mince pies so that many will linger longer. This is such an important time for all of us to take on the part of being hosts. It isn't a time to focus on our church friends, it's a time to step forward & make conversation, find out about people, check they're OK, but without crowding them. Our desire is that having come to celebrate, some will want to come again and our welcome and warmth is important.

Welcome starts in friendliness and then goes further. I recently heard someone quoted as saying, "I'm not looking for a friendly church, I'm looking for a church where I can make friends". I've been talking with group leaders and others about ways of helping those who are joining our church to get to know what goes on and feel part of things. I hope that the new 'yellow pages' in our Church Handbook & Family List help show who does what etc. but I think we need to do more. I'd love to hear your ideas especially if you are new to our church.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas!!

Nick Grew

Date & Day	Time	Details	Venue
2 nd Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	HT Upper Room
3rd SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
Advent 1	9.30am	All Together (decorate the tree afterwards)	Holy Trinity Church
	9.45am	20:20 Church (decorate the tree afterwards)	St Saviour's Church
	6.30pm	Advent Special	Holy Trinity Church
4 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Growing Leaders (Session 4)	St Saviour's Church
5 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Church
6 th Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer meeting	St Saviour's Vestry
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	7.30pm	Warden's Meeting	Trinity House
7 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	10.00am	Knaphill Lower School Christmas Carols	Holy Trinity Church
	12noon	Not-so-Young Christmas Lunch	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
8 th Friday	7.00pm	Scout Carol Service	St Saviour's Church
9 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	HT Upper Room
	10.00am	Christmas Flower arranging 'Christmas Carols'	Holy Trinity Church
10th SUNDAY	9.30am	Hands Free	Holy Trinity Church
Advent 2	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	6.30pm	Carol Service	Holy Trinity Church

11 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	PCC Budget Meeting	HT Upper Room
12 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	7.50pm	Carols in the pubs of Knaphill	meet outside KHCS
13 th Wednesday	10.00am	St Saviour's Pre-School Nativity	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	6.00pm	Carol singing & mince pies	Brookwood Station
14 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	10-11.30am	Coffee & Mince Pies (<i>'Lunch with Others'</i>)	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group – Christmas Party	Holy Trinity Church Hall
16 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	6.30pm	Carol singing around Percheron Drive	meet at Nr 46 Percheron Dr

17th SUNDAY	9.30am	Hands Free Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
<u>Advent 3</u>	10.30am	Morning Service	St Saviour's Church
	10.45am	Christingle-making-session	Holy Trinity C/Hall
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
	1.45pm	Carols @ Knaphill Working Men's Club	KWMC
	4.30pm	Christingle	Holy Trinity Church
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Saviour's Church

18 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
19 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
20 th Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion – <i>Exodus 15:1-21</i>	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	5.30-7pm	Carols at the Alpha Hospital	Alpha Hospital
21 st Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
23 rd Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room

24th SUNDAY	9.30am	Hands Free	Holy Trinity Church
<u>Christmas Eve</u>	3.30pm	1st 20:20 Crib service – <i>Posada figures</i>	St Saviour's Church
	4.45pm	2nd 20:20 Crib service	St Saviour's Church
	11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church

25th Monday	10.30am	Family Christmas Service	St Saviour's Church
<u>Christmas Day</u>	10.30am	Family Christmas Service – <i>Posada figures</i>	Holy Trinity Church
	11.45am	Spoken Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	11.45am	Spoken Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church

Church Office Closed – Re-opens Thursday 4th January
Clive Beazley-Long – holiday from 25th Dec – Jan 3rd

31st SUNDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
<u>New Year's Eve</u>	8.00pm	New Year's Eve Party	Holy Trinity Church Hall