

December Diary 2008

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Vicar's December jottings

The Gospels give Easter much more space than Christmas and some people today would like to find a secular name for the approaching season, but this is generally a time of year when it's OK to mention the name of Jesus on the streets and even to sing about Him! Let's take real advantage of that fact.

There are all sorts of ways we can all show a generous Christmas spirit. Can you join in some Carol-singing? Will you look out for the visitor in church? Why not invite people along to one of the special services? Let's seek to walk more to the rhythm of God rather than run with the pressures and demands of our society!

And here's an idea that came to me during the Saturday Prayer Meeting a couple of weeks ago. Why don't we give a gift to every trader, business or organisation in our parish? The idea would be to take them a simple gift (e.g. value, around £2.50), thank them for their service to our community, and give them a card that says something like, "Jesus came as a free gift to all people to show us God's love in our world".

The plan as it stands at the moment will be to have labels for every business hanging on the Christmas Trees in our churches (from Saturday 6th December, we hope). We then ask you all to consider buying a gift or gifts (we intend to have a supply), put a label from the tree on each one, take up a card for each one, and then personally deliver them to the businesses named on the labels. I hope most of us will feel able to take on this simple act of kindness and to say a few words of personal thanks as we do it – I guess that may lead to opportunities to chat more about Christmas and Jesus...

There are so many simple ways to "Share Your Bread", and in so doing to make the living Lord Jesus as visible today as he was to those who came hundreds of years ago, to stare in wonder at a baby in a manger.

Have a Wonderful Christmas!

Nick Grew

Date & Day	Time	Details	Venue
1 st Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
2 nd Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Monthly Prayer meeting – <i>Andy Harris</i>	Holy Trinity Church
3 rd Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer meeting	St Saviour's Church
	2.15-3.15pm	Intercessors for Healing	HT Church, via Vestry
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.00pm	Wardens Meeting	Trinity House
4 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	12 noon	Not-so-Young	King's House Coffee Shop
5 th Friday	10.30-12.15pm	Coffee, mince pies, chat and carols @	St Saviour's Church
6 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
7th SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
Advent 2	9.30am	Inter-gen	Holy Trinity Church
	9.45am	20:20 Church	St Saviour's Church
	4.00pm	'Sing for Change' Knaphill Brownies & Guides	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	6.30pm	Sensing God's Heart and Sharing it with Those we Meet – Where to say it (6/6)	Holy Trinity Church
8 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting - Agree 2009 Budget	Holy Trinity Church
9 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Men's Curry Club	Khyber Pass, Knaphill
10 th Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer meeting	St Saviour's Church

11 th Thursday	2.15-3.15pm	Intercessors for Healing	HT Church, via Vestry
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	9.30am	Brookwood School Carols	St Saviour's Church
	11.00am	St Saviour's Pre-School Nativity rehearsal	St Saviour's Church
12 th Friday	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group / Toddler Praise	Holy Trinity Church & Hall
	10.00am	St Saviour's Pre-School Nativity	St Saviour's Church
	2.00-7.00pm	Tearcraft Sale	35 Grindstone Crescent
13 th Saturday	7.00pm	Brookwood Scouts Carols	St Saviour's Church
	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	3.30-5.30pm	Christmas Messy Church	St Saviour's Church/Hall

14th SUNDAY	9.30am	Hands Free	Holy Trinity Church
Advent 3	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	6.30pm	Carol Service	Holy Trinity Church

15 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	11.30am	Holy Trinity Pre-School Christmas service	Holy Trinity Church
	1.00pm	Knaphill Junior School Carol rehearsals	Holy Trinity Church
16 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	10.00am	Knaphill Junior School Carol Concert	Holy Trinity Church
	12.30pm	Carols in the Community...	The Meadows, Knaphill
	5.30-7.30pm	Carols in the Community...	Brookwood Station (1/3)
	7.30pm	Knaphill Junior School Carol Concert	Holy Trinity Church
17 th Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion – 2 Sam 11:1-15; 12:1-7a	St Saviour's Church
	2.00pm	Carols in the Community...	King's House Coffee Shop
	2.15-3.15pm	Intercessors for Healing	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.30pm	Carols in the Community...	Brookwood Station (2/3)
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
18 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group Christmas Party	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	5.30-7.30pm	Carols in the Community...	Brookwood Station (3/3)
	8.30pm	Carols in the Community...	Garibaldi Pub
	8.00pm	Messy Church meeting	Fiona Thomas' house
20 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	10.30am	Carols and the stories in the Community...	Knaphill Library

21st SUNDAY	9.30am	Hands Free Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
Advent 4	10.45am	Christingle-making session	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	10.30am	Inter-gen	St Saviour's Church
	4.30pm	Christingle	Holy Trinity Church
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Saviour's Church

22 nd Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
23 rd Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church

The Church Office will be closed from Wednesday 24th December until Monday 5th January 2009

24 th Wednesday	3.30pm	20:20 Puppet Crib Service	St Saviour's Church
	4.45pm	20:20 Puppet Crib Service	St Saviour's Church
	11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
	11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
25 th Thursday	10.30am	Family Christmas Service	Holy Trinity Church
	10.30am	Family Christmas Service	St Saviour's Church

28th SUNDAY	10.30am	Family Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
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