



Christ Church
Little Drayton
A Traditional Church
A Welcoming Church
A Caring Church



Sunday 7th January Epiphany

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK:
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE, WE NEED THE
FOLLOWING IN ORDER OF URGENCY PLEASE...



CARTONS OF LONG LIFE JUICE

Monthly Bible verse:

'May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.' (*Psalm 19 v. 14*).



Prayer for the week:

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Amen.

'Lord let me share your work, open my eyes to the burdens borne by others. Open my heart to the pain that cannot be shared, to the fear that cannot be spoken, to all those that face darkness alone.' **Amen.**

Readings:

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 60:1-6
A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians 3:1-12
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12



Hymns:

724 We three kings of Orient are

49 As with gladness men of old

411 Lord Jesus Christ (please feel free to join in once you've received communion)

54 At the name of Jesus



Readings to use in the second week of January:

Day	Date	Reading	Psalm
Epiphany	07	John 1:29-34	132
Baptism of Christ	08	John 1:29-34	89:19-29
Tuesday	09	Matthew 21:18-32	73
Wednesday	10	Matthew 21:33-end	77
Thursday	11	Matthew 22:1-14	78:1-39
Friday	12	Matthew 22:15-33	55
Saturday	13	Matthew 22:34-end	76
Sunday	14	1 Corinthians 6:11-end	145.1-12

Thanks to all who have worked so hard to bring beauty into our church to share with others during Advent and Christmas.



We are looking for one more person to go on the rota as sidesperson. If you would like to volunteer, please let Revd. Jane know. If you can help out at baptism services, please let Emma know. Thank you.

Tea / coffee rotas for January: 7th: Jan and Lil, 14th: Ann, 21st: Chris and Carol, 28th: Lil.

We are short of people to help serve tea and coffee after the Sunday morning service. If you can help, please let Emma know.

Please pray for the recently departed: **Violet Darlington**

Please pray for the people of our parish: **Andrew Bailey, Pat Bullen, Jodie, Gracie, Robert and Family, Bill Hughes, Grace Roberts, Ann, Ray, Will and Pat James, Margy Taylor, Wyn, Tony, John, Nadine Gawleta, Eric, Jane, Diane, Charlotte, Heather Winstone, Richard, Lily Barnett**

Please pray for members of our church family: **Brenda Bickerton, Judy Biggs, Anthony Boughey, James Butter**

Please pray for the life of our church: **Film Club, GSS, children's work, our churchwarden and assistant warden**

Here are the dates for the next Christ Church Homegroups:

Thursday 11th January 2024 – Time: 7-9pm

Thursday 18th January 2024 – Time: 7-9pm

Thursday 25th January 2024 – Time: 7-9pm

Thursday 1st February 2024 – Time: 7-9pm

Thursday 8th February 2024 – Time: 7-9pm



If anyone would like to join us, please speak to Carol or call her on 07756 753515. **The first group will be held at Jacqui and Dennis's new house. Carol will email the address to those who would like to attend**

Thank you for your continuing contributions to the church. As more of you are choosing to give your collection by Standing Order, here are the church's bank account details for others who might find it more convenient:

Account name: Christ Church Little Drayton

Account number: 05865160

Sort code: 77-27-16

UPCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS:

Sunday 7th January 09:45 am: Parish Eucharist
6:30 pm: Evening prayer



Monday 8th January 12:00 pm: the funeral of Violet Darlington will take place in church

Tuesday 9th January 10:00 am: Holy Communion (said Eucharist)



Wednesday 10th January 6:00 pm: PCC meeting

Thursday 11th January 7:00 pm—9:00 pm: Christ Church Homegroup.



Sunday 14th January 09:45 am: Parish Eucharist



Monday 15th January 1:30 pm: Film Club will be showing *Calendar Girls*. Free entry, coffee, cake and raffle



Tuesday 16th January 10:00 am: Holy Communion (said Eucharist)



11:00 am: Outreach and Fundraising meeting

Thursday 18th January 7:00 pm—9:00 pm: Christ Church Homegroup.



Sunday 21st January 09:45 am: Christingle Service (The Third Sunday Special)
6:30 pm: the Healing Service



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