

# Christ Church, New Catton

## January Notice Sheet

A very warm welcome to Christ Church, New Catton, especially if you are a visitor here this morning.

Please keep this notice sheet as a reminder of services and activities during the month of January.

### **Sunday services for January and the beginning of February**

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January, Epiphany, 10.30am,**

Service of the Word, Margaret Gray

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January, Baptism of Christ, 10.30am**

Holy Communion, Revd Phil Charlesworth

Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-end

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Epiphany 2, 10.30am,**

Service of the Word, Margaret Gray

1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Epiphany 3, 10.30am**

Holy Communion, Revd Phil Charlesworth

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Epiphany 4, 10.30am**

Service of the Word, Margaret Gray

Hebrews 2:14-end, Luke 2:22-40



## **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who helped in some way over the Christmas period. It was lovely to be able to welcome 45 people to our Carol Service and 90 to our Christingle Service



**Thank  
You!**

## **A Note from Beryl**

We are very grateful to Beryl for her many years of faithfully providing such beautiful floral arrangements for our church. She has sent this note of appreciation:

*Thank you for the beautiful flower bouquet of coloured roses presented to me last month in recognition of my "retirement" from arranging flowers in the church. I have enjoyed doing them but now find it difficult to walk to the church and back home.*

If anyone would like to take over the role of arranging flowers in the porch, please speak to Margaret.

## **Children's Society Collection and Boxes**

We are grateful to everyone who has been collecting money for the Children's Society. Please could you return any collection boxes to Andy Gray by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January.



**The  
Children's  
Society**

## **Weekly and monthly activities**

**Book Swap** - Wednesdays 10am—12 noon

A chance to borrow books and enjoy delicious cakes and a hot drink.

**Friendship Club** - Wednesdays 2pm

Meet others for a game of Scrabble or Cribbage.

**Church Working Party** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10am

## **An update**

Your PCC will be meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February with the sole purpose of putting together a Parish Profile that will be used to recruit a Team Vicar for Christ Church. Do keep them in your prayers throughout this process.

As we look ahead to 2026, there will be an opportunity to join together in prayer on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am** in the Memorial Chapel. Why not consider arriving half an hour earlier for Book Swap in order to pray for the future?

The diocese have provided us with this prayer to use over the coming weeks and months. Do make it a part of your own prayers:

**GOD OUR FATHER,**

**You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus Christ  
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.**

**Guide with your heavenly wisdom  
those who are to choose a new priest 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. Amen.**

## **For your prayers**

***Throughout the month please remember the following in your prayers:***

***Please pray for a full recovery for:***

- ◆ ***John Chapman's granddaughter Rachael and niece Jackie***
- ◆ ***Sandra Armes' granddaughter Vicky.***
- ◆ ***Martin Walker's Mother Helen Sheppard awaiting an operation.***

**Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> January:**

**The PCC meeting on Monday evening to discuss the parish profile.**

**Those living in:** Tillet Rd, Tillet Rd East, Traverse St.

**Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Our churchwardens** - Andy Spooner as he travels to Australia and Barry Mottram during Andy's absence.

**Those living in:** Wall Rd, Waterloo Rd, Wild Rd.

**Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Those who are housebound or living in care homes:** Wendy Beckett, Maureen Elvidge, Brenda Grigglesstone.

**Those living in:** Willis St, Woodcock Rd.

**Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Abi and Stu** on leave in the UK and visiting us next Sunday.

**Those studying at the Theological College in Papua New Guinea.**

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