

# WONERSH CHURCH

*St John the Baptist, Parish of Wonersh with Blackheath*

*Hello & welcome* to our services today.

We would especially like to welcome William, Charlotte and Eleanor Russell as we celebrate their baptisms. If you are new or visiting, we do hope you will feel at home. Do please introduce yourself and join us for coffee and a mince pie in between the services today.

We offer gluten free wafers at our communion services – please ask the person administering the bread if you would like to receive one.

## Sunday 9th December

**9.00 am Holy Communion CW**  
Rev. Debbie Sellin

**10.15 am** Coffee & Mince Pies served  
in between the services

**10.45 am Christingle Service**  
Rev. Debbie Sellin  
Sarah Rowden  
Matthew 5: 13-16 (pg. 969)



### The Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

## ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH at Blackheath

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am – Holy Communion at Wonersh  
10.45am – Family Christingle Service at Wonersh

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

4.00pm – Cribb Service with Carols

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## **Please pray for our Mission Partner...**

### **Mim Friday with Viva**

1. Our core work around protecting and rescuing children is largely funded by a Swedish donor. They have been significantly hit by deflation, government cuts and a loss of revenue from their second hand shops. This means that our budget is going to be cut by about 30%. We need to make wise choices and also find new opportunities to build this critical response that sees us able to respond to calls from the police and from individuals.
2. We thank God that 30 churches from 5 denominations are working well together to promote family based care in their churches. There is still a lack of understanding of the importance of foster care and adoption of children without blood ties. We are praying we will see a shift in attitude during the next year.
3. We thank God for the continued development of the education work with girls. We have an external evaluation in June next year where the performance of the girls in numeracy and literacy will be tested. DFID (UKAID) want to see significantly faster learning in our girls than any other girl in school, so we are ploughing our energies into this. Pray that God would give them unusual learning abilities!

## **NEWS**

### **Charity Cake Sale in aid of Age Concern – NEXT SUNDAY**



WSG Primary School Cookery Club will be hosting another delicious cake sale in aid of Wonersh Age Concern after Church next Sunday. Please bring cash for this very worthy cause!

The Lunch Club runs every Monday in Lawnsmead Hall. We have up to 24 older men and women who come for lunch each week. Most of them live on their own and quite a few are not able to walk very far so we collect them and take them home too. They pay £4 for their lunch. A group of people from the village lay tables, prepare and cook a three course lunch, serve, clear away and wash up too. They have all kinds of different food but everyone especially likes the puddings. When you live on your own you don't often cook puddings for yourself. There is never left over pudding! But even better is the chance to get out of the house and have a chat with lots of friends.

At Christmas we have a big lunch party and invite the regular 24 and other older people in the village. They do not pay for this lunch. It is also a special Christmas lunch as not everyone has a family celebration to look forward to. So if the Cookery Club makes delicious cakes and raises some money for the Lunch Club we will spend it on this party, a roast dinner, lots of party puddings, crackers and a little present for everyone. By the end everyone will be singing carols and lots of other old songs and will eventually go home very full and happy.

## Carol Services next Sunday



We have two carol services here at church next Sunday – Family Carols at 10am and Candlelit Carols at 7pm. Liz Hayley is putting together a joyful band of singers to take part in the Carol Service. We have many ways to reach out to our friends and neighbours at this time of year to share something of the good news of Christmas – maybe you could invite a group of people for tea next Sunday and then bring them along to Candlelit Carols.

## The North Guildford Food Bank

The North Guildford Food Bank ‘celebrates’ its 6th birthday this month though, of course, we would be delighted if we were no longer needed. We are so grateful for your regular contributions over the years.

We seem to have just sorted our Harvest donations and are now busy preparing for Christmas at the Food Bank. At this time of year, we are blessed to receive donations from work places in the Guildford area but we know that, almost as fast as the donations arrive at the Food Bank, they will be going out to the needy families who come to us with their vouchers. During the winter months we are also helping clients with their fuel by topping up their cards when they come for food. We have just started to see the impact of Universal Credit so expect that we will be needed more than ever.

Our current needs are for the following items:

- Tomato ketchup
- Flour (Plain or SR)
- Honey
- Peanut Butter
- All Purpose Spray Cleaner



Please continue to keep our clients in your prayers.  
Thank you, Rosie

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

Many thanks to those who filled and returned a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. If you took a shoe box, but have not used it please could you return it to church for future use? Thank you.

## Christmas shopping that makes a difference!



If you missed our Fair-trade Christmas Card Sale, why not pop along to the Christmas shop at Emmanuel Church Parish Centre, Stoughton. Opening hours are Monday – Thursday, 10am-2pm or Saturday 10am-12pm. All profits are given to support fair-trade projects worldwide.

## Christmas Showcase, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm

Godalming Community Gospel Choir invites you to an evening of contemporary and traditional Christmas gospel songs, wine and mince pies at St. Peter & St. Paul Parish Church, Godalming, GU7 1ER. It will be led by their Music Director Hermione Thomas and Yoloanda Antonio will be the guest soloist. Entry is free!

# The week ahead...

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup>**

**11.00am**

Coffee on the Green  
at The Grantley Arms



**6.30pm**

Beloved Girls Evening at Sarah R's

**8.00pm**

Men's Group Christmas Drinks  
at The Grantley Arms

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9.30am**

**CHATTERBOX** at Lawnsmead

**2.30pm**

Joint Seniors Christmas Service & Tea  
at Wonersh URC

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am**

Christmas Choir Rehearsal at Church

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup>**

**8.00am**

Holy Communion BCP

**10.00am**

Family Carols

**After Church**

Charity Cake Sale for Age Concern

**7.00pm**

Candle lit Carol Service

# Dates for your diary...

**24<sup>th</sup> December**

Crib Service, 4pm

**25<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Day Family Service, 10.45am

**26<sup>th</sup> January**

Tear Fund Big Quiz Night, 7.30pm