

Robes winter night shelter for the homeless



This winter we have a record number of churches hosting in Clapham which is fantastic and reflects, I think, the heart of our community. Ace of Clubs and St Paul's have just completed their third week of hosting, and they are ever grateful for all the support given by the volunteers. If you wish to find out more about Robes please see their website <http://robes.org.uk/> or speak to Mtr Ruth.

If you are willing and able to help us in the New Year here at Holy Spirit on Saturday nights/Sunday mornings from 27th January or Christ Church on Tuesday evenings/Wednesday mornings from 16th January, we would be most grateful, there are many roles you can help with please see the church website for more information and volunteering form. Paper copies of this form can also be picked up from the back of church.

We are very excited about this opportunity to warmly welcome our night shelter guests again this winter and we are especially thankful to you for making it possible.

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Holy Spirit



Sunday 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

Welcome to Holy Spirit.

We have Sunday School for children from Reception age upwards during term time & a crèche all year round. For LARGE print hymn & service books ask the sidespeople. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid.

JOIN IN

Please ALL COME to the Lord's table: whether or not you are used to receiving communion. We all gather as members of God's family to receive bread & wine or a blessing.

Please stay for a drink & a chat after the service

SUPPORT

Make your donation count: Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit. You can make your donation even more valuable by allowing us to reclaim the tax on your gift. To do so please fill in your details on the front of the Yellow Envelopes.

THANK YOU!

READINGS

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11 Isaiah's joy in his vocation is tangible as he gets to share this awesome news - God's Manifesto! The news is good, of course, for those whose existence feels hopeless and hard and for those whose sense of brokenness seems insurmountable. I wonder how many times we assess and respond to news by the effect it will have on others - the poorest and most vulnerable, for example?

John 1. 6-8, 19-28 John's message mirrors the energy of the Isaiah passage. Again, what is striking, is that John is comfortable with who he is & who he is not. This story is not about him, but he knows that he is an integral part of it - sent by God. John is another proclaimer of news for others - news that Jesus was coming and that Jesus was for them.

Hymns:

46

36

45

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CALENDAR

Today

8.00am Pram Service

9.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Traditional service of lessons and carols

Mon 18th December

9.00am Morning Prayer

11.00am Bonneville School Christmas Concert

Tuesday 19th December

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Silver Socials

12 noon Silver Socials Christmas lunch

Wednesday 20th December

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Carols in the Village

Thursday 21st December

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist followed by simple lunch

Sunday 24th December

9.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Parish Eucharist

12 noon Christingle making

4pm Christingle service

11.30pm Midnight mass

Please pray for

Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Albert Bell, Tim Grisdale, Cassie Williams, Anthony Walker, Sara Carter, Harry Rich, Molly Price Owen, Carol Ann Simmonds, Christine Harris & Sonia Gordon.

Christmas Services

Today 6.30pm

Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols

followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Wednesday 20 December 6.30pm

Carol Singing in the Village

meet at the church

Sunday 24 December

Christmas Eve 4pm

Christingle Service

lively family nativity service

Sunday 24 December

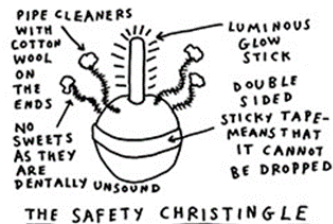
Christmas Eve 11.30pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.30am

Christmas Festival Eucharist

Our BIGGEST Service of the Year.



CHRISTINGLE

(the unsafety kind)

Fire!
Sugar!
Children!
HELP!

SUNDAY 24th Dec at 12 noon making Christingles, rehearsing and "herding" the child stars for the Nativity.
3.30pm dress rehearsal

NOTICES

Last minute Christmas Shopping ? Holy Spirit can earn commission from your online shopping at no extra cost to you: Visit <http://www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk/webstore>

Please give your donations towards the **Christmas flowers** to **Judith Vickery** ALL welcome to help decorate the church Saturday 23rd Dec 10am

ADVENT PRAYER

Blessed are you, Gracious God, you call us to proclaim the news of your kingdom

To be you be praise and glory forever

You promise life and light to all people

Help us to share in the responsibility of your promise

Forgive us, Lord, when we are too preoccupied with our own lives that we forget the oppressed, avoid the broken-hearted and ignore the poor.

Help us to see with your eyes, reach out with your hands, feel with your heart & shine with your light.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God forever

SILVER SOCIALS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 19th December 2017

Join us for

Coffee, cake, music and games from 10.30am

Christmas lunch from 12 noon

ALL WELCOME

