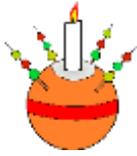


Church Notices



What is a Christingle?

Come and join us for our annual Christingle family service on 10th December at 10am and find out. Lots of

fun, candles, songs and activity – children young and old don't forget to come dressed as either angels or shepherds for our Christmas story, and mums and dad's bring your voices to join in. We will as always be supporting the work of the Children's Society, so do come and be part of the celebration.

The Crayford Group of the NSPCC are having a stall at St Anselm's Church, Dartford. Christmas Fair on the 2nd December from 2 p.m. Please could you donate any small items and small Christmas gift bags for this, please? Please give to Barbara Judge, Barbara Gray or Fiona Nyman



Ladies Breakfast

Yes, it's that time again Ladies.

Date this year is Saturday December 2nd, sit down at 8.30am.

'the list is at the back of the church for you to put your name, and choice of breakfast'...

Any queries: Brian 524328

Men's Group Christmas Meal

Tuesday 28th November 7.30/7.45 at Spice Fusion, Station Road, Crayford.

List at the back of church.

Brian 524328

Relax into Prayer

The next meeting will be on Monday December 4th at 104 Old Road, Crayford....yes it is at Maureen's! from 7.45pm. All welcome. Queries to Denise Morgan on 01322 527372

Church Flowers

From January next year I am asking if someone will come forward and take over the running of the church flowers. I have been doing this for 16 years, we were once a group of 9 then, we are now down to 4, we are no longer 'spring chickens' we once were, age and ill health has reduced our numbers and this is bound to continue. We need new members, please consider joining us, the more the number, the less your turn comes around. Let me know early December as I do the rotas then. Without more help there will not always be flowers in church.

Many thanks Joan Bishop

The food bank is asking especially for Advent Calendars and chocolates for the children. Please place in the box by the Tower space door.

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



Sunday 26th November – Christ the King

A warm welcome to newcomers and visitors.

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

8am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

10am Parish Mass & Procession

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

Hymns: CE 19, 326, 59, 139

Season: Advent

Monday 27 th November	
Tuesday 28 th November	
Wednesday 29 th November	9.30 Mass – School Y4
Thursday 30 th November	9.30 Toddler Church – In youth hall
Friday 1 st December	9.15am Low Mass at Mollie Merritt 13 Iron Mill Lane.
Saturday 2 nd December	
Sunday 3 rd December	8am Low Mass & Homily 10am Parish Mass & sermon

Tuesday 5th December Deanery Advent service at St Martin's 2.00pm

Wed 13th December MU Pre-Christmas lunch – please sign list at the back of church. All are welcome.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will search for my sheep,
and will seek them out.

12 As shepherds seek out their flocks
when they are among their scattered sheep,
so I will seek out my sheep.

I will rescue them from all the places
to which they have been scattered
on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

13 I will bring them out from the peoples
and gather them from the countries,
and will bring them into their own land;
and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel,
by the watercourses,
and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

14 I will feed them with good pasture,
and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;
there they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of
Israel.

15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I will make them lie down,
says the Lord GOD.

16 I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strayed,
and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak,
but the fat and the strong I will destroy.
I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them:
I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder,
and butted at all the weak animals with your horns
until you scattered them far and wide,

22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged;
and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd,
my servant David, and he shall feed them:
he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

24 And I, the LORD, will be their God,
and my servant David shall be prince among them;
I, the LORD, have spoken.

PSALM 95.1–7a

**R The Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.**

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods. **R**

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

6 Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1.15–23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love towards all the saints,
and for this reason

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you
as I remember you in my prayers.

17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him,

18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,
you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the
saints,

19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power
for us who believe, according to the working of his great
power.

20 God put this power to work in Christ
when he raised him from the dead
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,
and above every name that is named,
not only in this age but also in the age to come.

22 And he has put all things under his feet
and has made him the head over all things for the church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.31–46

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of
his glory.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him,
and he will separate people one from another
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left.

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
"Come, you that are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world;

35 for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me."

37 Then the righteous will answer him,
"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you
food,

or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and
welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison
and visited you?"

40 And the king will answer them,

"Truly I tell you,
just as you did it to one of the least of these who are
members of my family, you did it to me."

41 Then he will say to those at his left hand,

"You that are accursed,
depart from me into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels;

42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not give me clothing,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

44 Then they also will answer,

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison,
and did not take care of you?"

45 Then he will answer them,

"Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of
these, you did not do it to me."

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment,
but the righteous into eternal life.'