

This week

Sunday 21st December 9.30 Holy Communion **11.00am Family Nativity**
clothes for dressing up to take part in this are at the back of church. Please join in.

3.30pm Christmas Party Time (tickets required see Ann Heafield or Ange or Mary). A great chance to invite a friend to Christ Church

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday 22nd Dec (Philip Day off... please contact Hannah if urgent)

Tuesday 23rd Dec The Furnace at Rog and Julie's

11.30pm Christmas Eve 24th Midnight Communion

10.30 am Christmas Day 25th Family Communion with Carols

Sunday 28th December 10.30am Family Communion

Next week

Monday 29th Dec 6– 9p.m. Future Light Christmas get-together at the Vicarage

NB The church Office will be closed over New Year and re-open on Monday 5th January. Maureen is answering emails from home until then.

Most groups will begin the week of 5th as well except Toddler Group which re-opens on 14th January

Sunday January 4th, 11th 9.30 and 11a.m.

Please be in prayer for those who are struggling with illness or bereavement. Why not invite some one you know to come to a Christmas service

Information: there are a variety of information leaflets and charity magazines in a blue folder on the table at the back by the font. Please have a browse. If you bring information for church it would be helpful if you could put it in the folder as this makes it easier to find.

Recent sermon notes can also be found on the information table as well as leaflets and giving envelopes you can take .

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Christmas issue 2014



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A few of us enjoyed some carol singing last week firstly at the Adventure Playground at an event organised by Ant and Hannah and then at The Wharncliffe pub in Firth Park with members of St Cuthbert's, our Mis-

sion Partners. This followed on from a great evening last week at the Bay Horse. A small group led an afternoon of carols at Rosebank nursing home and John Mellor and Philip led singing at Woodhill Grange nursing home.



Welcome to our services

Please join us for tea or coffee after the service.

New to Christ Church? Please ask to fill in a **Newcomers card**

with your contact details and hand to Welcomer or Church leader so we can keep in touch with you.



We have some flyers left to go round the parish. If you can distribute a few to advertise the remaining Christmas services please see Philip or Frances

On your own for Christmas Day: Ange is organizing Christmas Dinner in the Welcome Centre. It will be at 2pm and there is recommended donation of £7.00 to cover the cost of your food and a bit more to enable her to invite an asylum seeker. Donations are voluntary and discretionary and even if you are eating with family or friends, you may wish to donate food instead/as well. There will be a sign up list for this at the back of church.

Christmas Cards for each other

We shall be putting up a **board for Christmas cards** to church family and have **envelopes for sending money to Embrace Syria appeal, Christian Aid and Tear-fund.** If we can send one card to church friends by putting it on the board, we can donate what we save .



NEED TO SWAP YOUR DUTY ON THE ROTA?

Then PLEASE will you :

- Let Vera or Maureen know
- WRITE the change on the board by welcome desk
- For readings, prayers, chalice, let service leader know

A **big thank you** to everyone who **helped to prepare the church** for Christmas: for donations towards the flowers or help to put up the tree, crib and other decorations. In particular, we would like to thank Yvonne Richardson who is a member of the Neighbourhood Watch group and who has done most of the flower arrangements . Her offer to help was especially welcome as June has not been well enough to get involved this time. Our best wishes go to June who we hope will soon be back on her feet in the New Year.

Church Directory 2015

It is hoped to update contact details in the directory at the beginning of the New Year. If you joined the electoral roll last April and agreed for your details to be included in the church list/directory, you only need to let us know of any change of address, phone number or email address...unless, like Holly, you have also changed your name

Nativity!



TODAY Sunday 21st we will be doing our "Scratch Nativity".*

Did you want to play Joseph but get cast as a donkey?

Have you got a child who always wanted to be an angel - but someone else always got the part?

Did you grow up wanting to play Mary only to never get in the club? Pick a character and either come dressed or use sheets and stuff to make it up once you've arrived at church. There will be some clothes and materials at church as well.

You decide which character you want to be. If we end up with six wise people we're fine with that.

Mission Action Planning

Our next important date is **Sunday 18th January 4—6p.m.** when we can all have a go prayerfully at MAP and be excited at what God is doing among us.

Please **book the date!**

This is the latest news sheet of 2014! The next one will be in January Thank you to everyone who has kept the life of Christ Church going through this year. 2015 is just around the corner and we have lots of plans!

2015 Should be the year when we get to grips with reroofing and refurbishing the Welcome Centre.

2015 will be the year when we strengthen our Mission Partnership with St. Peters and St. Cuthberts and apply for the new Mission Partnership Development Worker or workers to help with administration across the partnership.

2015 will see us completing the Mission Action Plan to help us to be more effective as a church.

2015 will be a year when we seek to serve God more completely as we come to Him in prayer and worship

2015 will see us planning and advertising START and Moving On courses to help all of us to grow in our faith.