

Christ the King, Bradley Stoke

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards are now available advertising our parish Christmas services. If you can help by delivering your own road and an adjacent street please collect enough from the office.

SUPPORT FOR OUR ADDITIONAL FESTIVE SERVICES

We have a number of special services coming up. If you could read, welcome etc. at any of these please sign up on the foyer notice board. Donations of mince pies and festive biscuits would be very welcome.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE AT WILLOWBROOK

This will take place this **Wednesday 13th December**. Music and free refreshments from 6.00 pm with the Carols starting at 6.30 pm. Please arrive at about 5.45 pm. if you are able to distribute song sheets, refreshments and 'giveaways' that would be very helpful. If anyone could **help lead the carol singing** then please let Revd Chris know - either by speaking to him or emailing chris@bradleystokeparish.org.uk

GIRLS SMALL GROUP

Following the success of our Monday night boy's small group we would like to start a similar group for teenage girls. If you're a parent of a teenage girl or you've helped out in youth work before please prayerfully consider if you could help in establishing this new ministry. Jacob can help provide the programming and material but the group needs a female leader.

Prayer for the week:

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.

This Sunday

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10.00 a.m.

Holy
Communion

Matt 1: 18-21

Joseph – The
humble will be
honoured

6.30 p.m.

Evening
Worship

Sunday 17th December

10.00 a.m.

'Scratch'
Nativity -

'Jesus
Christmas
Party'

6.30 p.m.

Carol Service

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a committed church member to serve on the governing body of our Church School. Being a Foundation governor is a great opportunity to strengthen links between school and our parish churches. For more information, do talk to Paul Hinckley.

ALPHA UPDATE

This week we celebrated with our guests over a smorgasbord of Chinese and Indian food. Celebrating completion of the course, new friendships made and what life has to come. The team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their prayers and support. Please continue to pray for those guests embarking on a new life in Christ, those who are still searching for what Jesus means to them, and those who have been affirming what Jesus is to them in their lives already. A massive thank you to all who were generous and donated cakes and puddings – always enjoyed to the full!! Thanks too to everyone who had any part, however small in making this Alpha course as wonderful as it has been. We really appreciate each and every one for your time effort and commitment. Praise God for His goodness and faithfulness to us all!!!

PCC UPDATE

The PCC met on Monday 4th Dec and these were the main items of discussion:

- 1) An outline policy for the use of the pastoral care funds was agreed detailing signatories, thresholds for approval and guidelines on the use of the funds. It is hoped that this will be formally signed off at February's PCC.
- 2) Arrangement for Rev Paul's sabbatical were presented and reviewed. Various ministry tasks will be spread across the parish team, both lay and ordained, not just Revd Chris, although he will obviously be the ordained Anglican minister in the parish alongside Rev Roy as Methodist minister.
- 3) Revd Chris has been asked by +Lee to provide ministerial assistance at Malmesbury Abbey's 4pm contemporary service during the interregnum. Initially twice a month from Jan to Mar, it is hoped that the impact on Bradley Stoke Parish will be minimal.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 17th December - 11.30 am at CtK

More details from Mary, Helen or Liz.

