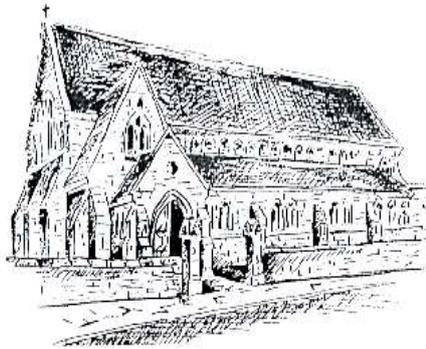


**Christ Church, Gosport Parish Eucharist**  
9.30am, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

# **Advent Sunday**

**Welcome to Christ Church!**



[www.christchurchgosport.co.uk](http://www.christchurchgosport.co.uk)

**Main Service on Sunday: 9.30am Parish Communion**

.....Every third Sunday: **10.00am All-Age Communion**  
*(Relaxed and fun service - for children of ALL ages!)*

Quiet, said Communions: 8.00am on Sundays; and 10.00am on Wednesdays

*Healing prayer is offered at services on 1<sup>st</sup> Suns and 1<sup>st</sup> Weds each month*

**See back pages of this booklet for more information about this church!**

*Christ Church is united with Holy Trinity, Trinity Green, Haslar Road - a church in the Anglo-Catholic [smells and bells!] tradition, with worship conducted in a circle around a central altar:*

[www.holytrinitygosport.co.uk](http://www.holytrinitygosport.co.uk)

## **Vicar**

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**Please feel free to contact Andy for any information about this church, or if you would like to talk about anything. He is not around for one day a week – usually Monday.**

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*(Deputy Warden as needed: Bob Harrop)*

First Sunday of the Month:  
**Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing  
is offered today:**

*Through the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, all that wounds and spoils, or makes us less than whole, has been gloriously overcome!  
The promise of healing through Christ is not of recovery from **every** illness or injury (although that is often Jesus' gift) but rather the grace of the Risen Jesus to live at peace with ourselves, our neighbours and with God.*

## **¶ The Gathering**

*Welcome, followed by silent prayer and:*

**All Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay, give new courage to your people who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to the joy of your kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King;  
born to reign in us for ever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thy all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**All and also with you.**

### **The Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.

Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.

Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth  
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit  
to make his home among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
**Amen.**

**All Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a King:  
Be born in our hearts this Christmas,  
be king of our lives today.  
Amen.**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us  
confess our sins.

*(Silence)*

**Kyries: All Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

**Absolution:** May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our  
Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

**Collect:** Let us pray *[all should remain standing]*  
A prayerful silence is kept.....

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the  
armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his  
glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **All Amen.**

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Isaiah 64. 1-9*

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence –  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil –  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

My brothers and sisters: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long:  
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

**Gospel Reading:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**All Glory to you, O Lord.** *Mark 13.24-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>24</sup>In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory.

<sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

A Sermon is given

**Prayers of Intercession:** Lord, in your mercy *All hear our prayer.*  
Lord, hear us *All Lord, graciously hear us.*

Merciful Father, *All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,*  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

**The Peace:** In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn** (*money will collected during this*)

The bread and wine being presented today has been sponsored by  
**Christine Coleborn** in loving memory of **her husband, Dennis (for his birthday);**  
**Val Egleton** in loving memory of **Robert Egleton;**  
**Pat Hewitt** in thanksgiving for **John's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion, still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation, to his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts  
**All We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. In Jesus you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

*(We sing)*

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer; When I call, answer me;**  
**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer; Come and listen to me**

On the night before he died, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; do this in remembrance of me.

*(We sing)*

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer; When I call, answer me;  
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer; Come and listen to me.**

We keep silent for a moment

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.**

***If you have ever received Communion in ANY Christian church,  
you are welcome to do so here. If you have never received Communion  
before, but have been baptised/ christened, than you can also  
receive Communion – this includes children, if those responsible for them  
are happy for them to. (Ask the priest if you have any questions).  
If you are not receiving Communion, but would like a blessing,  
please hold this service booklet in your hands.***

**During Communion:**

O come, O come, Emmanuel! Redeem thy captive Israel,  
that into exile drear is gone, far from the face of God's dear Son.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou dayspring bright! Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
dispel the long night's lingering gloom, and pierce the shadows of the tomb.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...*

O come, thou Lord of David's key! The royal door fling wide and free;  
safeguard for us the heavenward road, and bar the way to death's abode.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...*

O come, O come, Adonai, who in thy glorious majesty  
from that high mountain clothed with awe, gavest thy folk the elder law.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...*

### **Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing**

*You will be invited - and only if you would LIKE to - to come forward for  
anointing and blessing for God's healing love.*

**Post-Communion Prayer: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from  
the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Celebrations and Notices

## **¶ The Dismissal**

**Blessing:** Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness  
from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. *All Amen*

Hymn

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.  
His truth is marching on.  
*Glory, Glory halleluia ! Glory, Glory halleluia ! Glory, Glory halleluia !  
His truth is marching on.*

I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps.  
They have gilded him an altar in the evening dews and damps.  
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps.  
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat.  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat.  
O, be swift my soul to answer him, be jubilant my feet !  
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me,  
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free.  
Whilst God is marching on.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Do stay on after the main service for **refreshments and chat – at the back of the church every Sunday** and do join in the **CAKE RAFFLE**: We use this to raise money for charitable causes, and for specific church initiatives!*

*If you would like something to go into the notices, please speak to...or email.....or telephone The Vicar, Andy **by 12noon on Thursday**. Contact details are on the front cover!*

## **TODAY**

**Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion  
(with Healing Prayer)**

**Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion  
(with Healing Prayer)**

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

**Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert**

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

**Alverstoke, 6.30pm Deanery Advent Carols**

## **THIS WEEK**

**Monday December 4:**

Holy Trinity, all day, Bay House rehearsals  
and evening concert

Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

**Christ Church, 6.30pm Christingle-Making**

**Tuesday December 5:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

**Christ Church, 6.00pm Christingle**

**Wednesday December 6:**

Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion **(with Healing Prayer)**

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Friday December 8:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

**Saturday December 9:** Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning  
**Christ Church, 10.00am to 2.30pm "Carol Fest"**  
**11.00am to 12noon, Churches together in Gosport:**  
**Carols in the High Street**

**NEXT SUNDAY: December 10<sup>th</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent]**

**Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion**

**Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion**

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 1.00pm Baptism (Wilkinson)

Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 5.00pm, Capper Room in use by baptism family

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

**Christ Church, 6.30pm Masonic Carol Service**

## **Calendar**

**Monday December 11:** Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday December 12:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

**Wednesday December 13:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Holy Trinity, 7.15pm Wedding Rehearsal (Greest and Roberts)

**Thursday December 14:** Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Holy Trinity, 7.00pm, Ruby Funerals: Service for the Bereaved (ALL WELCOME!)

**Friday December 15:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

**Saturday December 16:** Christ Church, 10.00am to 2.30pm "Carol Fest"

Holy Trinity, 2.00pm Wedding (Greest and Roberts)

**Sunday December 17:** Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 10.00am All-Age Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Mayor's Carols

**Monday December 18:** Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday December 19:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Haselworth School Christingle Service

*(Note: the children are making their own Christingles)*

Christ Church, 2.00pm Mother's Union

**Wednesday December 20:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Thursday December 21:** Christ Church, 1.30pm, Newtown School Christmas Service

**Friday December 22:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

**Christmas Eve, December 24:** Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

6.30pm Christ Church "Candlelight" Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Christ Church

**Christmas Day, December 25:** 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.00am Mass at Holy Trinity

11.00am Informal Carol Service at Christ Church

**Sunday December 31:** Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Poetry, Carols and Simple Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

**Tuesday January 2:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

**Wednesday January 3:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion **(with Healing Prayer)**

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Friday January 5:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

**Saturday January 6:** Payment date for Lewis and Downie (HT)

Christ Church, 12.30pm Baptism (Fryer)

**Sunday January 7: EPIPHANY**

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion **(with Healing Prayer)**

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion **(with Healing Prayer)**

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

**Monday January 8:** Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday January 9:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

**Wednesday January 10:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Thursday January 11:** Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

**Friday January 12:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

**Saturday January 13:** Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

**Sunday January 14:** Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion [with Commissioning of our new M.U. Branch]

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

**Monday January 15:** Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday January 16:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

7.00pm Mother's Union

**Wednesday January 17:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Friday January 19:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

**Saturday January 20:** Holy Trinity, 10.30am to 3.30pm Franciscan Formation Day

**Sunday January 21:** Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 10.00am All-Age Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

Christ Church, 6.30pm "Churches Together" Service for "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity"

**Monday January 22:** Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday January 23:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

**Wednesday January 24:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Holy Trinity, 7.00pm P.C.C.

**Friday January 26:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

**Saturday January 27:** Holy Trinity, 3.00pm Wedding (Lewis and Downie)

Holy Trinity, evening, Capper Room booked by Douglas

**Sunday January 28: CANDLEMAS**

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion **(1662)**

9.30 am Christ Church and Holy Trinity JOINT Service at Christ Church.

*(no 11.00am at Holy Trinity)*

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

**Monday January 29:** Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday January 30:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"

Christ Church, 7.30pm P.C.C.

**Wednesday January 31:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Friday February 2:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

**There is an online Calendar (which you could save as a bookmark or favourite). Just go to our church's website!**

**Christingle:** Our Christingle Service is **THIS Tuesday December 5 at 6.00pm.** If you would like to make a Christingle donation to the Children's Society, envelopes and boxes will be available for you!

**Two requests:**

- 1) **Can you help with Christingle making (if only for half an hour?) from 6.30pm in church, the Monday evening before the Service?**
- 2) **Could you be one of a team of 10-15 who would have a taper at the service, and help light the children's' Christingles?**

**Carol Fest:** Church displays inspired by Christmas Carols! On show for the Christmas Fair, and on Saturdays 9th and 16th December from 10.00am to 2.30pm.

**Prayer List:** Praying for people by name during our services is important and special. But to save the list getting longer and longer, please let us know if a name can be removed.....

**Carols in the High Street – "Churches Together in Gosport" (CTiG)**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, from 11.00am to 12noon, there will be Carols – in Nat Gonella Square, outside the main entrance to the Town Hall in the High Street, with readings and reflections from "Churches Together".....do come along and join with other local Christians!

**Fred Mayhead – 100 years young!** As many of you already know, Christmas Eve is our dear Fred's 100th Birthday. Please join us after the 9.30 service to celebrate with cake and a glass of bubbly. Fred will celebrate with his family and friends at

Homefort House on the 17th December. Fred does not want any presents, but has asked that if you wish to donate to the Church Floor Fund he will be very grateful. Please place any donations in an envelope with "FRED" on the front and your name on the reverse and give to Kathy Ford who will collate and give the total to Andy to present. Thank you!

**Nativity Play:** If you know any children who might like a part in the nativity play at the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm, please let the Vicar know!

**Mags Mayhead welcomes you to come and enjoy a cosy Christmas Coffee**

**Morning/Bring and Buy:** on Saturday December 16th between 10am and 12pm at 36 Grove Avenue. This is the 23rd year, last year raised £450, thank you so much. More importantly it signals the beginning of Christmas for many with the decorated tree and log fire. All monies raised are divided between Harbour Cancer Centre and Bowel Cancer Uk. Do come and share a lovely, friendly atmosphere.

**"Heart for the Homeless":** We have been kindly donated about 30 rucksacks, full of gloves, socks, hats etc. But we are short of small pots of Vaseline, or lipsyl; small pots of Vick (sore throats colds etc.); torches; thermal underwear; more warm jackets for ladies; warm sleeping bags.....

We at Heart for the Homeless really appreciate your kind and generous donation that enables us to offer this service to all our guests. **"Heart for the Homeless"** is a "Churches Together in Gosport" (CTiG) project, which is actively supported by members of Christ Church and Holy Trinity. There is a free lunch in Christ Church Centre: 1.00pm to 3.00pm every 4th Sunday. Please spread the word about the lunch....

**Ben's Milk Bottle Top Collection:** "As many of you know our fantastic son Ben has Autism. We're involved with a local charity called Marvels and Meltdowns, who support families who have children with Autism and/or ADHD. We're collecting milk bottle tops to raise money and we need your help. If you could collect your bottle tops, there's a box at the back of the church. Thanks so much." (Sam Beggs).

**Collections at 10.00am Communion on Wednesdays:** There will now be a collection plate put out at this service each week, so people have the opportunity to give if they wish (including for visitors, or those who don't go on Sundays).

**The New Christ Church and Holy Trinity Mothers' Union:** We are restarting a branch of the Mother's Union, an organisation that does extraordinary Christian work across the world. You don't have to be a mother; you don't even have to be female (the Vicar is a member!). The meeting dates for the coming year are all on Tuesdays, alternating between 7.00pm and 2.00pm: **December 19:** 2.00pm; **January 16:** 7.00pm; **February 20:** 2.00pm; **March 20:** 7.00pm; **April 17:** 2.00pm; **May 15:** 7.00pm; **June 19:** 2.00pm; **July 17:** 7.00pm; **August 21:** 2.00pm; **September 18:** 7.00pm; **October 16:** 2.00pm; **November 20:** 7.00pm; **December 18:** 2.00pm.

**Sponsoring the bread and wine on a Sunday:** If a particular Sunday in the year falls on or near a significant date (perhaps the anniversary of a loved one's death; a birthday, an anniversary, etc) you can fill in the details on the list in church, and please put £5.00 into the collection. Your name(s), and the dedication (s) will appear in the service booklet for that week. **SEE LIST AT THE BACK OF CHURCH....**

**Church Up-Keep and Cleaning:** If you are willing to do gardening, tidying, cleaning, minor odd jobs, repairs etc, Adrian Groves would be pleased to hear from you: **akgroves@btinternet.com or 023 92 586168. In particular, please** help keep our church looking clean on the **second** Saturday of the month. We start at 10am. **Even if you can only spare half an hour, every little helps.**

**Donations to Food Banks:** Thanks to Adrian Groves there is a large plastic box at the back of church for donations of non-perishable foods, also toiletries and cosmetics for local food banks, which are overwhelmed by demand at present.

**Used Ink Cartridges:** Do put your used printer ink cartridges in the box at the back of church.....they do raise some money for our church!

**Support for Sea-farers:** Would you be willing to knit some balaclavas, gloves, mitts for sea-farers? See Kath Ford (our organist) for details, and for a pattern.

**Our Memorial Book:** There is a fee of £10.00 per name, to add a departed loved one to the book....to cover the inscribing and a donation to church funds. **Forms are available in church.**