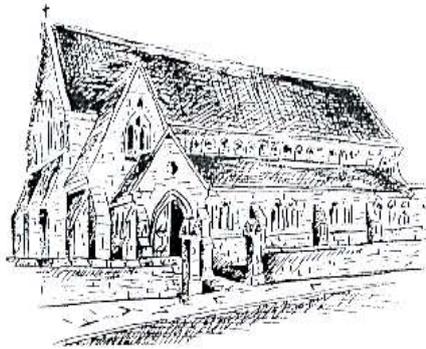


Christ Church, Gosport Parish Eucharist
9.30am, Sunday 24th December 2017
4th of Advent

Welcome to Christ Church!



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 1st Suns and 1st 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

Vicar

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(Deputy Warden as needed: Bob Harrop)

**This service is also a Celebration of
Fred Mayhead's 100th birthday today!
Love and congratulations to Fred!**

¶ 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

For Mary Mother of our Lord, God's holy name be praised,
Who first the Son of God adored, as on her child she gazed

Brave, holy Virgin she believed, though hard the task assigned,
and by the Holy Ghost conceived the Saviour of Mankind.

She gave her body as God's shrine, her heart to piercing pain;
she knew the cost of love divine, when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness and home in Galilee
there comes a joy and holiness to every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace, above all women blest;
and blest your Son, whom your embrace in birth and death confessed.

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 Fourth Advent Candle

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world, blessed is Gabriel who brought good news; blessed is Mary - your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. 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.....

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: *2 Samuel 7.1-11,16*

¹Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'
⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that

the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27

²⁵To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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

Hymn

Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own: it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1.26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the

power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

A Sermon is given

Creed: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

**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
The People of Christ Church in thanksgiving for **Fred's 100th birthday!**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie !
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark street shineth, the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep, their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

(At this point, please feel free to either remain standing; or sit; or kneel)

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

All Christ has died, Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire **us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (All) Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, now and forever. Amen.**

(If you are still standing, please kneel or sit at this point)

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: The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say--
"Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

Post-Communion Prayers: Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that
in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

**All Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Kindle us with the
fire of your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights
before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrations and Notices

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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Fred Mayhead – 100 years young! Today is our dear Fred's 100th Birthday. Please join us after the service to celebrate with cake and a glass of bubbly. 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. Thank you!

TODAY

[Morning: 4th Sunday of Advent]

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion

.....with commemoration of Fred's 100th Birthday!

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

[Evening: Christmas Eve]

6.30pm Christ Church "Candlelight" Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Christ Church

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity

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

(No weekday Masses at Holy Trinity until Tuesday 2nd January)

Wednesday December 27: Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY: December 31st [1st of Christmas]

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Poetry, Carols and

Simple Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

(No Vespers at Holy Trinity)

Calendar

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: 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

Sunday February 4: 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 February 5: Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday February 6: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Wednesday February 7: Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion **(with Healing Prayer)**

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Thursday February 8: Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Friday February 9: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Saturday February 10: Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

Sunday February 11: Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

Monday February 12: Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Shrove Tuesday February 13: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Pancake Party

Christ Church, 7.00pm Pancake Party

Wednesday February 14: Ash Wednesday

Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion **(with Ashing)**

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

6.30pm Holy Trinity **(with Ashing)**

8.00pm Christ Church **(with Ashing)**

Friday February 16: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Saturday February 17: Holy Trinity, Franciscans Day

Sunday February 18: Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 10.00am All-Age Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday February 19: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday February 20: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

2.00pm Mother's Union

Wednesday February 21: Christ Church, 10.00am Stations of the Cross with Communion

Christ Church, 10.45am Coffee at Methodists,

then 11.30am to 12.30pm Lent Bible Study

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Holy Trinity, 7.30pm to 8.30pm Lent Bible Study

Friday February 23: 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!

Churches Together Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Our parishes are honoured to be hosting this service for the other churches in Gosport and Lee, and it is hoped that people from both our congregations will come along and support it: Sunday 21st January 2018, 6.30pm at Christ Church.

Christmas Fair: We had a fantastic Joint Christmas Fair, with many people from both churches working together, and lots of visitors to the event. We raised a magnificent £3,000.00! Well done everyone! The organising committee (four people from each church) decided that for the first two fairs (the summer one and this Christmas one) we would give two-thirds of the takings to the host church and one third to the other (believing that the host church would have to do the most work initially, and that cooperation would grow through further fairs). But both churches have straight away worked really well together. So, from summer 2018 it will be a 50/50 split!

We stuck to the original decision (because it had been publicised) but the Vicar and churchwardens decided – after both Fairs - that the non-hosting church should receive more than a third. For the Christmas Fair, Christ Church has received

£1,700.00 and Holy Trinity £1,300.00! Over all, the takings were just short of £6,000.00 for the first two fairs, and each church has received just short of £3,000.00 each!

We would value any feed-back on the Christmas Fair, and those on email will have received an email about all this already which mentions some of the issues already flagged up. If you are not on email, do give any feedback to the Vicar – verbally or on paper!

Many thanks again.....and let's build for the future, on the success of the first two!

Christmas Gifts, through Social Services: Thanks again for your wonderful generosity! We raised a total of £616.00 from our two churches, which bought nineteen special presents for children, and eight gift bags for families. Thank you so much.....

Christingle: £256.00 was raised for the Children's Society – many thanks to all who contributed!

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.....

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: **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.

"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).

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.**