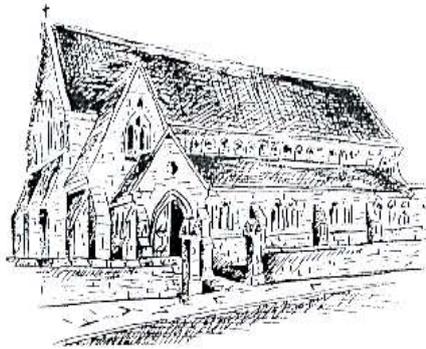


Christ Church, Gosport **Parish Eucharist**
9.30am, Sunday 10th December 2017
2nd of Advent

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

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(Deputy Warden as needed: Bob Harrop)

¶ 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: Hark! A herald voice is calling; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day."

Startled at the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! The lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

so when next he comes in glory, wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then as our defender on the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit, to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit, while unending ages run. Amen.

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 Second Advent Candle

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. 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, 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. *All Amen.*

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: *Isaiah 40.1-11*

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

Hymn

The advent of our God, with eager prayers we greet,
and singing haste upon His road, His glorious gift to meet.

The everlasting Son, scorns not a Virgin's womb;
that we from bondage may be won, He bears a bondman's doom.

Daughter of Sion, rise, to meet thy lowly King;
let not thy stubborn heart despise, the peace He deigns to bring.

In clouds of awful light, as Judge He comes again,
His scattered people to unite, with them in heaven to reign.

Let evil flee away, ere that dread hour shall dawn,
let this old Adam day by day, God's image still put on.

Praise to the Incarnate Son, who comes to set us free,
with God the Father, ever one, to all eternity.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord. *Mark 1.1-8*

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

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
Pat Hewitt in thanksgiving for **granddaughter Katie's birthday.**

The Lord will come and not be slow, his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go, his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower, look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame to bow them low before thee, Lord, and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great by thy strong hand are done: thou in thy everlasting seat remainest God 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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

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.**

(Silence is kept)

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:

From heav'n you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we might live.
*This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come see his hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

Post-Communion Prayers: 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. **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

¶ 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

Hills of the North, rejoice, echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice, him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love, he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas, sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise, he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes, praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West, lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on, songs be in every mouth,
Lo, from the North they come, from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest, in him the sons of earth be blest.

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

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**

THIS WEEK

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:

Christmas 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)

NEXT SUNDAY: December 17th [3rd Sunday of Advent]

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

Calendar

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 (in the morning: Advent 4)

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

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

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

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!

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!
.....or just be there on Sunday 17th for the 10.00am All-Age Communion, followed by rehearsal!

Carol Fest: Church displays inspired by Christmas Carols! On show for the third time next Saturday, 16th December from 10.00am to 2.30pm.

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.

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.....

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!

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.

"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.**