

Christ Church Monthly News

...what's on and when, how to join in and what to pray for... **December
2024**



Worship & Prayer

Coming Up...

Sunday 8th December: Christingle, 4pm

Sunday 15th December: Carols by Candlelight, 6.30pm

Saturday 21st December: Carol singing at the Co Op, 10.30am

Sunday 22nd December: Usual services

Tuesday 24th December: Crib service, 4pm

Tuesday 24th December: Midnight Communion, 11pm

Wednesday 25th December: Communion at QR, 9.15am

Wednesday 25th December: All age service, 10.30am

Thursday 26th December: No Communion service

Sunday 29th December: All age service, 10.30am

Thursday 2nd Jan: Communion 9.30am

Sunday 5th Jan: All-age cafe style service, 10.30am

(usual service QR 9.15am)






Christmas Services
 at Christ Church Downend

Sunday 15th December
 6.30pm **Carols by Candlelight**
 with mulled wine and mince pies

Tuesday 24th December

4pm **Crib Service**
 retelling the Christmas story
 11pm **Midnight Communion**

Wednesday 25th December
 9.15am **Traditional Christmas Service**
 at Quakers Rd
 10.30am **All-age Christmas Celebration Service**



Opportunities to Serve



Join our Schools' and Children's Ministry Team for January!

Are you interested in serving our community alongside schools?

We have good relationships. Come and join us. Contact Julie for a chat to find out more.

To find out more and sign up, contact Julie Gardner on julie.gardner@christchurchdownend.com



**Volunteers required to help deliver CAP hampers on Tues
10th Dec 4pm - 6pm. Please speak to Rosie if you can help.**



 Learning to Live the Life
CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

Can you donate a gift to a family in need this Christmas?

CAP CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Suggested donations:

Products for hampers (sign up list on link below or visit
www.christchurchdownend.com)
£10 denominations in Tesco/Sainsbury's vouchers
Monetary donations

All items to be donated should be brought along to the
Church or the Church Centre on Sunday 8th December
or
between 9.00-10.00am on Monday 9th December

**SIGN UP ON THE SHEET AT
THE CHURCH**

Or sign up on the online spreadsheet

christians
against
poverty
CAP





Come and join us for
CAROL SINGING
in residential and sheltered living

2nd Dec, 2pm - White Lodge, Downend Road

4th Dec, 2pm - Avonmere, Badminton Road

4th Dec, 3pm - Gwendoline House, Pleasant Road

7th Dec, 4pm - Edgecombe Lodge, Overhill Road

13th Dec, 10.30am - Cleeve Lodge

16th Dec, 2pm - Woodlands Court, Partridge Drive

Please contact Anne-Louise: malcritch@gmail.com
if you can help



 Learning to Live the Life
CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

Christ Church Downend

Warm Spaces Cafe

Thursdays 11am - 1.30pm

Lunch served from midday

A warm welcome throughout
the year!

Dementia Friendly Café
every third Thursday of the month

games - light lunch - space for carers

Cancelled on 26th Dec
Back on 2nd Jan 2025





Discipleship

Contact Anita
anita.dobson@christchurchdownend.com

Rhythm of Life Challenge for December HOSPITALITY



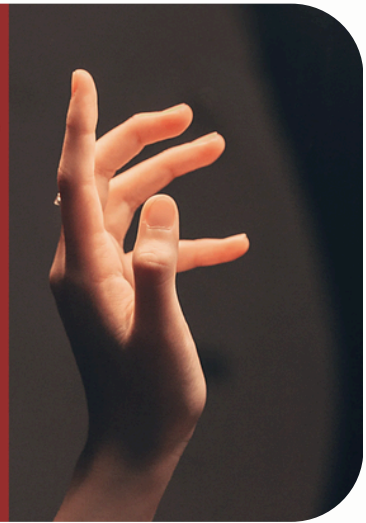
Pick up a leaflet or click on the link below

[Rhythm of life details](#)

Going Deeper in Prayer

Prayer meeting:
Sun 1st Dec 6.30-7.15pm
Christ Church

Come together and seek God's guidance for our prayer life



With other local churches Sign up at the back

CAROL SINGING
AT THE CO-OP
Sat 21 Dec 10.30



Sign up for a daily devotional during advent with LICC:

Use this link:
<https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/down-to-earth-a-christmas-devotional-journey/>

DOWN TO
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EARTH

Also available on YouVersion Bible app



CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CARD

A Christmas card alternative!

Add a star to our giant Christmas Card in the welcome area at church and donate to CAP instead.

Write a message on a star, (stars available next to the card.)

Stick it onto the card and pop a donation into the tin





Children & Families

Contact Harriet

harriet.jolly@christchurchdownend.com

Look out for the new 'Connected Connections' letter, connecting church and home for children. It will tell you more about what children are learning on a Sunday as well as ideas for sharing faith at home

Christ Church Downend invites you and your family to

Christingle

and mingle!

Sunday 8th December at 4pm

All donations to
The Children's Society



Tea & Toast

After school drop-in for all primary school families, every Tuesday 3.15-4.30pm

Volunteers required
Please prevent us from having to close!
We would appreciate any help and wisdom for going forward.




CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

Crib SERVICE

4PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE
Don't forget to dress up!

Coming soon Bounce into the New Year!

Free event for children/families
Bouncy castle, games, refreshments

Sat 4th Jan 10-11.30



Highlights for December:

- The decoration of the Church Christmas tree
- Trip to The Mix youth celebration
- Christmas bake off
- The last 3 of our teaching sessions on 'The Church in Action'

We're really grateful to all those who donated to the thankyou gift for Diane and Gary. Just over £1000 was donated. Gifts as well as cards from youth group members will be presented in the coming days.

If you know of young people age 10-18 who might be interested in joining us, pick up a youth card from church or point them in the direction of Paul, Tracy, Julia, Emily, Iona or Andy.

Do you have a pastoral need?

Care - Spiritual Support - Prayer

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