



Burntwood Chase Team

The Church of England churches serving the communities of
Burntwood, Chasetown, Hammerwich, Chase Terrace & Boney Hay

CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY 6th JANUARY 2019

SERVICES:

SUNDAY

8.00am – HOLY COMMUNION

10.30am – HOLY COMMUNION

6.00pm – EPIPHANY

WEDNESDAY

11.30am – HOLY COMMUNION AT HAMMERWICH

Readings: Ephesians 3: 1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel, I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2: 1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by the star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

WHAT'S GOING ON

On behalf of everyone at Christ Church we hope you have a wonderful New Year 2019! 3:

CHRIST CHURCH BURNTWOOD CAMEO CAFE

Happy New Year to our regular attenders for the Cameo Cafe, and to those we hope to see join us during this year!

Just to remind you that the Cafe will be open on Monday of next week, 7th January, from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Please come and join us. As always you will receive a warm welcome.

BENEFICE WORSHIP LEADERS FORUM

A Bible study of Luke at Christ Church on Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm.

BCU AGM

This is at Burntwood Methodist Church on Thursday 10th January at 7.30pm.

ST ANNE'S FUNDRAISING CONCERT

19TH JANUARY AT 7.30PM

St Anne's are having a fundraising concert which will consist of a performance of an Irish band and a local Jazz band. For more information please contact Yvonne Griffiths at St. Anne's.

BENEFICE WARDENS AND CLERGY MEETING

At St. John's Chase Terrace on Monday 28th January at 9.30am.

CHARITY PRESENT SALE

We will be holding our annual sale on Sat 26th January at 10am- 12pm please bring something new that you feel you can part with and we will sell it and all proceeds will be divided equally between Christ Churches 3 Charities.
Refreshments will be available and please leave any donations for the sale in the vestry.

WEDDING AND BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

Bookings for Weddings and Baptisms are now closed for December and will start again on Monday evenings 6.30pm until 7.30pm at the end of January. There will also be bookings on Saturdays the first one will be on Saturday 26th January 10am-11am.

PRAYER CHAIN

Christ Church is blessed with a very active prayer chain. If you, or anyone you know, feel that they would like others to pray for them, please speak to Barbara on 01543 674352 or Adrienne on 01543 684383.

HOME COMMUNION

Do you know anyone who is housebound or too ill to attend church and would like to receive Communion at home? If so, have a word with our Wardens or Sue Jackson our Pastoral Team Co-Ordinator.

CHURCH WARDENS CONTACT DETAILS

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NEXT SUNDAY 13th JANUARY

8.00am – HOLY COMMUNION

10.00am – MORNING WORSHIP

5.30pm – JOINT HOLY COMMUNION IN HAMMERWICH

Wednesday 10.15am – HOLY COMMUNION

Readings:

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22