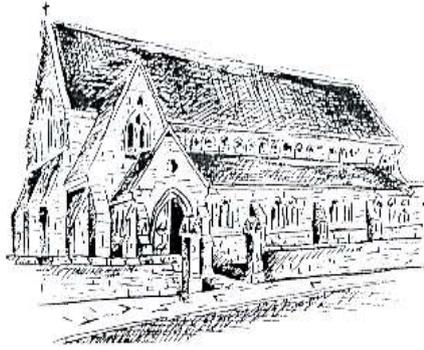


Christ Church, Gosport Parish Eucharist
9.30am, Sunday 29th October 2017

(All Saints)

Welcome to Christ Church!



www.christchurchgosport.co.uk

Main Service on Sunday: 9.30am Parish Communion

.....Except on every third Sunday:

10.00am All-Age Communion

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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¶ The Gathering

Welcome, followed by silent prayer and:

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord Amen.

Hymn

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia, alleluia

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia

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

The Lord be with you
All and also with you

Confession: On this Feast of All Saints, since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith. *(Silence is kept)*

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Absolution: May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

Gloria (Tune: "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven")

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
As it was from the beginning, evermore shall be, Amen.**

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

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All Amen.*

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: *2 Esdras 2.42-48*

⁴²I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude that I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs. ⁴³In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound. ⁴⁴Then I asked an angel, 'Who are these, my lord?' ⁴⁵He answered and said to me, 'These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God. Now they are being crowned, and receive palms.' ⁴⁶Then I said to the angel, 'Who is that young man who is placing crowns on them and putting palms in their hands?' ⁴⁷He answered and said to me, 'He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world.' So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. ⁴⁸Then the angel said to me, 'Go, tell my people how great and how many are the wonders of the Lord God that you have seen.'

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

2nd Reading: *Revelation 21.1-6*

¹I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

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

Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens, our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their king;

Still to the lowly soul, he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne, chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord. *Matthew 5.1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

A Sermon is given

Affirmation of Faith: Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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: We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
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
For the life of Christ Church and the people of our parish.

We hail thy presence glorious, O Christ our great high priest,
o'er sin and death victorious, at thy thanksgiving feast:
as thou art interceding for us in heaven above,
thy Church on earth is pleading thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation thine own their hearts upraise,
off'ring one pure oblation, one sacrifice of praise:
with thee in blest communion the living and the dead
are joined in closest union, one body and one head.

O living bread from heaven, Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self hast given to be our soul's true food;
for us thy body broken hung on the cross of shame:
this bread its hallowed token we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending, poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending the strength of life divine;
our thankful faith confessing in thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing and praise thy name, O Lord.

May we thy word believing thee through thy gifts receive,
that, thou within us living, we all to God may live;
draw us from earth to heaven till sin and sorrow cease,
forgiving and forgiven, in love and joy and peace.

The Lord is here

All His spirit is with us

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice 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)

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory. On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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. Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

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

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all

your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ, our Lord, *(All)* **by whom, with whom, and in whom, 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)

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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:

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not, what social joys are there,
what radiancy of glory, what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion, conjubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph, the shout of them that feast;
and they who, with their leader, have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country, shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country, shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes! The Lord shall be thy part:
his only, his for ever, thou shalt be, and thou art!

Post-Communion Prayers: God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All Amen.*

All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Celebrations and Notices

¶ The Dismissal

Blessing: God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn (*tune: "All creatures of our God and King"*)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
raise the glad strain, alleluia. Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, virtues,
archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, alleluia.

O Mary, bearer of the Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord.:
Alleluia, alleluia.....

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
alleluia, alleluia.

To God the Father, God the Son; and God the Spirit, three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia.....

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 AND THIS WEEK

Sunday October 29: All Saints Sunday

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 October 30: Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday October 31: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Christ Church Centre,

11.30 to 2.30 “Last Tuesday Lunch Club”

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Hallowe'en Bingo with home-made soup

Wednesday November 1:

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

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Friday November 3: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

NEXT SUNDAY: November 5th [4th bef Advent / ALL SOULS]

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

(with Healing Prayer)

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion

(with Healing Prayer)

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass [All Souls]

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert:

Music for Violin and Piano (Judith Wolpe and Karen Kingsley)

Christ Church, 6.00pm All Souls Service

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

Calendar

Monday November 6: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm Funeral of Angel Uniacke
Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Christ Church, 7.00pm Meeting about "Carol Fest"

Tuesday November 7: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Christ Church, 7.30pm P.C.C.

Wednesday November 8: Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Thursday November 9: Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Friday November 10: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Saturday November 11: Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 4.00pm Baptism (Houghton)

Holy Trinity, 4.30pm to 11.30pm, Durufle's 'Requiem' All Saints Chamber Choir

Sunday November 12: Remembrance Sunday

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion

Christ Church, 11.00am Act of Remembrance

Holy Trinity, 10.50am (NB) Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

Monday November 13: Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday November 14: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Christ Church, 7.30pm to 9.00pm Faith Exploration

Session 12 of 12: "The Church of England (Anglicanism)"

Wednesday November 15: 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

Holy Trinity, 7.00pm P.C.C.

Friday November 17: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Saturday November 18: Holy Trinity, 11.00am to 8.00pm

Festival - Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)

Sunday November 19: Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 10.00am All-Age Communion & GIVING Service

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

Monday November 20: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday November 21: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Christ Church, 7.00pm Mother's Union Meeting (in the Centre)

Wednesday November 22: Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Holy Trinity, 7.30pm to 9.00pm Capper Room in use by Fr Andy

Friday November 24: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Saturday November 25: Payment date for Greest and Roberts (HT)

Holy Trinity, all day, servicing of lift

Christ Church, 7.00pm "Sing through the Seasons"

Sunday November 26: 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 November 27: Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday November 28: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

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

Wednesday November 29: Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Friday December 1: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Christ Church, 7.00pm to 9.00pm Preparation for Christmas Fair

Saturday December 2: 10.30am to 2.00pm, Joint Christmas Fair (at Christ Church)

Note: There is a Joint Summer Fair at Holy Trinity

Sunday December 3: Banns begin for Lewis and Downie (HT)

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 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

11.00am to 12noon, Churches together in Gosport: Carols in the High Street

Sunday December 10: 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

Christ Church, 6.30pm Masonic Carol Service

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

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

Friday December 15: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Saturday December 16: 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, 11.00am Christingle Making *(Volunteers required!)*

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Haselworth School Christingle Service

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

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

Commemoration of "All Souls": Around **All Souls Day**, each year, we have special services to remember the departed, including our own departed loved ones.

NEXT SUNDAY November 5th, we will celebrate **All Souls** at a 6.00pm Service (N.B. No Communion). There will be a chance to light a candle in church for our loved ones. **If you would like (a) departed loved one(s) prayed for by name at the Service, please tick their name on the alphabetical list at the back of church [which includes recent funeral names] – or add any other names.**

Please note, All Souls will be commemorated at Holy Trinity at the 11.00am Parish Mass on the same day.

Gifts for Christmas Presents Like last year, we are looking for cash donations so that we can buy some special presents for needy families – under the guidance of local Social Services..... **There are envelopes available - please see Kathy Court or Thelm O'Toole**

Two dates for the diary:

1) Monday 6th November, 7.00pm after choir, a meeting for those who are helping with the Carol Fest. There is still time for people to volunteer to be creative with a Carol!

2) Mothers' Union Meeting on Tuesday November 21st 7.00pm in Church Hall. Members of Christ Church are restarting a branch of the Mother's Union, who do 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!).

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! We'll need Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, a Shepherd, a king..... A couple of rehearsals....and other children who come to the service can be invited to join in!

Joint Christmas Fair!

Christ Church, Saturday December 2nd, 10.30am to 2.00pm
(Optional "Prep Session": 7.00pm to 9.00pm the night before)

The Joint Summer Fair at Holy Trinity raised an astonishing £2,700.00 and brought in many people from the local community! Let's keep the momentum for Christmas! *Remember: if you are muttering about one of the fairs not being at "your" church, and don't get involved, you will simply miss out on a great community event.....and less money will be raised for "your" church!*) Our Joint Steering Group (four from each church) has already arranged much:

- **Christ Church** will be made ultra-spacious, using the lay-out for the Barn Dance (pew alcoves with stalls around the outside.....huge spaces for stalls in the middle)
- **Two live, festive choirs** (one adult, one children's!)
- **Great Food! In the Centre:** Soup, Sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee; Pulled Pork/ bacon rolls, Mulled wine and mince pies. **Out the front:** French Stall (Crepes and Pancakes); (hopefully) Chestnuts "roasting on an open fire"!!
- **Father Christmas (of course!)**
- **Mega- Raffle (PRIZES PLEASE!)**
- **Seven Guest Stall already confirmed.**
- **Lots of other Stalls.....CAN YOU DONATE?? CAN YOU HELP?? CAN YOU WORK WITH SOMEONE FROM THE OTHER CHURCH WITHOUT CATCHING SOMETHING NASTY(??!!)**
- **Provisional list of Stalls:** "Grandma's Kitchen", Mini craft fair for children (Hammond Room), Cakes, Bottles, Bric a Brac, Jewellery and Craft, Toys, Books, New or nearly new clothes, Face-Painting, Body art, Lavender Bags, CDs/DVD's and Jigsaws, Guessing (and other) games.....ALL IDEAS AND OFFERS WELCOME!

Remembrance Sunday (Nov 12th) On this day, the 9.30am will have a Remembrance theme, and there will be simple "Act of Remembrance" after coffee, around 11.00am.

"Sing through the Seasons": All through the year Music Hall, lead by the Choir; with raffle, mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets £5 (for the floor fund).

Saturday November 25, 7.00pm in church!

Christingle: Our Christingle Service is on **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?**

Carols in the High Street – “Churches Together in Gosport” (CTiG)

On Saturday 9th 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!

"Heart for the Homeless": WANTED: sleeping bags, reusable drinking bottles, toothpaste/brushes, soaps, packets of wet wipes, hand gels, safety razor blades. General toiletries for men and ladies (including feminine hygiene items). As Winter approaches, we are now in urgent need of clothing for our homeless guests. We are short of all types of men's and women's clothes, including thermal underwear, winter socks, shoes/boots, warm but light sleeping bags or easy to carry bedding. 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....

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).

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).

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.**