

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-25 January is the annual week of prayer for Christian Unity. **There will be a service on Tuesday, 23 January at Christ the King at 7:30 to which we have invited Christians from the churches in our area.** This year's theme is "Being Good Neighbors" and will feature Jo Collins and Mary Ward from our local Chickenshed Theatre as well as selections from the Rock musical.

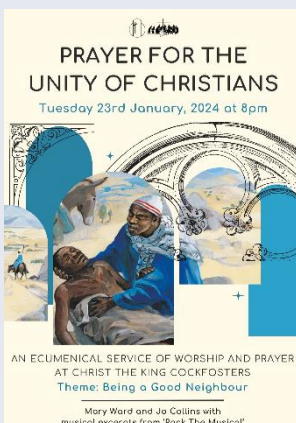
Join the Ecumenical Chorus!

Rock is a musical based on the life of St Peter. It was first performed in 1973 at the Parish of Christ the King and is being revived to celebrate Chickenshed's 50th Anniversary.

Performances will be 24 March (Palm Sunday) and 25 March.

Rehearsals begin at Christ the King, weekly from Friday 26 January 7.15-8.30pm.

If you are interested, please email joc@chickenshed.org.uk



WISHING YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The meaning of Christmas everywhere in the world is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our King and master. This is a family time (and a Church family time), a time to offer and to receive, this is also a time to be joyful and to rejoice together.



Sometimes however it is not so easy to rejoice, for different reasons (illness, family issues, loneliness, personal matters...) So I would like to give us a tip to help us to rejoice whatever your situation. I already wrote about it a few years ago, but I still think it's relevant. Let's start to smile at one another :

"A smile costs nothing, but creates much.

It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts for ever.

None are so rich they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business, and the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yes it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody till it is given away.

And if in the last-minute rush of Christmas buying, some of our salespeople should be too tired to give you a smile, may we ask you to leave one of yours?

For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give!"

Happy Christmas, and may the Lord Jesus Christ bless each one of you and your families.



Fr Christophe Brunet, ccn

Notices of the Week

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

The church will be open between **9am – 1pm** from **26 December – 2 January**.

Except on **Saturday 30 December** when it will be open from **9am – 6.30pm**.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Tuesdays 8 – 9pm

30 January – 12 March 2024

Join us for praise and worship, a short talk or testimony and time for prayer and sharing. Opportunities for baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is in partnership with Mary Immaculate & St Gregory The Great Church, Barnet.



CCS – NEW BEGINNINGS

13 January 2024 – 10am – 3pm

The gift of a new year provides an opportunity to pause and reflect – on the gifts (as well as the challenges) of what has been, and on the invitations and promises of what is still to come. Join us as we look back in thanksgiving and look forward with hope, remembering the words of the prophet 'I know the plans I have in mind for you, plans for peace, not disaster, reserving a future full of hope for you (Jeremiah 29:11).

To register please email cockfosterscs@rcdow.org.uk or phone the parish office on 020 8449 6648.



READERS' ROTA

The rota for January/February 2024 is available to collect from the entrance hall.



SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sam 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

Ps. 88

Rm. 16:25-27

Lk. 1:26-38



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

MARY & JOSEPH

Gen. 15:1-6. 21:1-3

Ps. 104

Heb. 11:8 11-12 17-19

Lk. 2L22-40

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND



Saturday 10 February – Sunday 11 February

Storrington Priory, PH20 4LH

Sp end some quality time together over Valentine's weekend. Cana Valentine's Weekend offers couples a chance to strengthen and enrich their marriage or long-term relationship. Regardless of denomination or strength of your faith, this is a time when you can experience the God who wants to strengthen, renew, and deepen your love for each other.



RSVP to reserve your spot! Limited spaces available.

canaukinfo@gmail.com

ADORATION & CONFESSION

There will be no Adoration after Friday 22 December to Friday 5 January 2024. Adoration will resume on Monday 8 January.



PLAYGROUP

The playgroup is now closed for Christmas.

We will meet again on **Thursday**

11 January at 9.00 – 11.00am.

Have a very joyful Christmas and a very happy New Year.



BT CLUB

The BT Club opens its doors again on **Thursday 11 January 1.30pm – 3.30pm**. A warm welcome awaits all existing BT Clubbers and any new parishioners who would like to attend. If you would like further information about the club, please leave contact details with Suzanne in the parish office and I will be in touch. Thank you.

Maria BT Club Co-ordinator.



PRAYER CENTRE



The Prayer Centre will re-open on Thursday 11 January 2024.



APPLE JUICE FROM SCLERDER

For sale £5 per bottle or £50 for a box of 12.

All proceeds in support of the Green Abbey in Sclerder.

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Mass Schedule

Mon - Sat: 11.00am (except on Tuesday)
Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am, 11.00am

Adoration – Confession Mon - Fri: 6.00–7.00pm

Parish Live Streaming



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