

The week ahead

Tuesday 22nd December: (and Wed. 23rd)

Carol singing at Tesco 2.00-4.00pm (check it out!)

Wednesday December 23rd 10.00am: Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd Andy Bawtree

Psalm 25: 3-9; Luke 1: 57-66

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Christingle Service (Gift Aid envelopes available)

11.30pm: Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Andy Bawtree

Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-20

Collect for Christmas Night:

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory: through Jesus Christ you Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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10.00a.m. Christmas Day

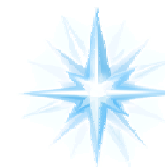
Leader: Revd Andy Bawtree

Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10; John 1: 1-14

Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as of this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your people by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please remember Janet Jowett is collecting stamps from Christmas envelopes cut with ¼ in border, for charity. Thank you



River Parish Church



**We worship and witness to
the Living God**

**Sunday 20th December 2009
The Fourth Sunday in Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev'd Andy Bawtree

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-9; John 1: 19-28

10.00am Family Holy Communion with Nativity presentation

Leader: Rev'd Andy Bawtree

**Celebrant: the Most Rev and Rt. Hon Rowan Williams,
Archbishop of Canterbury**

3.00pm: Sunday Half Hour: Meadowdene

**6.30pm: Candlelit Service of Nine Lessons and Carols,
followed by seasonal refreshments**

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Christmas Lunch for Dover Homeless. Christmas Day lunch will be provided on 25th December at Dover Baptist Church between 12.00 and 2.00 for all who are usually supported by the Soup and Sandwich group. Volunteers are needed to help cook, clear up and meet and greet, between 11.30 a.m. and 3.00pm. **Please contact Judith Shilling: 01304827692**

Christingle Time Again!! There will be a Christingle-making workshop / production line in the Christian Centre on Monday 21st December at 2.00pm. Please can you help? No previous experience necessary - but you will get sticky fingers! If you can help - please sign the list at the back of the church: many hands make light work!! Thank you.

There is a post box out is the church into which people may put their Christmas cards this year (Nicholas has volunteered to be postman) as well as a tree on which you can place your general Christmas church greetings.

Sunday December 27th (John, Apostle and Evangelist)

8.00am: Holy Communion: Readings: Isa. 62: 1-12; Matt. 1: 18-end.

10.00 a.m.: Morning Worship:

Readings 1 Sam.2: 18-26; 1Cor.1: 26-29; Matt 2: 13-18

Collect for Christmas 1

Merciful Lord, cast you bright beams of light upon the Church that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life: through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please send any items for next week's notice sheet to Chris 01304 822043 (email:cjhurling@hotmail.com)

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

God our redeemer, who prepared the blessed virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Please pray for:

Rowan Williams in his mission to a world facing Christmas challenge
The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar, and Bishop of Yangon, The Rt. Revd Joseph Than Pe Bishop Gilbert and the Christians of Madagascar. Bishop Gilbert sends us his Christmas Greetings

For all choirs and musicians who will assist our worship this Christmas

Requests from our Prayer Board : Rachel, Eve, Pauline and Paul, Roy, Christina , Jason, Jim Goodwin and Ivy Harrison;

For Andy and his family at this Christmas time

Please pray for those of our Christian family who for various reasons now find it hard to get to church, including: Cynthia and Peter Terry; Linda Bean; Brian Powell (and Celia); May and Bob Williams; Memphis Salter; Cynthia Bish; Harry Dyer; Gussie Bailey, Freda Goldfinch, May and Dereck Giles, and any others whom you may recall.

For God's peace, comfort and healing love for the bereaved:, especially the family of Joyce Dyer, but also for all for whom this Christmas will be a sad remembrance of absent loved ones.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men and the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours and ours, this Christmas time.

