

## Weekly email | Thursday 6 December

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**\*Worship Night tonight in the church 8pm - every first Thursday of the month - an evening where we come together in praise and worship of our almighty God\***

### ***News from last Sunday.***

If you weren't in church last Sunday, you may not have heard ...

- Jenny (Dawkins) shared the news that whilst we are still passionately pursuing where God is calling us to plant a church, we are not moving forward with the partnership in New Cross we'd spoken about. Along with the PCC, we decided that this particular planting idea is not right for us. Do ask Jenny or Jonathan if you have any questions about this.
- Tom (Hardyman) spoke about the considerable recent work of the Site Development steering group, and a re-launch of the project in early March next year.
- Jo (Sayer) and Ros (Turner) gave encouraging testimonies of people we'd talked with and prayed for on door-steps on Wednesday evening.

### ***Getting the word out ...***

As knocking on doors in our parish the last two Wednesdays has shown, so many people are glad to be invited to Christmas services, and more significantly, some are really open to being prayed for. We want to get the word out about the love and power of Jesus. Inviting people to church is one way to do so.

### ***This Sunday:***

We have bundles of our invitations for Christmas and next year's Alpha in the Hope pub for each street in our parish. If you can take one and deliver to each house in the street before Wednesday, please do so.

### ***Next week:***

Our week of carol singing begins this Saturday at PEXMAS. We'll be meeting in the church at 3.30pm., at Pexmas from 4 until 5pm. Other opportunities next week are:

- Tuesday 11 December, 6.30am meeting in church and then at Peckham Rye station.
- Wednesday 12 December, meeting in church at 7.30pm. Then going to all the (five) pubs and bars in our parish where we have been invited to sing.
- Thursday 13 December, 6.30am meet in church, then at Rye Lane bus stop.

For all of our carol singing we'll meet at the church first to pray before going out.

We'd love to have as many as many of us there as possible, please let the office know which one you'll be at. Thanks!

### ***Carols By Candlelight***

We're really looking forward to our Carols by Candlelight services 5pm & 7.30pm on Sunday 16 December. We're expecting over 500 guests across the two services and so we'd love some help serving mince pies and mulled wine and after each service and a hand clearing up in between the services. If you are able to help with this we'd love to know. Please contact the church office. Thanks!

### ***Christmas Services***

And just in case you'd missed it, here's our services happening over Christmas:

- Sunday 16 December – Carols by Candlelight, 5pm & 7.30pm.
- Sunday 23 December – Children's Nativity, 10.30am.
- Sunday 23 December – Carols by Starlight, 6pm.
- Monday 24 December – Midnight Communion, 11.15pm.
- Tuesday 25 December – Christmas Communion, 9am
- Tuesday 25 December – Christmas Day Celebration, 10.30am.

### ***Seeing in the new year***

On Monday 31st we are partnering with our friends from Word Church (who meet in our hall) to host a joint Watchnight from 11pm in church, with a meal from 10pm in the hall.

The day before, Sunday 30th, we have an all age morning service with testimonies of what God has done for us during 2018. \*Please note there will be no evening service on Sunday 30 December.\*

### ***Office closures***

The church office will be officially closed from Monday 24 December - Tuesday 1 January. The staff team will be checking the voicemail over this time so will pick up anything urgent that comes in.

### ***Fairtrade***

Our Fairtrade stall will be up this Sunday, selling all the usual goodies but also advent calendars, advent candles and Christmas cards. Bring some cash to buy your Fairtrade goodies.

Finally, this Sunday morning, 10.30am Jenny Dawkins will be preaching on Matthew 1:18-23, 'The work of God's Spirit.' At our evening 6pm service Nathan Lechler will be preaching on Luke 1:26-56.

Blessings,  
All Saints church office