

Parish Office  
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## Opening Times

Wednesday 9.30 am to 4.00 pm  
Thursday 9.30 am to 4.00 pm  
Friday 9.30 am to 12.00 noon

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An Answering Machine will take messages at other times.

If you require any photocopying this can be done by either leaving the details of how many and what size, stating which church it is for or if it is personal, in the letter box of Christ Church Rooms or by calling in during office hours. Any work left will be done on Friday morning ready for collection/distribution.

**Please send items for future notice sheets to the:  
Parish Administrator (Sue Lake) to be received by  
Wednesday noon.**

## Parish Web site:

[www.cockermouthareachurches.org.uk](http://www.cockermouthareachurches.org.uk)

Is the place to visit for details about the 4 churches in the team and to check the rotas and Parish Diary. Please don't forget to check the rotas each week for any amendments. If you can't do your duty please telephone the office BEFORE THURSDAY to let us know.

**FOODBANK** This week we are short of the following items - Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Sponge Pudding & Tinned Fish

## Services for 8th January 2017

### All Saints

**9.30 am** Holy Communion  
**6.00 pm** Oasis

### Christ Church, Cockermouth

**8.00 am** Holy Communion  
**10.45 am** Morning Prayer  
**4.00 pm** Messy Church

### Christ Church Great Broughton

**10.45 am** Holy Communion

### St Bridget's

**11.00 am** All Age Morning Prayer

## Parish Clergy

Godfrey Butland 01900 825763 [godfrey@cateam.org.uk](mailto:godfrey@cateam.org.uk)  
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## Pastoral Counsellor

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If you can, please stay for coffee after the service which will be served in all the churches in the Cockermouth Area Team, it's a good opportunity to meet and chat together.

## Cockermouth Area Team



**Praying and Working together to share the  
Light of Christ**

# Welcome

**A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS,  
AS YOU CELEBRATE THE COMING OF  
MESSIAH JESUS INTO OUR WORLD.  
MAY YOU SHARE HIS LIGHT, HIS LOVE,  
HIS HOPE WITH ALL AROUND YOU.**

**Services for 25th December 2016**

### Christmas Day

**Readings: Isaiah 60:1-3, Hebrews 1:1-4**

**Gospel: John 1:1-14**

**Sermon Theme - The Light has Come**

### All Saints

**10.30 am** Holy Communion at Christ Church, Cmth

### Christ Church, Cockermouth

**8.00 am** Holy Communion  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion

### Christ Church Great Broughton

**10.30 am** Holy Communion at Christ Church, Cmth

### St Bridget's

**8.00 am** Holy Communion  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion at Christ Church, Cmth

## WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING - WEEK 17A

Our Christmas theme: 'The Light Has Come'. Or 'Hope is Born' - the caption on our Christmas publicity. Either way, we remember today that Christmas heralds a new beginning in the history of the world, which was to be fulfilled at Easter. *Jesus' birth signals the beginning of the end for the dark night of fear, hostility, violence and greed that has descended on our world. Jesus' birth signals the start of a new day, a new way, a new understanding of what it means to be alive. (McLaren p98).* The question is, do we - as Church - fully appreciate that it is entrusted to us to share this message of light and hope?

## Services for 1st January 2017

### First Sunday of Christmas

**Readings: Psalm 117, Galatians 4:4-7**

**Gospel: Luke 2:21-32**

**Sermon Theme - Sharing Gifts**

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

**As in previous years, there is only one service for  
our Team on the Sunday after Christmas Day. It  
will be at 10.30am at St Bridget's, Bridekirk, with  
Ann, Godfrey and John taking the service.**

## PASTORAL LETTER

During the Christmas period, everyone should have a copy of a letter from Godfrey, Adrian and John today, together with a fridge magnet which displays our 2017 text: *Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40.31)* Please take additional ones for others who may be away at present.

## WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING – WEEK 18

Our New Year theme: 'Sharing Gifts.' This week (6<sup>th</sup> January, to be precise), the Church celebrates the arrival of the Magi/Kings/Wise Men, bearing gifts. They represent the Gentile, pagan world of Eastern mysticism. Their offering of gifts symbolises the fact that Jesus draws all people to himself, in adoration. Unlike Herod (whom we recalled 3 weeks ago) they offer devotion not destruction. Because of Herod, the Holy Family flee to Egypt where they are sheltered. This Messiah is dependent upon 'foreign' or Gentile protection. We should not be surprised then that when remember Jesus is presented in the Temple (as required by Jewish law), Simeon declares him 'a light to the Gentiles'. This Messiah is born and raised a Jew, but he is a Messiah for all and so we proclaim him.

## JANUARY GATHERING

**Wednesday, 18 January at Christ Church, Cmth**

Please make sure you have this date in your diary! Bishop James will be coming as our speaker to talk about 'Discipleship', and worship will be led by musicians from Christ Church.

## DIARY for week beginning 26th December 2016

### Tuesday 27th

2.30 pm Circle Dancing (Christ Church Rooms)

### Thursday 29th

10.00 am Holy Communion (Christ Church, GB)

### Thursday 5th January

10.00 am Holy Communion (Christ Church, GB)

11.00 am Holy Communion (Christ Church, Cmth)

12.00 noon Thursday at Noon (Christ Church)

### Saturday 7th

8.00 am CTICA Prayer Group (Lorton Street)

9.30 am Coffee Morning (Christ Church Rooms)

## NOTICES FOR CHRIST CHURCH COCKERMOUTH



Please join us at the:-

**New Year's Monthly Coffee  
Morning in The Rooms, Saturday,  
7th January, 9.30am - 11.30am.**

Home Baking, Raffle, Greetings Cards, Books, Bran Tub, plus a Gifts Stall for Oxfam's Latest Appeal.

Thank you everyone that supported us last time, when we raised £444.70 for the Church's General Fund.

## PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

**The Parish Office will close at 4.00 pm on  
Thursday 22nd December and re-open at 9.30 am  
on Thursday 5th January**

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

At all our Christmas services, we will be holding collections for Christian Aid to for their work in supporting the estimated 65 million refugees, fleeing from war and violence. Collecting envelopes will be available.



**Two days after Christmas come  
and try something different**

## CIRCLE DANCING

**2.30 pm - 4.00 pm  
Tuesday 27th December  
in Christ Church Rooms**

All welcome. No experience or partner needed. Come alone or bring your visitors (sorry - not safe for children under 6)

**No charge but donations appreciated  
for church tower repair.**



**An Event for our Older Members  
THURSDAY AT NOON  
in CHRIST CHURCH  
(NOT Christ Church Rooms)**

**on Thursday 5th January 2017**

**at 12 o'clock**

and on succeeding first Thursdays  
of each month

\* Christian thought for the day  
\* A Light Lunch \* Good Company



## Church Drama Workshop

The first workshop of a series to be held through out the year will be on **Saturday 28th January, 2.30pm.** Venue is to be confirmed. Anyone interested in any aspect of drama and would like explore the use of drama within Church are welcome to join us. Please pencil the date in your diaries now and please let me know if you know you will definitely be joining us. For more information contact Diana Green on 01900 824311 or [diana@rdghome.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:diana@rdghome.fsnet.co.uk)

## Stamps

Used stamps are collected all year round in the churches of our Team to support the Leprosy Mission. Christmas is a great time to start or add to your collection of stamps. Collection points at Christ Church, Cmth & St Bridget's. Thank you for your involvement in supporting the Mission. Mike & Jan Heslop

## Parish Verse for 2017

**Those who hope in the LORD will renew their  
strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they  
will run and not grow weary, they will walk and  
not be faint.**  
**Isaiah 40 v 31**