



## This Week at Christchurch

Further details available from the Church Office and on the website at: [www.christchurchilkley.org.uk](http://www.christchurchilkley.org.uk)

Monday 2nd December	10:00	Toddlers
	19:30	Watercolour Painting
	19:45	Housegroup 1 at the Lamperts'
	19:45	Housegroup 2 at Ruth Hilton's
Tuesday 3rd December	09:25 & 10:10	Music Movers
	10:30	Meditation Group
	14:00	Listening Ear
	14:30	Housegroup 3 at Mary Bell's
	19:45	Housegroup 4 at the Mannalls'
	19:45	Housegroup 4 at the Woollins'
	19:45	Housegroup 6 at the Feathers'
Wednesday 4th December	08:30	Wednesday Wizards
	14:30	Christchurch Guild
	19:45	Housegroup 8 at the Stanleys'
	19:45	Housegroup 9 at Shirley Ward's
Thursday 5th December	10:00 & 14:00	Listening Ear
	19:30	Christchurch Singers
	19:45	Housegroup 10 at the Henneys'
	20:00	Housegroup 11 at the Cades'
Friday 6th December	10:30	Shopper's Service
Saturday 7th December	10:00	CTI Prayer Group
	12:00	Raise the Roof Coffee Afternoon

Explore **The Christmas Parables** next Sunday 08 December 2013 at 8:00pm in the Coffee Centre. What did the three gospel writers really mean when they wrote them? The inevitable mince pies (which Gospel was that in?) to encourage to come. Details from Jo Wales-Smith and Steve Amos.

**into the  
Melting Pot**



Deadline for items for the Sunday notice sheet is no later than the previous Wednesday morning. Items can be dropped in to the office, or preferably sent via email to [office@christchurchilkley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchilkley.org.uk)



# CHRISTCHURCH NOTICEBOARD

## Morning Worship—

**9:00am** — **ON+LINE@9**

**This Week-** Luke 1: 1-25 — The Unbelievable Truth

**Next Week-** Luke 1.26-38 — "Who ? Me ?"

**10:30am** —

**This Week-** *Led by: Rev Rob Hilton  
Inc. Holy Communion*

**Next Week-** *Led by: Rev Rita Armitage*

## 6:30pm Evening Worship

**This Week:** *Led by: Rev Rob Hilton*

**Next Week:** 6:00pm Circuit Service at Yeadon

**Friday  
Shopper's  
Service**  
A twenty minute  
time of reflection  
10:30am

December 6th

*Led by:*  
**Rev Dick  
Watson**

Christchurch is fitted with an induction loop system. Hearing aids should be set to "Telephone". You may need to adjust the volume.

**Large print word sheets of the hymns and songs at our morning services are available. Please ask a Steward.**

**Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley**

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**December  
1st**



PRAYER  
CALENDAR

**Great and gracious God, whose love has been made real in Jesus Christ, inspire my prayers by the power of your Spirit. May your love flow into the world and the people and situations for which we pray, through our thoughts, words and actions. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## December 1st

You are invited to include the following suggestions of local and broader concern in your private prayer during the year.

### Advent Sunday

- ✠ For Advent and the special Christmas services that all may find the meaning of Christ's birth.
- ✠ Those who support people through the healing ministry; Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation, providing medical and rehabilitation services in Palestine - a project we currently support.

### Further Prayer Opportunities

Every Thursday morning:  
9:30am - 10:00am in the Fellowship Room, a time of shared prayer open to all.

Our Prayer Table at the entrance to the Sanctuary offers helpful leaflets for private prayer.

The Red Book in the foyer is always available for written prayer requests.

Please contact the Prayer Chain for urgent or special prayer needs: Val Worrall (01943 601945) or Val Appleton (01943 430553)



Christchurch Coffee Centre will be open for Raise the Roof and Solar Panel Fund on Saturdays: 7th and 14th of December.

Your roof needs your help to make this possible!

Please contact John Sayers on 01943 608426 for details

**Jigsaw Fellowship** – Join us in the Coffee Centre on Friday evenings, from 6pm to 8.30, to make up jigsaws for the Festival planned for next October. Brian Scott, Pam Harris, John Sayers, Lynnda and Phillip Smith



Riddings Ramblers – Please note that walk arranged for 14th December has been cancelled, the next walk will be on Saturday 18th January

Lynda Willis

**URC Prayer Handbook 2014** - The handbook priced this year at £6 provides prayers for each week of the year following the lectionary and provides an excellent resource for those leading prayers or for personal devotions.

I have ordered copies for all those who wanted one last year plus a few spare. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

Chris Mannall



A new Christchurch guild quiz is now available from Joan Loach priced £1 in aid of this year's guild charity, "Embrace the Middle East" We hope you will give us your support.

Congregational Meeting—1:00pm on Sun 8th December. A chance to hear news about the church and ask questions.

Main discussion topic - worship. Soup lunch served before - order in the foyer Carol singing practice afterwards (see below) with Christmassy refreshments

Ruth

Carol singing practice after the Congregational Meeting on Sunday 8th December at 3:00pm. Do stay for a general sing-a-long, to remind yourself of descants or harmonies, and maybe to learn a new song or two. If you are willing to provide refreshments for us whilst we do this, please contact Margaret Whitton.



### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 – Advent Retreat Day At The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley, LS29 9BW

During this day, Sr. Pat will lead us in a day of reflection and prayer to help us make our arms into a cradle for God.

The suggested offering is £15.00.

Includes coffee on arrival 10.00 am, lunch of soup and a roll and afternoon tea on departure 3.30pm.

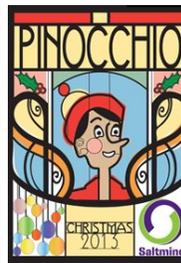
Advance booking is helpful but not essential

Contact: The Retreat Secretary

Tel: 01943 607287 – email: briery @btconnect.com

*"The circle of a girl's arms has changed the world - the round, sorrowful world - to a cradle for God."*

C. Houselander.



### Pinocchio Pantomime by Saltmine Theatre Company.

Aimed at primary school age children, this free production will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3:00pm and 5:00pm at All Saints' Church. Each performance lasts an hour with refreshments afterwards.

Limited space but tickets can be reserved by phoning All Saints office on 816035.

### Christmas Greetings

We will be distributing a Christchurch Christmas card with the January edition of Wider Horizons (out after Friday 13 December 2013). If you would like to have your greetings added to the inside, please send the wording to Mike and Steve in the usual way by 01 December 2013 at the latest. Thanks.



**Holy Communion Servers Wanted** – We require people to join the team of Holy Communion servers. Duties are very straightforward and can be fitted in around other duties such as worship stewarding. You will help to serve the bread and wine during the 10:30am service, then help with clearing away and washing up afterwards. If you can help, please contact Margaret Scott.



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