

FORTHCOMING SUNDAYS

Sun 7th Jan 10am **Open Door for Epiphany** with children's and young people's groups and All Age Holy Communion

Sun 14th Jan 10am **Open Door** with children's and young people's groups
The service will include an act of commitment for 2018

FUTURE DATES

Tues 2nd January 9am Church office reopens
Thurs 4th January 8pm Connect group with Nicholas
Fri 5th January 9.15am Staff prayers and meeting
Fri 12th January 4.45pm *Adventure Time* for those in Years 7-8 re-starts
Fri 12th January 9.30am Toddler group re-starts

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN?

'Christmas is a down-to-earth God for an up-in-the-air world. When we're all over the place, God comes to our place.' John Pritchard, retired Bishop of Oxford. 'Down in the cave, a light flickers; a new born baby cries. All is risk, and hope.' Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED in the FIRST WORLD WAR

We mark the 100th anniversary of the death of the people listed on our war memorials:
Lieutenant Colin **WRONG** (28/12/17) Royal Munster Fusiliers 6th Battalion, aged 21. Colin was born in British Guiana and had a brother. When he enlisted he was a law student. His commanding officer initially refused him a commission, due to his 'slight colonial accent'. He married Marjorie Snell in 1915. He served in Salonika and on 2/6/17 he won the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry, having assisted in dragging a severely wounded man back a distance of 1,500 yards, under heavy fire. He transferred to Egypt in September 1917 and was killed in action in the Palestine campaign. He is buried in the War Cemetery, Jerusalem. His wife remarried and lived at 14 Park Avenue, Finchley.

CONTACTS:

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Welcome to



CHRISTMAS 2017 EDITION

We extend a **warm welcome** to all who have come to worship. If you are a newcomer, we would encourage you to introduce yourself to the service leader or a member of our welcome team. To help us view **giving** as integral to the Christian life, we usually take an offering during our worship. If you are a visitor, do feel able to pass the offering basket on without contributing.

CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm **Crib Service** Preacher: Revd Nicholas Pye
11pm **Christmas Communion** Preacher: Revd Nicholas Pye

CHRISTMAS DAY

10am **Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion for all ages**
Preacher: Revd Mavis Crispin

SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER 2017

10am **Carol Praise**
Preacher: Revd Mavis Crispin

Prayer for this season: *Eternal God, in this season you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

BIBLE VERSE FOR 2017

We have chosen Jeremiah 29:11 as a theme for 2017:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.

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*Becoming a vibrant and diverse community that is
rooted in Jesus, growing together and overflowing with God's love.*