

WELCOME!

It is our prayer that all who come will experience the love of God, both through the Services and all of the different activities that make up the life of the Church.

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Services returning to Online for the next few weeks

Due to the increasing threat of the Omicron variant and its impact it has been decided, for the sake of the congregation and clergy to transfer our services after today back to online over the next few weeks. While it is disappointing not to be able to meet, safety of all is also part of our ministry to each other. We will update folks on when we will reconvene in person worship as soon as possible.

Free Guitar Lessons at St Mary's Becontree

The classes will be on break for the holidays and will recommence in January.

Nativity Preparation.

Our nativity is today. It will be a little different this year, so that we can be Covid safe. We invite anyone who wishes to come along to the service on the 19th in some sort of nativity costume. This can be as simple as a tea towel on your head or it can be a robe or cloak – anything that will pass for dress in the first century Israel. This is for both children and adults. It is a 'no rehearsal' nativity. Sharon will need a few minutes before we perform to position people, then it will be narrated with those wishing to, playing the parts. It is good fun but tells the story of the important event of Jesus' birth.

St. Cedd's Church Becontree

Sunday 19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent



St Cedd icon in
Chelmsford Cathedral
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Parish Vision

In the light of God's call, and our situation here, as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ and being guided by the Holy Spirit, our vision is to proclaim the Good News of God's love in our words (as we reach out into the community) and our actions through pastoral care as we strive to meet the spiritual needs of all those in our Parish.

Covid Precautions when in Church

As restrictions are continuing to be reviewed updates will be given here when needed, the current position is still to observe social distancing but at 1metre (3 feet in old money) distance and face masks to be worn during the service to protect one another. Communion will continue to be in one kind (bread only) and the peace will be a non-contact acknowledgement of one another.

SERVICES

Services and Events for the coming weeks

Today...19th December
10am **Nativity Sunday**
Minister Mick

Forthcoming Services

All services each week from now on will be online using the search used below with the appropriate date inserted.

and next Friday ... 24th December
11.30pm **Christmas Eve Service**
Minister Unesu

This can be found on YOUTUBE, search for;
“St Cedd’s, Dagenham service 24/12/21”

Saturday 25th December
Christmas day Service
10am Spiritual Communion online

This can be found on YOUTUBE, search for;
“St Cedd’s, Dagenham service 25/12/21”

Sunday 26th December
Boxing day Service

This can be found on YOUTUBE, search for;
“St Cedd’s, Dagenham service 26/12/21”

Bible Readings

Micah 5.2-5a

Psalm 80.1-8

Hebrews 10.5–10

Luke 1.39–55

**Prayer
For
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If you have noticed that someone is not here today, then please take a copy of this notice sheet and put it through their door. Thank you.

PRAYERS

Please pray for

those who are not well or in need of prayer, especially:

Queen Elizabeth **Sue Hansman,**
Mavis De Boise **Lyndsay Allen,**
Dorothy Allen, **Hugh Dibbens.**
Evelyn Powell, **Vera Laws**

and all those who are bereaved:

Especially for the families of those whose funeral was last week.

also remember:

Mick Beackon and the children of the **Noah’s Ark Nursery** in Machakos, Kenya, their Teachers **Betty & Janet** and college student **Susan Wanjiku Wanjiru & Carol Mutiso;**

and continue to remember in your prayers:

All victims of war, terror & racial abuse; the homeless, and those with housing difficulties.

Those affected by environmental disasters in the USA

The Refugee Crisis across the English Channel

The political situation in Belarus and the neighbouring states

Sister parish of Christ Church Thames View

Calling all with a heart for prayer: The on-line Prayer Group on Zoom is still meeting at **8pm on Wednesdays**. All are welcome to join. Please speak to Mick for log in details.