

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK-

- our Link Diocese, Mpwpa (Tanzania)
- the Church in Western North Carolina

Please continue to pray for the sick and those in need:-

Sarah Beaney; Jill Boyd; Emily Broomfield; Jacqui Culmer; Jackie Edwards; Tarquin Gillespie; Beryl Guarnori; Niel Hare; Norman Jones; Margaret Paterson; Peggy Pope; Hannah West; Diana Young.

Please remember the recently departed and all those who mourn them.

+ **For those in need, O Lord, we make our prayer:**

**the sick in mind or in body;
the blind, the deaf and the disabled;
the isolated; the sorrowing, the anxious and the perplexed.
Lord, give them courage, patience and peace of heart,
and do for them whatever is for their good.**

We give thanks and pray for those who care for them. +

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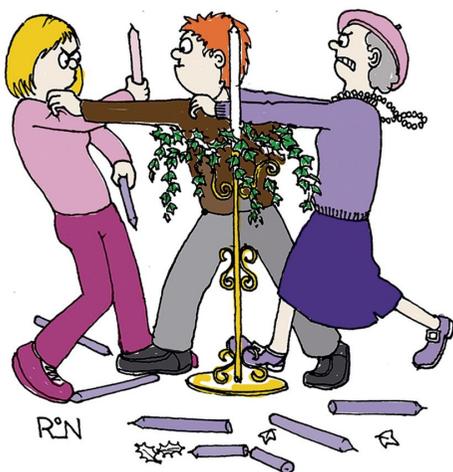
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**The correct colour of the
Advent candles was a
matter of some debate**



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in the Way of Christ Jesus
in our parish and community*

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**10th December 2017
Second Sunday of Advent
Welcome to today's Services:**

8 am	The Eucharist
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist <i>and Ark</i>
5 pm	Christingle



THIS WEEK

Monday 11th	8 pm	Compline
Tuesday 12th	9 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13th	9 am	Morning Prayer
	9.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	5 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 14th	9 am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Visit by Tonbridge U3A
	5 pm	Evening Prayer
	7 pm	Choir Practice
Friday 15th	9 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Carols at Garland House
	5 pm	Evening Prayer



NEXT SUNDAY

17th December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings:- Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; John 1:6-8,19-28

8 am	The Eucharist
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
6 pm	Carol Service



I am very grateful for all the cards and good wishes following my hip operation. Getting better a little more each day. Many thanks indeed Bless you.

Michael Nadin



THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY

Our Christmas appeal this year will be for the Bridge Trust, a local charity that helps single homeless people in West Kent with supported housing and to move on into mainstream accommodation. Next Sunday, 10th December, the CEO John Handley will be coming to speak at our morning service. There is a display at the back of church about the work of the charity, and gift

aid envelopes are available.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

TODAY @ 5 pm

followed by a Tea Party in the Parish Room

Donations of small sandwiches, crisps, sausages, biscuits and small cakes would be very welcome. **Please leave your food contributions in the kitchen before the service begins.**



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday December 17th - 6 pm

As usual mince pies and mulled wine will be served after the Carol Service. Contributions to the mince pies would be gladly received. If you are able to help provide some mince pies please sign the list at the back of church and put them in the kitchen, either after the morning service on 18th or before the Carol Service begins.

Help is also needed in the kitchen. If you could help in that way please sign the list. Thank you.



CAROL SINGING AT GARLAND HOUSE

Friday December 15th at 2.30 pm

If you are able to join us for a short time of Carol Singing at Garland House at 2.30 pm on Friday December 15th we would be delighted to see you. Please let Rachel know if you are able to come.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

Thanks to those who came along to last Sunday's Advent Service of Light. Your support for new services is always appreciated.

Rachel

CHRISTMAS SERVICE FLIERS

Fliers with details of all our Christmas services are now available. If you did not pick one up last week please take one today from the table at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS CARD

A new Christmas card for St Thomas's is now available. All profits go to the church. Please look for Christine in the Parish Room in the coming weeks.



NEW BOILER!!

Installation of a new boiler in church has begun and will continue this week. This means our heating should be working well for our Christmas services, but please continue to wrap up warm in the meanwhile.

BIBLE READING NOTES

Have you ever thought of following daily Bible reading notes. These come in many types and styles. If you would like any advice as to what to choose do have a word with Rachel.



WANTED!!

If anyone has any warm socks, shoes or boots that they would like to donate to those sleeping rough over the winter, please take them to the Vicarage (or to the URC in Tunbridge Wells on a Monday). Trainers are especially welcome.

To enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Priest-in-Charge or one of the Churchwardens.

REMEMBER you can sponsor any Sunday order of service or flowers in memory of a loved one or an event, with a donation to parish funds. Please contact Andrea in the office (01892 617398 or sainthomas1860@btinternet.com)