



Portsdown Parish News December 2006

On top of the hill, at the heart of the Community



Christmas message

As we enter into the season of Advent a time when we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ child it is a chance to reflect back on the year. Christ Church has been able to continue to open its doors to the community offering welcome and worship. We have shared both the tears and joys as we have been privileged to conduct baptisms, weddings and funerals. We move forward into the New Year with great visions for the Church. Ways in which we can forge closer links with the community. The proposed parish centre project and our newly formed Pastoral visiting team are just two examples of how we want to share the life and work of the Church with everyone. I want to extend a warm welcome to each and everyone of you to visit us during this Christmas season, in the busy rush of wrapping presents and writing cards the Church offers an oasis of peace and calm and a reminder that Christmas is all about a baby born in a stable who went on to give his life for us all and changed the world. May I wish you all a very joyous and blessed Christmas.

Sandy Phillips - Curate

A prayer for Christmas

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love.

Parish Magazine

Once a month we publish our magazine "Portsdown Post". If you would like to receive a copy at the modest price of 35 pence per month (£4.20 per year) please drop a mail to magazine@christchurchportsdown.org or call our parish office on 023 9237 9992 and leave a message on our answering machine.

Parish Web Site - A new look

Have you visited our web site recently ? If you have not visited recently why not do so now. The web address is <http://www.christchurchportsdown.org/>

You can find information on up coming services, news and events, who is on what rota for each service, details and links to the missions we are supporting, who to contact, Kairos information and on line copies of our Parish Magazine. There is also a full history of the church and parish, maps and details of graves in our churchyard and much, much more. Take a look today and see what you can find.

Nigel Wheatley - Webmaster

Portsdown Parish Centre

This development project seeks new ways for the Church building to be shared with, and serve the needs of, local people. The reordered building will not only provide a wonderful spiritual place of worship but some enclosed rooms to enable the provision of support services in partnership with other organisations to respond to local needs.

The Portsdown Centre Trust, a registered charity, has been formed to take this development forward and seeks to "Work for Wellbeing" in the community. Many opportunities exist to better support families; for the provision of advice and information services and further support for older people.

We plan to start building work in the church in the autumn of 2007. We have an approved design and a fundraising target will be agreed soon; some serious work to plan a fundraising campaign is underway but we need your help! Do you know anyone who might be a potential donor? You may have some contacts at work or in an organisation you belong to or relatives, friends or even neighbours who would be interested to support such an important development; please give all the information you can to Andy Minchin at Christ Church - contact details and further information about the project can be found on our church website.

Sheila Gill - PLT

Christ Church Portsdown

from



Christmas Blessings

HAPPY CHRISTMAS 2006

This card comes with Christmas Greetings from your local Parish Church of Christ Church, on Portsdown Hill.

Inside are details of our services over the Christmas and New Year period. We hope you will be able to join us in worship. Please contact us if you are unable to get to church and would like a home visit.

If you unfold the card you will find our latest News Letter inside with information about the Parish.

A very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to you all, have a great time celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Christ Church Ministry Team and Church Wardens
Sandy (Curate), Cynthia (Reader), Rosemary and Sylvia (Church Wardens)
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Services in December 2006

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Sunday 3	08:00	Holy Communion
	10:30	Holy Communion
	18:00	Kairos Carol Service St Georges Waterlooville
Sunday 10	08:00	Holy Communion
	10:30	Toy & Nativity Service
Sunday 17	08:00	Holy Communion
	10:30	Holy Communion
	15:00	Christingle Service
	19:00	Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 24 Christmas Eve	0800	Holy Communion
	10:30	Morning Prayer
	15:00	Carols round the Tree
	23:30	Holy Communion
Monday 25 Christmas Day	08:00	Holy Communion
	10:00	Crib Service
31 December 06 New Years Eve	08:00	No Service
	10:30	Holy Communion
	23:30	Watch Night Service