

OPERATION CHRISTMAS BOX: NOVEMBER TEATIME PRAISE AT ST JOHN'S

A picture of hope for these times? A jigsaw of our world, broken in places, but with edges held together by shoeboxes, filled with gifts for children surviving in difficult, dangerous places.



The boxes bring brightness to a grey and grim world.

Overarching everything are lights - the light of Jesus - shining in the darkness - not just at Christmas, but everyday. On Christmas day, as we open our own gifts, we plan to light a small candle and remember the children opening their gifts from us. And give thanks for Jesus' constant light, showing us the way of life. Milly Dalgleish

Photo by Alice Atay

ROYSTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT: Has received funding to help people who have not yet had their covid 19 vaccinations get vaccinated. RDCT can provide free transport to vaccination centres. Please call RDCT on 01763 245228 to book

BUILDING PROJECT FACULTIES: For those with Internet access please see the link below:

<http://www.roystonparishchurch.org.uk/faculty/>

Or the paper version is displayed outside church on the notice board

FOOD BANK: Items which are required at the moment are: tinned meat (meatballs are popular), jars of sauces (both pasta sauces and rice sauces) and coffee. They are in short supply of Long life milk, Tinned puddings, Custard-both tins and packets, Jams, Biscuits (sweet), Tinned pasta, 'Fruit' squash, Pasta sauces (but not pasta unless it is tinned), Tinned meat Colman's packet mixes for casseroles. They would also appreciate personal hygiene equipment: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, toilet rolls, and sanitary protection. Donations can be delivered to the Royston Evangelical Church on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 9 and 11am. Thank you.

WITH CHRISTMAS FAST APPROACHING I'm sure many of you will be doing a little bit of on line Christmas shopping. I wonder how many of you have considered registering with Easy Fundraising? At no extra cost to you, many companies will give St John's a percentage of your spend every time you shop. Just make sure you register St John the Baptist, Royston, Herts as there are others and then the rest is easy. Over the past few years more than £2,000 has been raised for the church. You can also use it when getting car or house insurance, holidays or when you change your gas/electricity supplier.

Help make a big difference. Please go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and register now.

Royston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist

Sunday 21st November 2021
CLIMATE SUNDAY

Sunday 21	9 am	Said Eucharist at Icknield Walk School
	10.15 am	Eucharist with Church Choir – Icknield Walk School

The 10.15am service will also be on-line on our YouTube channel.

Sunday 28	9 am	BCP Holy Communion (said) Icknield Walk School
	10.15 am	Eucharist with Church Choir – Icknield Walk School

CHURCH BOOKING Please ensure you book yourself a seat for Sunday services; please contact Joanne (roystonpc.churchoffice@gmail.com) or ring the office mobile between Monday and Saturday. Unfortunately, we cannot take bookings for more than one week at a time. All welcome!

As we pray for the Church, we pray for:

For all Christians in East Timor, Indonesia and Philippines

For all who worship at Methodist Church, Royston, Foxton & Orwell:

Revd. Charity Nzegwu

For all who are working on the rebuilding of our beautiful Church

For the work of 28 Too Many

We pray for the community of Royston:

For all our local NHS workers, keep them safe and well

For all our local Health Centres, and the rollout of the COVID vaccine

For our local Hospital and staff

We pray for the sick and suffering:

Natalie Cosgrove	David Young	Hugh Wilcox
Peter Coates	Angela Law	Maria & Arthur Morton
Audrey Hartley	Ryan	Jackson Herbert
Julie	Bob Moor	Salina
Andy Williams	Bernard Wells	The Thompson family
Thomas Cosgrove	George N.	Helen Yerrill
Matthew	Helen Rodgers	Roy Rodway
Roy Knight	Susan Naylor	Carol Lilywhite
Maya	Sue Roberts	Diane
Tom Dew	Val Brown	Steve Claydon
Baby Freddie Duke	F John Smith	

We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ:

Deceased

Geoffrey Payne
John Meadows

Bereaved

Victoria Newman, family and friends
Jill Meadows, family and friends

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

22 November Leslie Beger

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NOTICES

HARVEST APPEAL

The Food Bank £707.50

Bishop's Appeal £572.50

A big thank you, well done everyone.

BCP HOLY COMMUNION: The PCC have approved that the gam service on the 4th Sunday of the month will be a Holy Communion Service taken from the BCP. We will start this on Advent Sunday 28th November.

ON YOUR MARKS, GET READY... ..We are planning for returning to our beautiful Church and need to know if we will be able to hold Saturday morning coffee, but this very much depends on volunteers. Please could you let Joanne know if you can help, by 12th December. Any information on what would be needed please also contact Joanne. Thank you, Heidi.

REGULAR GIVING BY WEEKLY ENVELOPE OR STANDING ORDER - I now have the weekly envelope sets for next year, which I will try to get round to existing users some time next month. If anyone else would like a set, or if an existing user no longer requires one, please could you let me know. Also if anyone would like a standing order form for their regular giving (we don't do direct debit), then I can let you have one. Many thanks on behalf of the PCC to everyone for your financial support, however you choose to give. Brenda S.

WORLD AIDS DAY: 1st December is WAD; please show your support for those who live with the effects of HIV/AIDS by wearing a red ribbon which will be available at church services (no charge).

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS RESOURCES: Please see this website for some suggestions for Advent books to buy: [Books for Advent 2021 \(p-christianbooks.co.uk\)](http://Books for Advent 2021 (p-christianbooks.co.uk)) If you need financial assistance with this, please do not hesitate to ask. If you are not online and are interested, please ask Joanne for a printout. In addition, the church of England is once again producing a booklet for the twelve days of Christmas entitled At the Heart of Christmas: [At the Heart of Christmas single copy 12 days of stories and meditations for Christmas by Justin Welby, Stephen Cottrell - Pamphlet - 9781781402412 \(chpublishing.co.uk\)](http://At the Heart of Christmas single copy 12 days of stories and meditations for Christmas by Justin Welby, Stephen Cottrell - Pamphlet - 9781781402412 (chpublishing.co.uk)) Copies cost 80p and if you wish to order one please sign the sheet on Sundays or let Joanne know by December 5th.