

## Parishes' News Sheet for ...

St Nicholas' Charlwood & Emmanuel Sidlow Bridge

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent**

**9.30am Family Service for Welcare at St. Nicholas'**

**11.00pm Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel**

### **Prayer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king;  
be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. Amen.

Gracious God, we remember those places in the world where there is war and violence: Russia & Ukraine, Gaza & Israel. We pray for peace and justice to be restored. We give thanks for the rescue of the miners in India. We remember those who wait in darkness for a brighter day. You are the light of the world. Come Lord Jesus.

Those who live and work in Rusper Road. Members of Mothers Union, WIs, Neighbourhood Watch and other Groups in the Parishes..

The sick, especially Laurie Perfect, the isolated and troubled .

Those we have loved but see no more, those who have recently died especially Valerie Beedle, Molly Mitchell, and June who died on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and Les Wateridge and all those that mourn for them.

**Midnight Mass** will be at 9.30pm at Charlwood. On balance – more people greed to attend earlier rather than later. Please spread the word.

**If anyone would like to join me... I am offering to lead an informal Advent study group on Wednesdays at 11:00-12:30 in the Nicholas Room starting on November 29th, Dec 6, 13, & 20th. Please contact me at [revdsuelepp@gmail.com](mailto:revdsuelepp@gmail.com) or 07930520562**

**Emmanuel Coffee & Chat** will be **29<sup>th</sup> November** the last Wednesday of the month. Drop in anytime **between 11.00 - 12.00** for a cuppa and chat – you will be most welcome. Paul

### **Emmanuel Church Warden's Charity**

As in previous years, there will be a board at the back of the Church for you to pin a Christmas card for your Church friends. The money saved on not buying several cards can then be placed in the collection jar. This year's charity is the local Women's Refuge. Thank you so much for your support. Paul.

### **Trouble Kneeling?**

We have a number of elderly hassocks (kneelers) at Emmanuel Church (previously used by the Choir), to dispose of. If you could make good use of one (or more) at home - maybe when putting stuff away in lower cupboards, or as a footstool in front of the telly, or in the garage or garden (not waterproof!!!), please give me a call. Paul 01293 786693.

**Tree of Light Service with St. Catherine's Hospice will be held at Emmanuel on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm.**

***Tea and Chat*** The Tea and Chat Christmas party at Charlwood Parish Hall will be **at 2pm on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone welcome.**

**'KNIT AND NATTER' at Emmanuel will be 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 - 12.00 noon** on the second Thursday of the month. All welcome, bring a hand craft be it knitting or otherwise, or just come for a chat. It is an opportunity to meet together, have a tea or coffee and alongside crafting, talk with friends. A small voluntary donation towards Church heating and lighting would be welcome. Mary

**A community group are making a set of three applied wall hangings for St. Nicholas' Church. The next sessions are on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 15<sup>th</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> February at Julie's house, 9 Chalmers Close, Charlwood at 10am until 12 noon. If you would like to join our group please contact Sarah for more information – 07752 902020.**



**Coffee & Tea** available every Sunday in Church **following the 9.30am service at St Nicholas'**. Do come and join us. **All welcome**

### **ST. NICHOLAS' Flower Guild Rota – November/December 2023**

**26th:** Hilary Sewill

**3rd Advent:** Sandra Lees

**10th Advent:** Sandra Lees

**17th Advent:** Sandra Lees

**24th Christmas:**

Julie Lowe & Sandy Bowling-  
Members of the Flower Guild

**Christmas tree:**

Sarah Parks-Young

**31st** Julie Lowe & Sandy Bowling-  
Members of the Flower Guild

**Sunday's sermon has been posted to Revd. Sue's sermon blog which is <https://theirreverentreverend.com> if you would like to read.**

**Read and download November's *The Bridge* from :  
[http//southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)**

**If you would like anything included in a future News Sheet or you would like to receive a copy please email Fran details to [wingspeeksbrook@aol.com](mailto:wingspeeksbrook@aol.com)**



**SAT 16TH DEC 2pm - 4pm**

# **Christmas Tree Event**

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, CHARLWOOD**

## **How Big is The Tree?**

**GUESS THE HEIGHT CONTEST**

### **Help us to decorate the Tree**

with tinsel, baubles, glitter, lights, stars and angels

### **Hands On Activity Stalls**

Candle decorations; Make Baubles; Decorate Biscuits and more.... supervised with materials, yours to use, give, or take away

**Hot Chocolate, Mince Pies,  
Christmas Fairy Cakes Served**

### **ALL THE FAMILY WELCOME**

Up to 3 children per accompanying adult

**Donations for Craft Activities appreciated**

### **BOOK NOW! Limited Places**

Sarah 07752902020 or [spy@abaclays.com](mailto:spy@abaclays.com)

**3/12/23 (Emmanuel Only)**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**4** I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5** for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— **6** just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— **7** so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **8** He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



## **Gospel - Mark 13:24-end**

**24** 'But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,

**25** and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

**26** Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. **27** Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

**28** 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. **29** So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. **30** Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. **31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**32** 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. **34** It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. **35** Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, **36** or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. **37** And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

**Charlwood Community Volunteers  
welcomes the return of**

# **Charlwood at Christmas**

**Sunday 3rd December**

**4pm to 6pm**

**Charlwood Recreation Ground**

**Christmas Grotto, Mulled Wine, Licensed Bar,  
Hot Dogs, Mince Pies, Raffle & Carol Singing**



**Father Christmas will  
arrive on his float  
around 4pm, before  
he heads to his  
grotto, where he  
will meet the children  
and present them  
with a gift.**

**Christmas Tree lights will be switched on at 5.30pm. For a donation,  
tree lights can be dedicated to someone special**

**Any profits will go towards the parish hall refurbishment  
and the parish digital magazine**

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✦ PRESENTING ✦  
**A STUPENDOUS  
MUSICAL EVENING**



at **CHARLWOOD PARISH HALL**

**Saturday 2nd December 2023 @ 7.30pm** ) Doors open 7.00pm



**LIVE MUSIC  
BY THE CELEBRATED  
BROTHERS  
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With  
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THE SENSATIONAL **Cathy  
Barclay  
and  
Sarah  
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**Licensed  
Bar**  
Cash  
only

**Tickets £16 includes hot food**

(chilli and rice/veg option, served in the interval)

**Tickets available from the Cafe, 52 The Street, Charlwood  
or email: [cph@btinternet.com](mailto:cph@btinternet.com)**

**Raffle  
on the night**

Payment by cash only at the cafe, also by bank transfer for email bookings.  
All funds go toward the refurbishment of Charlwood Parish Hall



**South Nutfield**  
CHORAL SOCIETY

Patron: Dame Judi Dench

## WINTER CONCERTS 2023



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**Chilcott -**  
*A Little Jazz Mass*

**Vaughan Williams -**  
*Fantasia on*  
*Christmas Carols*

**Ramirez -**  
*Navidad Nuestra*

**and other**  
**seasonal music**

**Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm**

**Christ Church, South Nutfield, RH1 5NG**

**Friday 8th December at 7.30pm**

**St Matthew's Church, Redhill, RH1 1DL**

**Tickets £14 Students £7 Under 10s free**



**Pre-book: [sncscontact@gmail.com](mailto:sncscontact@gmail.com) or call 07841 827496**

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## ***My final thought***

Advent is a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. It is an invitation to go deeper.

Advent (*adventus*) means 'coming' in Latin. We are anticipating the coming of Christ from 2 different perspectives. The first is the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah. The second is to be alert for his Second Coming. Advent was traditionally a time of fasting as strict as Lent. There was a break on the 3rd Sunday as this was a feast day. As in Lent with the celebration of Mothering Sunday. This is rather contrary to the indulgent season we are about to begin! While I do enjoy a glass of fizz and the odd mince pie - I hope that we can find time this season to think about the wider vision of Advent as we prepare for a meaningful Christmas.

Revd. Sue Lepp

## **SERVICES**

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am	Family Service for Welcare at St. Nicholas'
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel
	3.00pm	Tree of Light at Emmanuel
10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Parish Communion at St. Nicholas'
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel
17 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00am	Carol Service at Emmanuel
	4.00pm	Carol Service at St. Nicholas'
24 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Parish Communion at St. Nicholas'
	4.00pm	Crib Service at St. Nicholas'
	4.00pm	Christingle Service at Emmanuel
25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Christmas Communion at St. Nicholas'
	11.00am	Christmas Communion at Emmanuel
31 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30am	Joint Communion Service at Emmanuel And New Year's Celebration