

*Welcome to
Christmas at
st saviour's*

CHRISTMAS 2011

Christmas
unwrapped
*Jesus Christ~
Hope for the World*

Christmas Carols @
st saviour's
GUILDFORD

Welcome

to our Christmas services at St Saviour's! We hope you'll find fresh inspiration, challenge and comfort from the great good news that the baby born in Bethlehem is none other than God himself, come to rescue a world in the direst trouble. These days it's easy to see that there is so much wrong and at odds within our world, with so many people in need in the poorest countries, with so much unemployment, sickness and financial concern all around us. But sadly, much of that disorder and distress comes from within ourselves. It was Jeremiah, the seventh century prophet in the little country of Judah who once exclaimed, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure." No wonder he was called the weeping prophet! But what Jeremiah diagnosed without being able to see a cure, has in fact been overturned by the coming of God's long promised Messiah. Yes there's a cure for the world's ills and our most profound human need too. It's very good news indeed that Jesus changes hearts and lives today. That's why we celebrate his birth. And that's why with confidence in the power of God, I wish you a very happy Christmas!

Michael Lawson

Rector of St Saviour's Church

Other services @ Christmas & New Year...

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Family Nativity Service

11.00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service

New Year's Day

10.30am Family Service

Looking ahead...

Wednesday 11th January 2012
for 7 weeks...

Christianity Explored

*Discover the basis of the
Christian faith...*

Christmas Services Collections

This year we will be giving our Christmas service collections to support three special causes (see below). Please see overleaf for Gift Aid Form. Please place your completed form and / or donations in the brown envelope provided and place in the baskets at the door. Thank you for your generous contributions.



Angel Tree

Approximately 160,000 children in the UK have either one or both parents in prison.

Angel Tree provides Christmas presents for prisoners' children. Local Prison Fellowship volunteer groups raise funds and work with churches and prison chaplains to buy and deliver the presents. Prisoners with children are given the opportunity to apply for a gift to be sent to them. Each gift is sent as though it is from the parent in prison who is also able to write

a personal message to their child. The immediate effect is the delight of the child who receives the Christmas present. Angel Tree is a wonderful link between a child and their Mum or Dad in prison and helps towards family reconciliation. Angel Tree also raises awareness amongst the community of the impact of imprisonment on prisoners' families.

Jubilee Action

Jubilee Action wants to see a world where children are free from abuse and exploitation. We work to rescue and protect children facing the most serious injustices, including those who are held in prison and children who are subject to trafficking. We also work with victims of prostitution, former child soldiers and children who are living on the street. Our aim is to end the cycle of abuse by doing three things. We rescue these children from the immediate risk they face, and we offer them rehabilitation and support. In addition, we work to provide the skills, tools and education they need to realise a new vision for their lives.



Chris Brittain (grandson of Jon & Valerie in Church family)

Chris has Cerebral Palsy which makes his legs ache and walking very difficult. He can't walk very far and has to keep up with his friends using a wheel chair and walking frame. A new operation at St Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri, USA called **Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR)** would change his life substantially. This major operation will allow Chris to walk properly, play sports, run and stop his legs from aching so much. The operation costs £40,000. We are raising money for Chris to have the operation in January 2012. Thank you. For more information, please visit: www.teamchris.co.uk

Gift aid declaration

Good News! Tax recovery:

If you pay income tax or capital gains tax read on...

When you complete and sign a Gift Aid Declaration Form, St Saviour's can reclaim from HM Revenue & Customs the tax that you have paid on your gift.

The declaration covers gifts made in any way – standing order, cheque, cash or bank transfer – so long as we know you made the gift. So, for cash gifts you need to put them in an envelope with your name on. Please read the notes below before signing the Gift Aid Declaration.

St Saviour's Church

Please tick the appropriate box

Please treat:

All gifts of money that I have made in the past 6 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations; **OR**

All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations; **OR**

The enclosed gift of £ _____ as a Gift Aid donation.

You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax in each tax year at least equal to the tax that the church will claim from HM Revenue & Customs on your Gift Aid donation(s).

Donor's details

Title _____ Initials(s) _____

Surname _____

Home address _____

Post Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please notify the church if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Change your name or home address.
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Tax claimed by the church

The church will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give on or after 6 April 08.

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

Unsure whether your giving qualifies for Gift Aid tax relief? Contact your local tax office for advice and ask for leaflet IR65.

Joint forms for couples are invalid. Each partner must complete a separate form. Additional forms are available from the Church Office.

