



Chimes will be closed on the following days  
over Christmas.

December 23 to Jan 1

Chimes will reopen as normal from January 2



#### DECEMBER 2018 DIARY

Sunday 2	10am All age Morning Worship including Glow, Shine, illumin8, CSK Youth 6.30pm Sunday Evening Service
Monday 3	Monday Morning Prayer
Tuesday 4	10am Monthly Tuesday Morning Communion. 7.30pm Tuesday Evening Prayer Hour
Wednesday 5	10.30am Men's coffee at Chimes
Thursday 6	10-11.15am The Ark 7pm Foodbank
Sunday 9	10am Morning Worship including Glow, Shine, illumin8, CSK Youth
Monday 10	Monday Morning Prayer
Thursday 13	10-11.15am The Ark (Christmas Journey) 7pm Foodbank
Friday 14	8pm Carols at the Moorhen pub
Sunday 16	10am Morning Worship including Glow, Shine, illumin8, CSK Youth
Monday 17	Monday Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19	10.30am Men's coffee at Chimes
Thursday 20	7pm Foodbank
Sunday 23	10am Christingle and crib service
Monday 24	6pm Carols on the Green 11.15pm Midnight Mass
Tuesday 25	10am Christmas Day Celebration
Sunday 30	10am Morning Worship including Glow, Shine, illumin8, CSK Youth

### Your CSK Christmas Contacts

**VICAR:** Rev Sylvia Kinder - on sabbatical

**PIONEER CURATE:** Rev Rachel Hilditch email: [curate@hamptonchurch.co.uk](mailto:curate@hamptonchurch.co.uk)

**CHILDREN & FAMILIES LEADER:**

Joy Castell-Evans email: [children@hamptonchurch.co.uk](mailto:children@hamptonchurch.co.uk)

**YOUTH WORKER:** Toby Baffa- Isaacs email: [youth@hamptonchurch.co.uk](mailto:youth@hamptonchurch.co.uk)

**CHURCHWARDENS:**

Solomon Robinson & Nigel Double [churchwarden@hamptonchurch.co.uk](mailto:churchwarden@hamptonchurch.co.uk)

**CSK OFFICE** Silver Hill, Hampton, Peterborough PE7 8FF  
tel: 01733 248236 (with voicemail) email: [office@hamptonchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@hamptonchurch.co.uk)  
[www.cskhampton.church](http://www.cskhampton.church) facebook @cskhamptonchurch

**CSK has a new website address: [cskhampton.church](http://cskhampton.church)**



*Connecting with Jesus, making Him known*

**December 2018**



***This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Luke 2.12***

There is something about pictures...a year ago, last Christmas, this picture stopped me in my tracks in the middle of preparing services and I've not forgotten it. It is certainly true that they can speak a 1000 words. I wonder what this image says to you.

It's easy to sanitise Christmas behind all the familiar things, or feel the need to put on a brave face because it's what we feel is expected at this time of year. Yet Jesus came into the world to know what it is to be truly human & to share in our sufferings, as well as our joys and everything in between. That means the hard bits, the lonely bits, & the seemingly hopeless bits too.



The carol O Holy Night includes the line: ***'a thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices.'*** This, to me, is the heart of the Christmas story. Jesus can be found in the weary places of the world where we least expect him, among the people where we least expect him, and there, he brings his hope and peace.

Just like this mother and baby, Jesus was born into a poor, uncertain and imperfect world. For some, let this picture stir you to give generously to those in need this Christmas. For others, let it speak to you in your time of need. He knows you, he loves you and he is for you, whatever you're facing.

Every blessing, Rachel

PS. Sylvia is now on sabbatical until March. We wish her a blessed & restful time!

# CHRISTMAS AT CSK

Friday 14th December

8pm Carols in The Moorhen Pub

Sunday 16th December

3pm Christmas Craft Afternoon

For primary-age children and their families.

Sunday 23rd December

10am Christingle & Crib Service

Nativity costumes welcome!

Monday 24th December

6pm Carols on the Green

Outside CSK on Silver Hill, with mulled wine & mince pies.

11.15pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th December

10am Christmas Day Celebration

A short 45 minute service; bring a present to show!

Can you help support Hampton's Baptist Pioneer Nicky with Hampton East's first community carol singing event 16 Dec? Ask Rachel for more information.

Occasional Preacher needed for Bourne URC—Sunday 10.45 service

(Expenses paid)

If you are interested please contact Godfrey & Carolyn Collum on 07973514300



Please support & pray for Curate Rachel, the Church Wardens and PCC as they lead CSK through the Christmas period.

## HAMPERS FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

We will be giving hampers to families on Hampton through the schools again this year. Can you help by giving any of the following items:

box biscuits, box chocolates, breakfast cereal, tinned ham, tinned tuna, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, teabags, coffee, sugar, fruit juice, jar jam, gravy and savoury snacks.

Items need to be brought into church by Sunday, 9th December thank you.



## ALDI/CSK GIVEAWAY

### Christmas Eve to struggling families

Helpers are needed from approximately 2.30pm to set up tables in the backroom, team at Aldi to collect food from 3.30pm,

Team from 4.00pm in backroom to set out food, and 5.00pm team to greet and engage with customers. These timings may be subject to change as we do not have the exact time from Aldi at Hampton at the moment.

I appreciate it is Christmas Eve, but if you are able to help in any way please contact Jan 07745708359 thank you.

# CSK Children and Youth Ministry

## Children's Ministry

Sunday School reached record numbers on 18th November as each group continues to grow. The children are great at welcoming newcomers and developing new friendships. We have now concluded our mini series on Psalms, in which the children have enthusiastically explored what it means to know that God is with us all the time and how we can talk to Him about anything. We are looking forward to our next mini series about Advent and Christmas starting on 26th November. We are even having an extra Sunday in our groups so make a note that Glow, Shine and Illumin8 will meet on 2nd December as there is no All Age Worship on that day.

(No groups on 23rd December as this will be the Christingle Service)



Find us on Facebook: [eskhamptonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/eskhamptonchurch)

## Christmas Crafts Afternoon

Sunday 16th December, 3pm - 5pm

Whatever your age, however young or old you are - YOU ARE INVITED.

Come along and join us for an afternoon of Christmas crafts - bring a friend, in fact, bring two! There will be a range of crafts to enjoy, refreshments and time to gather at the end for story-time and songs. Let's enjoy being together as we prepare for Christmas.

## Parents and Carers

Please ensure that you have completed the latest registration form (pink) for your child/children as soon as possible. It is essential that our dedicated Team is aware of any medical, dietary or additional needs your child/children may have. There are forms available on clipboards at the beginning of each service. Speak to Joy for more information.

Glow, Shine and Illumin8 will be making links with MAF, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, one of the charities that CSK supports, during Advent. Come on 2nd December so that you & your family can get involved. More details on that day.