



Monthly Update

December 2018

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 2 nd December Advent Sunday	(No 9.30am Service) ----- 4pm Family Advent Carol Service	Various Bible passages exploring the "Antiphons"	The Wallingford Baptist Church; residents of Monks Mead; the Village Shop and all who work there; our PCC and Churchwarden
Sunday 9 th December Advent 2	8am HC St James' ----- 9.30am Parish Communion	Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	The Friends Meeting House, Wallingford; residents of Bell Lane, Wellsprings; The Villager, those who publish and distribute it; our Deanery Synod and Team Council Members
Sunday 16 th December Advent 3	9.30am Parish Communion	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	The Ridgeway Community Church; residents of Slade End, Sotwell Street; Brightwell Supporting Refugees; our Flower Arrangers
Sunday 23 rd December Advent 4	8am HC St James' ----- 9.30am Family Communion ----- 6pm Christmas Carol Service	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:39-45 ----- Various	The Free Church, Brightwell cum Sotwell; residents of Mackney and Mackney Lane; Wallingford Health Centre & Surgery; Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies; our Church Cleaners and those who maintain the churchyards
 Monday 24 th December Christmas Eve	4.30pm Crib Service ----- 11.30pm Midnight Communion	Isaiah 9:2,6-7; Luke 2:1- 6 & 2:7-16; John 1:1-14 ----- Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-20	Our own churches of St Agatha's & St James' all who worship with us; for Christians living in countries where they are persecuted for their faith
Tuesday 25 th December Christmas Day	9.30am Family Festival Communion	Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14	Peace on Earth Goodwill to all humanity
Sunday 30 th December Christmas 1	9.30am Parish Communion & Baptism at St James'	1 Samuel 2:8-20,26 Luke 2:41-52	For Zalika Nsamba being baptised this morning and her parents Kate & Alfred; Cholsey Free Church; residents of West End, Old Nursery Lane; AA, The Samaritans; The Village Hall Committee; our Sacristan and Servers

Also: * Bellingring Practice - Tuesdays, 7.15-9.00pm (not Christmas Day)

- Morning Prayer - Wednesdays at 9.15am (not Boxing Day)
followed by Coffee Morning until midday
- Choir Practice - Fridays at 7.15pm (not 28th December)

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Church News:



We welcome everyone who visits our church this month, especially those who join us to celebrate Christmas, whether together in worship at one of our services listed overleaf, or for quiet and peace where you can share your own thoughts and prayers with God.

We are part of the Church of England's "Follow the Star" Christmas campaign, and wherever you are in the country over the festive period, you can find worship using the website "**A Church Near You**", including all our services and events throughout the year.

Journeying from Advent to Christmas

Our Advent season begins and ends with special carol services when we are joined by our extended choir. The **Advent Carol Service is at 4pm** with children taking a leading part in the readings as we explore the "Antiphons" as found in the carol: "O come, O come, Emmanuel". The **Christmas Carol Service is at 6pm on Sunday 23rd December**. We hope that you will also join in our Sunday worship during the weeks between as we light each candle on our Advent Wreath and share the spiritual journey together.

Our Finances and Giving

The vast majority of our income comes through our church members giving through the Parish Giving Scheme. This is the most efficient way as it puts the Gift Aid element into our bank account in the same month as the direct debit is taken. Those using this scheme are encouraged to place a "PGS token" in the offertory to represent their giving.

As well as the cost of maintaining our two listed buildings, our largest outgoing for 2019 will be the Parish Share, set at £33,798. Such an amount can only be raised through the sacrificial giving of our church members and parishioners. The national average giving is £500 per person per year – roughly **£10 per week** - with each contributing in proportion to their means.

If you have not yet signed the simple form to pledge regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme but would like to sustain the work and ministry of this church, even with a small amount, then please speak to our Stewardship Co-ordinator Andy Lewis, or to Margot our Church Warden. If you are unable to make a regular commitment for any reason, but pay tax, then please use one of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes, completed with your details. Whichever way you give, **THANK YOU!**

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