



St Mary Magdalene's

Monthly Update – December '24

(Services in church unless otherwise stated)



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Day / Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Advent Sunday 1 st December 	11am Advent Family Service ----- 4pm Advent Carols Newnham Murren	Luke 21:25-36 ----- Psalm 9 Joel 3:9-end Revelatn 14:13-15:4	The Friends Meeting House, Wallingford; residents of Retreat Gardens, Robert Sparrow Gardens; all our Local Businesses; Neighbourhood Watch; our Welcomers and Sidespeople
Sunday 8 th December Advent 2	11am Parish Communion	Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	The Ridgeway Community Church; residents of Stephens Field, Thames Mead; for those who spread the Good News of the Gospels; Local House Groups
Thursday 12 th December	12.30pm Lunchtime Carols	Luke 1:26-33 Luke 2:1-14 Matthew 2:1-11 John 1:1-14	All who work in our village and for the larger employers: HR Wallingford, CEH, CABI and all on Howbery Park
Saturday 14 th December	<i>No Community Café this month!</i>		For our catering team taking a well-deserved break.
Sunday 15 th December Advent 3	11am Parish Communion ----- 6pm Christmas Carol Service	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18 	United Reformed Church, Aston Tirrold; residents of The Limes, The Street; For Doctors and Nurses and all who work for and in the Care Service; our Organist and producers of music and hymns
Sunday 22 nd December Advent 4	11am Family Communion	Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45	St Agatha's & St James', Brightwell cum Sotwell; residents of Winters Field, Halifax Road; all who work for local Charities; Priests/Deacons; our Intercessors and Readers
Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve 	3pm Crib Service ----- 11.30pm Midnight Communion	Luke 1:67-79 ----- Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14	Our own church of St Mary Magdalene's and all who worship with us; for Christians living in countries where they are persecuted for their faith
Wednesday 25 th December Christmas Day	11am Festival Communion	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-14[15-20]	Peace on Earth Goodwill to all humanity
Sunday 29 th December Christmas 1	10am Team Communion at St Agatha's, Brightwell	1 Sam. 2:18-20,26 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-end	All churches in our Wallingford team

Please invite your friends and family to join us in worship.

Everyone is welcome!

Christ is for life, not just for Christmas! If you are new, we hope that you will become part of our church family as we follow Jesus as the way, the truth and the life and share God's love with our community.

Other regular services:

- Morning Prayer (CW) Fridays 9am
- Evening Prayer (BCP) Sundays 4pm

The Crowmarsh House Group meets regularly on Thursdays at 2.30pm at Paul & Rosie Benham's home (30 Marshfield). Please ask them for more information.

Advent Carol Service at Newnham Murren Church – Sunday 3rd Dec at 4pm

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the Farm House next door for £3 per person, with funds raised split between for our church and the Churches Conservation Trust.



“Calm & Bright” Christmas Reflections from the Church of England - download the “Everyday Faith” app for daily Advent reflections from 1-23 December and 12 days of Christmas reflections from 24 December until 6 January. Each reflection takes you on a journey that will help you take fresh encouragement and hope from Advent and the Christmas story into the year ahead and includes a Bible reading, a short reflection, activity suggestion

and prayer. Audio of the reflections is also included in the app. These reflections can also be sent to your Inbox. Learn more and download the app, or sign up to the emails here: www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/calm-and-bright-christmas-reflections

Giving: All donations to the mission and ministry of our church are very welcome: the majority of our members use the Parish Giving Scheme as it is the most efficient way of reclaiming Gift Aid - new forms are available at the welcome desk. Alternatively, you can give electronically with the option of Gift Aid, using this QR code on a smart phone. We also accept hard cash!



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