






# Monthly Update

## January 2026

(All services at **St Agatha's** unless otherwise stated)

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Epiphany</b>	9.30am Family Service	 Matthew 12: 1-12	St Agatha's & St James', Brightwell cum Sotwell; the residents of Monks Mead; the Village Shop and all who work there; our sacristan and servers.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Baptism of Christ</b>	9.30am Parish Communion	 Isaiah 42.1-9 Acts 10.34-43 Matthew 3.13-17	St Mary's Church, Cholsey; the residents of Bell Lane, Wellsprings; the Villager, those who publish, collate and distribute it; our Bellringers and Sidespeople .
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Epiphany 2</b>	9.30am Parish Communion	Isaiah 49.1-7 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 John 1.29-42	St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh Gifford; the residents of Slade End, Sotwell Street; Brightwell Supporting Refugees; families; local House Groups .
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Epiphany 3 Conversion of Paul</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer	Isaiah 9.1-4 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 Matthew 4.12-23	St John's RC Church, Wallingford; the residents of Mackney & Mackney Lane; The Fairthorne Trust; our Intercessors and readers .
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February <b>Epiphany 4</b>	9.30am Family Service <b>with Candlemas Christingle</b> details tbc	John 2.1-11 	St Mary's and St Leonard's, Wallingford; the residents of West End, Old Nursery Lane; Wallingford Community Hospital, Medical Practices & staff; all providers of our hymns and music.

### Mid-week activities:

Tuesdays: 7.30pm Bellringing Practice  
 Wednesdays: 9.00am Morning Prayer (in the Parish Room)  
 10am-noon Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room, **all are welcome!**

**The Brightwell Emmaus House Group:** continues to meet on alternate Thursdays (3.00-4.30pm). Please contact Mina Barrett for further information.

### Epiphany

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Please join us for our Epiphany family service on 4<sup>th</sup> January where the 3 Wise Men will enter the stable.

In the evening there will also be an Epiphany Carol Service at St Leonard's, Wallingford, beginning at 6.30pm



### **Prayer for the Vacancy:**

Heavenly Father, we hold before you all who live and work in our Parishes of Brightwell cum Sotwell, Crowmarsh Gifford and Wallingford, and all who gather to worship you across the Wallingford Team Ministry. Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for our Team and we trust that those plans are good. Wise and Holy Spirit, guide those who are seeking the right priest to be our next Team Vicar and those who are seeking the right next step in their ministry with patience, vision and courage. Together may we discern your way for the future and be further equipped to grow your kingdom in this place. **Amen**

### **Team Vicar Vacancy - Next Steps**

The team from across the Benefice has been working on the team profile, role description and person specification, and these are now complete. We have two important meetings booked, and the dates for the advertising of the post and interview of the candidate(s) have also been scheduled:

**Section 11 Meeting - Wed 7 Jan 2026.** This is a joint meeting of the three PCCs in the Benefice; its main purposes are to agree the team profile, role description and person specification, and to appoint two members of each PCC to represent the interests of their parish at the shortlisting meeting and on the appointment panel. How to advertise the post will also be agreed.

**Section 12 Meeting - Thurs 22 Jan 2026.** This meeting will be led by Archdeacon David Tyler. Again, this is a joint meeting of the three PCCs in the benefice. Its purpose is to set the scene for all that follows in the appointment process and will include discussion and agreement on a final team profile etc, agree the advertisement and the following dates:

- \* the role will be advertised from Friday 20th February until Sunday 22nd March,
- \* a shortlisting meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24th March,
- \* the interview(s) will be held on Thursday 16th of April.

Associate Archdeacon Jane Haslam and Bishop Gavin will lead these two steps.

### **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. We also accept hard cash!

#### **Key Contacts:**

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