





Monthly Update November 2023

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

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Saturday 4 th November	10am-1pm	Mini-Christmas Market	Our preparations for the festive season
Sunday 5 th November All Saints'	9.30 am Family Service ----- 4.00 pm All Souls' Memorial Service	Matthew 5:1-12 ----- 	St Mary's Church, Cholsey; residents of Mackney & Mackney Lane; Sotwell Hill House, Westgate House Nursing Home and Mariot Court; our local House Groups; the faithful departed
Sunday 12 th November Remembrance Sunday	(No 8am HC) ----- 10.45am gather at War Memorial	 1 Peter 1: 3-9	The Royal British Legion, all those in the Armed Forces at home or overseas; St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh Gifford; residents of West End, Old Nursery Lane; Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies; Families; our Intercessors and Readers
Sunday 19 th November 2nd before Advent	9.30am Parish Communion	Zephanaiah 1:7,12-18 1Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	St John's RC Church, Wallingford; residents of Didcot Road & Old Didcot Road; Social Services; Village Sporting Activities; all providers of our hymns and music
Sunday 26 th November Next before Advent Christ the King	8am HC at St James' 10.00am Team Communion at St Mary's, Wallingford	 Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31- 46	St Mary's and St Leonard's, Wallingford; residents of Greenmere; those who work for S.O.D.C., Parish and Town Councils; those married in our churches / preparing for marriage
Sunday 3 rd December Advent Sunday	9.30am Family Service	 Mark 13:24-37	The Methodist Church, Wallingford; residents of Kings Orchard; Teachers and School Support Staff; those baptised in our churches, their families and godparents

Mid-week activities:

Tuesdays: 7.00pm Bellringing Practice
Wednesdays: 9.00am Morning Prayer (in church and [on Zoom](#))
10am-noon Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room, **all are welcome!**

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 Wallingford CofE Team

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From the Team Vicar:

Please support our first **Mini-Christmas Market** on Saturday 4th November from 10am to 1pm at St Agatha's, with our thanks to Olive, Janice and Mina for their organisation and sourcing of our newly branded goods.

All Souls' Memorial Service – Sunday 5th November at 4pm

Each year in November the church has a special "All Souls' Day" when we remember and pray for those who have died. During this service, the names of the departed will be read out and there is an opportunity for those who wish to light a candle in memory of loved ones. If you wish to include the names of anyone known to you please add their name to the list on the welcome desk.

The Brightwell Emmaus House Group: continues to meet on alternate Thursdays (2.30-4.00pm) in the Parish Room at St Agatha's. The current study is Romans. Please contact Jen Lovering or Mina Barrett for further 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.

Christmas Dates for your diary:

Sunday 17th December, 6pm: Christmas Carol Service

If you would like to join the choir for the Carol Service, we will again be rehearsing on Friday evenings – with thanks to Gilly again for her musical leadership.

Sunday 24th December, 4.30pm: Crib Service

Children especially welcome as we retell the Nativity story, with children in costume
11.30pm Midnight Communion at St James', Sotwell

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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