



Monthly Update December 2024

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

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Advent Sunday 1 st December 	9.30am Advent Family Service with baptism ----- 4pm Advent Carols at Newnham	Luke 21:25-36 ----- Psalm 9 Joel 3:9-end Revel. 14:13-15:4	For Edward "Teddy" Rees being baptised, his parents Sam & Hannah and godparents; The Ridgeway Community Church; residents of Little Martins; Brightwell Supporting Refugees; providers of our hymns and music
Sunday 8 th December Advent 2	9.30am Parish Communion	Malachi 3:1-4 Phil.1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	United Reformed Church, Aston Tirrold; residents of Monks Mead; The Fairthorne Trust; those married in our churches / preparing for marriage
Sunday 15 th December Advent 3	9.30am Parish Communion	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	The Free Church, Brightwell cum Sotwell; residents of Bell Lane, Wellsprings; Wallingford Community Hospital, Medical Practices & staff; our PCC and Churchwardens
Sunday 22 nd December Advent 4	9.30am Family Communion ----- 6pm Christmas Carol Service	2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Romans 16:25-end Luke 1:26-38 	St Mary's Church, Cholsey; residents of Slade End, Sotwell Street; AA, The Samaritans; The Village Hall Committee; Deanery Synod and Team Council Members
Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve 	4.30pm Crib Service ----- 11.30pm Midnight Communion (St James')	Luke 1:67-79 ----- Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14	Our own church of St Agatha's and St James' and all who worship with us; for Christians living in countries where they are persecuted for their faith
Wednesday 25 th December Christmas Day	9.30am 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; residents of Mackney & Mackney Lane; The Volunteer Centre, Centre 70 & Day Care Centres; our Flower Arrangers
Sunday 5 th January Epiphany	9.30am Epiphany Family Service	Matthew 2:1-12	St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh; residents of West End, Old Nursery Lane; Brightwell and Wallingford Schools; our Church Cleaners and those who maintain the churchyards

**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.

Mid-week activities:

Tuesdays:	6.30pm	Handbell Practice
	7pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesdays:	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10am-noon	Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room, all are welcome!
	7.30-9pm	Village Choir Practice for Christmas

The Brightwell Emmaus Group meets on alternate Thursday afternoons at 3pm-4.30pm at various venues. Please speak to Mina Barrett for more information.



“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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