

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist (live-streamed)
6.00pm Lessons & Carols

MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER

7.45pm-9.30pm Bellringers Practice Night

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER Christmas Eve

9.00am Morning Prayer
2.30pm Nativity Service
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight
11.15pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity of our Lord (live-streamed)

WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Christmas Day Family Communion (live-streamed)

THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER John, Apostle and Evangelist

SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER The Holy Innocents

10.00am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER

First Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Parish Eucharist (live-streamed)

We would like to politely request that you turn off your mobile phones or switch them to flight-safe mode.

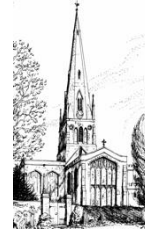
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Sunday 22nd December 2024

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We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to our church. If any of you are from other denominations and are accustomed to receiving Communion in your own church you are welcome to here. For the hard of hearing the church is equipped with a loop system. Switch to T please. Gluten free wafers are available by prior arrangement.

The news sheet is for you to retain and use for reference and prayer

THE ADVENT WREATH: Advent 4: The candle represents the Virgin Mary, who bore Our Lord.

Today's services

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Readings: RCL: Year C: Page: 682

Setting: New English Folk Mass

Introit: 14

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Advent Prayers for the lighting of the Advent Wreath

Collect: God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son; grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10
Gradual Hymn: 8
Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45
Preacher: Laurelin Burge
Intercessions: Roger Collor
Offertory Hymn: 19
Anthem: Ave Maria - Lindley

During this time please observe a period of quiet reflection, as we receive Communion

Communion Hymn: 305
Post Communion: 9

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6.00pm Lessons & Carols
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IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

Sick: Owen Butler, Ben Colbert, Josh Redman, Katrina Boyce,
Fr. Stephen Heard, Gilda Robinson, Ros Boon, Brian Bainbridge,
Molly Bowerman, Rob Stonier, Kerry Sykes, Geoffrey Seale

RIP: Jennifer Vieyra, Megan Kirk, Beryl Liscoe, Ian Macpherson,
Peter Wilks

Year's Mind: Marie Brooker, Joan Winter, Margaret Ellison, Alice Shelley,
Roy Palmer, Sandra Hipwell, Albert Nash, Gwenda Burley

In our Team: Pray for Christmas and New Year Celebrations

In the World: Pray for refugees

In the Diocese: Pray for Churches in the Deanery of Shefford

In the Wider Church: Pray for The Church of the Province of the West Indies

NOTICES:

SERVICES: Please note the changes to our usual pattern of Services over the Christmas period.

CHURCH FLOWERS: Thank you to everyone who contributed, either financially or practically, to our wonderful floral displays for Christmas leading up to Epiphany. The colours this year are representing gold, frankincense and myrrh.

HELP REQUIRED AT CHRISTMAS SERVICES: If you would like to help by being a Reader at the Festival of Lessons and Carols or the Epiphany Carol Service, or sidesman or fire-watcher at 5pm Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve, please sign up on the sheets on the noticeboard.

CHRISTMAS DAY PROCESSION: If you are coming on Christmas morning, children may bring one of their new toys and join the procession at the beginning.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Please take a card detailing the services over the Christmas period, and also give one to a neighbour.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: The Coffee Shop will be closed on Tuesday 24th December, but will reopen on Friday 27th December.

COFFEE SHOP: The Coffee Shop is in need of home-made cake on a regular basis. We are happy to pay for the ingredients. Cake donations should also list the ingredients (not the recipe). Please contact a manager if you can help in this way, or give your name in to the parish office.

PULFORD SCHOOL: A reminder that we have a card scheme in place, with regard to meeting the Religious Affiliation criteria, for applications to attend Pulford School. For more information, or to obtain a card, please speak to a sides person or the Parish Office.

PULFORD PRE-SCHOOL: The next prospective parents open afternoon for Pulford Pre-School is 14th January between 3.45pm and 4.15pm. Please contact the school for more information.

CRAFTY NATTER: There is no Crafty Natter meeting on Friday 20th December. The next meeting is Friday 17th January.

BIBLE BOOK CLUB: The next meeting of the Bible Book Club will be at 7pm in the Chesterfield Room, upstairs in the Dorothy Hall suite, entry round the back of St Barnabas Church Hall, on Friday 10th January 2025. We will be discussing the Gospel of John, and the letters of John, if you have time.

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Rest Day - Monday