

SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

8am Holy Communion (Preb. David/Revd. Topé)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Revd. Topé) *also live-streamed*
11am Training for Servers, Deacons and Subdeacons
12noon – 5pm Tree Festival
5pm Evening Prayer closing the Tree Festival (Preb. David)
5.30pm – 9pm Clearing up Tree Festival

MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER *Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th Century*

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop
7pm RBL Band Practice

WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Toddler Time
10am Leighton Rose Care Home Communion

THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Communion (Canon Malcolm)
2.30pm Almshouse Residents Tea

FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop
5.30pm Young Singers Club 7.30pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER *Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church*

9am Holy Communion (Canon Grant) 10am – Noon Coffee Shop
10am Rotary Club Lantern Making

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER

8am Holy Communion (Canon Grant)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Revd. Max) *also live-streamed*
6pm Advent Carol Service (Preb. David)

Christ the King

Advent Sunday

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

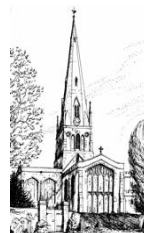
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Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King

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. Please notify a sidesperson if you require a gluten free wafer. For the hard of hearing the church is equipped with a loop system. Switch to T please. The news sheet is for you to retain and use for reference and prayer.

Series of Sermons during Advent - 1700 years since the first Nicene Creed

During advent we are celebrating the Nicene Creed at the 9.30am service. We welcome back Max and Kirsty, and Dave Heather and Alison Tolston are also preaching. We profess these words, sometimes so familiar that we overlook their depth and power, yet the creed is far more than a routine prayer. It is an underlying declaration of Christian belief, handed down to us from the early church councils nearly 1700 years ago.

When we recite the creed, we are not simply repeating ancient words - we are joining generations of believers who have carried the faith through persecution and challenge. We proclaim:

That God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons in one.

That Jesus truly became man, suffered, died and rose for our salvation.

That we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Let us say the Creed with renewed intention, allowing its words to shape our heart. May it remind us of our identity as Christians and our mission to commit to witness Christ's love in the world.

As we reflect on the Nicene Creed during Advent, consider asking yourself:

Which part speaks to me personally?

Do I believe these words deeply- or just recite them?

How might I live out this faith more boldly in my daily life?

May the Lord strengthen our faith and unite us in His truth.

God Bless, David

Collect for the week: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER

Sick: Carol Steward, John Brennan, Susan Burge, Peter Metcalfe, Teresa Lamb, Lyn Randall, Sheila Tate, Steve Cross, Sarah Randall, Dougie Goodman, Valerie Jackson, Mary Miller, Doug & Denise Winsor-Jowett

RIP: Jeanette Slow, Sue Revis

Year's Mind: Bessie Plummer, Revd. Peter Lymbery, Gillian Macfarlane, Alan Cross, Beryl Liscoe, Derek Dykes, Joan Bester, Heather Morgan

In our Team: Pray for those planning their weddings

In the World: Pray for prisoners of conscience

In the Diocese: Pray for The Archdeacon of Bedford

In the Wider Church: Pray for The Quakers

NOTICES

MEMORIAL BOOK: We are looking for someone who can do Calligraphy to update our Memorial Book. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

ROTARY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEFIBRILLATOR SCHEME: Every minute counts when someone suffers a cardiac arrest. Around 80% happen at home and currently only 1 in 10 people survive. But if CPR and a defibrillator are used within the first 3-5 minutes, survival rates are dramatically increased. That's why Rotary are helping people locally to have their own defibrillators within their residential neighbourhoods. There will be a free presentation about how to set up a neighbourhood group and have a defibrillator on 25th November at Esquires coffee shop (used to be Lloyd's chemist) at 7pm. For more information on the scheme please visit www.leightonlinladerotary.com/defibs

THANK YOU: Richard Kerr would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and kind words, following his operation. He is now back home and recovering well.

SHOEBOX APPEAL: On behalf of the "Link to Hope" Charity may I thank everyone who has given so generously towards the 2025 Shoebox Appeal, either by filling a shoebox, donating money or knitting items to keep people warm. Your gifts are very much appreciated. Last year over 46,000 boxes, (6000 boxes per lorry) were sent to Eastern Europe. They are then directed to the most needy to be delivered in time for Christmas. Rosie.

ROSSINI PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE: Leighton Buzzard Festival Singers are performing this operatic style work scored for choir, soloists, two pianos and harmonium (played by John Wearmouth). Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm in St Barnabas Church. Conducted by Samuel Huston, this work lasts for about 90mins and there will be an interval. Tickets are £15 online available from www.lbfs.org.uk and from Brian Bainbridge, Peter Mundy or Pauline Lyon and on the door DO NOT MISS this magnificent performance.

TOY SERVICE: Sunday 7th December, 11.30am. This year we will once again be supporting KidsOut Charity with donations of toys. Please support us by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to any service that day, or alternatively leave in the Parish Office.

ST NICK'S SUPPER: 6th December 7.30pm at Hockliffe Grange, in aid of St Nicholas, Hockliffe. Tickets £15 include supper, wine, music and good company, from Julia Dickens, 07791 394284.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Saturday 13th December, 4pm – 6pm at The Vicarage.

BURNS NIGHT: Saturday 24th January – more details to follow!

Team Rector: Preb. David MacGeoch

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Monday/Tuesday out of the Parish on Retreat

Wednesday – Friday out of the Parish attending a National Conference

Christ the King

23rd November

Sunday Services

Readings: RCL: Year C: Page: 944

Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00am Holy Communion Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: Revd. Topé

Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 or Colossians 1: 11-20

Gospel: Luke 23: 33-43

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9.30am Parish Eucharist Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: Revd. Topé

Setting: Ives (Salisbury Service) *Hymn Book: HON*

Introit: 81

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Psalms: 46

Response: The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea; Though the waters rage and foam: and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God: the holy dwelling-place of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be moved: God will help her, and at break of day. The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken: but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.

Come then and see what the Lord has done: what destruction he has brought upon the earth. He makes wars to cease in all the world: he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, and burns the chariots in the fire. 'Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted upon the earth.'

2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 11-20

Gradual Hymn: 94

Gospel: Luke 23: 33-43

Intercessions: Stacey Major

Offertory Hymn: 309

Anthem: Lift thine eyes - Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

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

Communion Hymn: 484

Post Communion: 605

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5pm Evening Prayer closing the Tree Festival Preb. David

Advent Series

1700 years of the Nicene Creed

We invite you to join us at the 9.30am service as we welcome Max, Dave, Kirsty, and Alison to preach on the Nicene Creed. Following the service, there will be an opportunity to meet the Preacher and ask any questions about the sermon.



Sunday 30th November
The Revd Max Bayliss, Vicar, Chelsea Old Church

At the beginning of my exile from Leighton Buzzard, I went off to Queens' Cambridge where I was Chaplain, Fellow, and Tutor, and got married to Alice, whom I had met during my masters, towards the end of my time at LB. It was a marvellous job but found that I missed the glorious glimpse of parish ministry I was given at All Saints'. Inspired by a stint looking after a lovely church in Cambridge during their interregnum, I applied to be the Vicar of

Chelsea Old Church, where I have been for just over three years. I recently took a funeral at St Giles, Cheddington and gazed wistfully across the County border to the home of the Black Lion, Little Buzzard Bakery, and the great Lindsey Bevis - little did I know I'd be back with you all soon on Advent Sunday!



Sunday 7th December
The Revd Dave Heather, Associate Priest, All Saints Leighton Buzzard

I grew up in the market town of High Wycombe before relocating to Leighton Buzzard as a young adult. I studied Theology at King's College London and have spent over 25 years teaching at schools in the town. First at Cedars and then, for the last 17 years at Pulford. I commenced my training for the Priesthood in 2000 and undertook a Post Graduate Diploma with

Durham as part of that process. I was ordained in June 2022 and have been serving as an Associate Priest at All Saints since the summer of this year. I am married to Virginia (Funky). We have three adult children and three grandchildren as well as Bozley - a great big German Shepherd goofball.



Sunday 14th December
The Revd Dr Kirsty Borthwick, College Chaplain, Christ Church Oxford

Kirsty was the Assistant Curate at All Saints from 2021-2024. She is now College Chaplain at Christ Church in Oxford. Beyond her role at Christ Church, Kirsty is involved in ecumenical work on behalf of the Church of England, and particularly in dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church.



Sunday 21st December
The Revd Alison Tolson, Curate

I am Alison Tolson and I am a 3rd curate in the Benefice of Porlock and Porlock Weir with Stoke Pero, Luccombe and Selworthy and the Benefice of Oare and Culbone, on the edge of Exmoor in Somerset. It is the most amazing place to undertake my ministry and a very varied learning experience. My training before ordination was context-based, being at Ripon College, Cuddesdon for part of the week and a parish local to our home in Somerset the rest of the time. I grew up in South Wales before joining the Royal Air Force, which is where I met Nick who I married in 1985. We went on to have six children by 1995! by which time we were living in Wells and working as

Virgins at the Cathedral. We now have two grandchildren and are foster carers to siblings aged 6 and 2. Although late in age to ordained ministry, God and Church have always played a big part. I felt a strong calling as a child however, for a variety of reasons, it took quite some time for me to reach the place I now find myself.