

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)

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER *Andrew the Apostle*

9.30am – 3.30pm Schools Christmas Trail

TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER

9.30am – 3.30pm Schools Christmas Trail 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop

2.30pm Bereavement Visitors Meeting 7pm RBL Band Practice

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER *Francis Xavier, Missionary, 1552*

9.30am – 3.30pm Schools Christmas Trail 9.30am Toddler Time

1pm Lunch Club 8pm Baptism Preparation

THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER *John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c. 749*

10am Holy Communion (Preb. David) 11.30am – 3.30pm Schools Christmas Trail

7.30pm RBL Committee Meeting

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

9.30am – 3.30pm Schools Christmas Trail 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop

6.30pm Young Singers Club 6.30pm Treble Choir Practice

7.30pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER *Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 326*

9am Holy Communion (Preb. David) 10am – Noon Coffee Shop

10am Rotary Club Lantern Making

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER

Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (Preb. David)

9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Revd. Dave) *also live-streamed*

11.30am Messy Mass for Advent Toy Service (Preb. David)

2pm Rotary Club Lantern Making

2.30pm Bereavement Support Cafe

6pm Sung Evensong (Canon Malcolm)

Advent Sunday

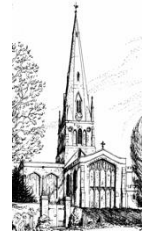
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Sunday 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

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.

Grace and peace to you as we enter this beautiful season of Advent. The time of hope, preparation and joyful expectation. Advent invites us to pause in the business of life and to reflect on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, His birth in Bethlehem, His presence among us today, and His promised return in glory.

A season of hope.

In a world that often feels uncertain, Advent reminds us that God is faithful and his light shines out in every kind of darkness. The first candle of the Advent wreath symbolises hope. May this hope take root in our hearts and homes as we wait for the Lord with trust and confidence.

John the Baptist calls us to “prepare the way of the Lord”. We are invited to prepare not just our homes but our hearts. Let us make Advent the time of prayer, reflection and renewal.

Wishing you all a very blessed and peaceful Advent.

May Christ's light shine in you and your family.

God Bless, David

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

Collect for the week: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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, David Lycett

RIP: Jeanette Slow, Sue Revis, Sheila Clark, Brian Vaughan, David Grieff,
Christine Cook, Pam Morris

Year's Mind: Tony Pyman, Nora Davis, Audrey Ingledow, Suzanne Edwards,
Frederick Deeley, Bram Evans, Peter Wilks, Peter Harmer,
Gary Hargreaves, Leslie Plenderleath, Charles Scraggs

In our Team: Pray for our Team Clergy

In the World: Pray for the unemployed

In the Diocese: Pray for Workplace Ministry Industrial and Retail Chaplains

In the Wider Church: Pray for persecuted Christians

NOTICES

MORNING PRAYER: There will be no Morning Prayer this week due to the School Educational Trail.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE COFFEE AFTER THE 9.15 SERVICES:

If you enjoy sharing a cup of coffee and a biscuit after church, could you join the team and help to serve once in a while? There are a few spaces in the rota for next year, and we could do with a few more people to help. It's a lovely way to meet people, and is always much appreciated. With a few more people, your turn would come round about once in 2 months. Please talk to Julia Dickens (07791 394284) or leave your name with Lindsay.

COFFEE SHOP: We are looking for a volunteer on a Tuesday, twice a month, 12noon – 2.30pm. If you would like more information please speak to Val Fellows or contact the office.

KNITTED POPPIES: Thank you to everyone who bought a Poppy from Church or Room No. 9 - £364.27 was raised for the RBL Poppy Appeal.

TREE FESTIVAL: Huge thanks to everyone who helped make the Festival a success, by organising, volunteering, exhibiting and visiting. Also, to our wonderful Coffee Shop managers and volunteers who stayed open throughout the weekend. Over £9,000 was raised for church funds.

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.

BIG CLEAN: There will be a big clean of the church to make it ready for Christmas. It is on Friday 12th December 9.30 til 12.30. If you can spare an hour to help with this, please sign up on the notice board. Many Hands Make Light Work. Thank you.

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

Advent Sunday

30th November

Sunday Services

Readings: RCL: Year A: Page: 1

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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: Canon Grant Preacher: Canon Grant

Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 or Romans 13: 11-end

Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44

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

Setting: New English Folk Mass Hymn Book: NEH

This morning we will be presenting: RSCM Gold Medals to Olivia & Carol, Silver Medal to Elisha, Bronze Medal to Liviya, Dark Blue Medal to Felix and admitting Annabel, Ellie & Florrie. Congratulations to you all!

THE ADVENT WREATH: Advent 1: The candle represents The Patriarchs – the Founders of our faith.

Introit: 7

Advent Prayers for the lighting of the Advent Wreath

1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11-end

Gradual Hymn: 6

Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44

Intercessions: Laurelin Burge

Offertory Hymn: 16

Anthem: O thou the central orb - Wood

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright, awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine; Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin: our nature all shall feel eternal day in fellowship with thee, transforming clay to souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

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

Communion Hymn: 500

Post Communion: 18

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6pm Advent Carol Service 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

Virgers 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.