

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER

Third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (Canon Grant/Geoff Huskisson)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Revd. Alison) *also live-streamed*
11.30am Rotary Club Lantern Making
4pm Christingle (Revd. Dave)

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER

9.15am & 12noon Pulford School Rehearsal 10am Leedon School Rehearsal
7.00pm Leedon School Carol Concert

TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 9am Pulford School Rehearsal 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop
11am Laburnum Court Communion 7pm RBL Band Practice

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER *Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save the Children', 1928*

9am Morning Prayer 9.45am, 11am, 2.30pm Pulford School Christmas Services

THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Communion MU Corporate (Preb. David/Canon Alan)
11.15am Leighton Middle Rehearsal

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Leighton Middle Rehearsal 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop
11am & 1.30pm Leighton Middle Christmas Services 6.30pm Young Singers Club
6.30pm Treble Choir Practice 7.30pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER

9am Holy Communion (Canon Malcolm) 10am – Noon Coffee Shop
12noon RBL Rehearsal 2pm RBL Snowman Concert

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (Revd. Dave)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Revd. Kirsty) *also live-streamed*
11.30am All Age Communion (Revd. Dave)
6pm Lessons and Carols (Preb. David)

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

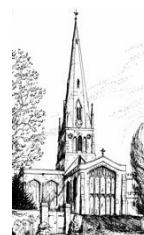
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We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to our church. If any of you are from other denominations and are accustomed to receiving Communion in your own church, you are welcome to here. Please notify a sidesperson if you require a gluten free wafer. 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.

In times past, the observance of Advent was rather a sombre time for churchgoers. It was seen as a penitential season and, to suit this mood, churches were left bare of any floral decoration and nothing “Christmassy” happened until the 25th December.

Advent's primary focus was on the need to be ready for that time when Christ would return as Judge of all. Sermons during this period usually dealt with such cheery themes as death, judgement, heaven and hell. But, in a world where Christmas festivities seem to begin earlier each year the focus of Advent in our churches has had to change. And I am pleased that it has!

Advent is now the season when we encourage those who come to our churches to look forward in hope and anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ who first came into this world as Saviour of all and whose second coming as judge of all will be tempered by that first revelation of his love.

So, enjoy Advent.

Canon Grant

Collect for the week: Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father 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, David Lycett,
Doug & Denise Winsor-Jowett, Josef Moise,
Juliette Austin Chandler

RIP: Sue Revis, Pam Morris

Year's Mind: Dorothy Scammell, Ian Macpherson, Terry Spencer,
Simon Munford, Diana Ruault, Cynthia Jury, Margaret Lutt

In our Team: Pray for uniformed groups

In the World: Pray for The Children's Society

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

In the Wider Church: Pray for The Church of the Province of Burma

NOTICES

VICARAGE CARPARK: Parking in the rear carpark will revert to a 'first come' basis, with the exception of a reserved parking space for the Office Manager, for those volunteering in the church. Please ensure your permit is clearly displayed and double park if necessary. Please do not park in the front parking area at anytime.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE COFFEE AFTER THE 9.30 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the 'Big Clean'.

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 sidesperson or the Parish Office.

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 FLOWERS: If you are able to contribute towards the flowers in church this Christmas, a time to show our church in all its glory to our congregation and visitors, please leave your donation in the Parish Office.

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 close at 2pm on Tuesday 23rd December and reopen at 10am on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

SUE REVIS RIP: Sue's funeral service will take place at All Saints on Friday 9th January 2026 at 11am.

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

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Rest Day: Monday

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14th December

Sunday Services

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Readings: RCL: Year A: Page: 7

4pm Christingle Revd. Dave

As printed in service order 14, 12, 4, 3, 7

Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00am Holy Communion Celebrant: Canon Grant Preacher: Geoff Huskisson

Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10 or James 5: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

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

Setting: *New English Folk Mass*

Hymn Book: *NEH*

THE ADVENT WREATH: Advent 3: The candle represents John the Baptist, who proclaimed the Saviour.

Introit: 12

Advent Prayers for the lighting of the Advent Wreath

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10

2nd Reading: James 5: 7-10

Gradual Hymn: 57

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Intercessions: John Wallace

Offertory Hymn: 55

Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord alway (anon)

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men. The Lord, the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu Amen.

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

Communion Hymn: 277

Post Communion: 408

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 14th 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.



Sunday 21st 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.