

### **SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

### **TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**

9am Morning Prayer      10am – 2pm Coffee Shop      10am Christmas Flowers  
7pm Midnight Mass Rehearsal

### **WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER *Christmas Eve***

10am Leighton Rose Communion      2pm Nativity Service (Rev. Dave)  
5pm Carols by Candlelight (Preb. David)      8.30pm Midnight Mass Rehearsal  
11pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity of our Lord (Preb. David) (*live-streamed*)

### **THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER *Christmas Day***

8am Holy Communion (Rev. Dave)  
10am Christmas Day Family Communion (Preb. David/Rev. Dave) (*live-streamed*)

### **SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER *John, Apostle and Evangelist***

9am Holy Communion (Rev. Dave)

### **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**The Holy Innocents**

9.30am Parish Eucharist (Rev. Dave) *also live-streamed*

### **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY *The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus***

10am Holy Communion (Canon Malcolm)

### **SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY**

9am Holy Communion (Rev. Dave)

### **SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

**Christmas 2**

8am Holy Communion BCP (Rev. Dave)  
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Canon Grant) *also live-streamed*  
11.30am Messy Mass for Epiphany (Preb. David/Rev. Dave)  
2.30pm Bereavement Support Café  
4pm Evensong with Licensing of Rev. Topé (Preb. David)

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

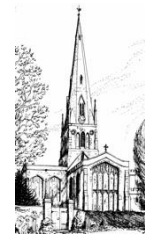
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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025      Advent 4**

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 The Holy Innocents**

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 YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER

<i>Sick:</i>	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, Hannah McMurry Juliette Austin Chandler, Marilyn Jeeves
<i>RIP:</i>	Sue Revis, Wendy Lugsden, Sylvia Avery
<i>Year's Mind:</i>	Keith Biggerstaff, Marie Brooker, Joan Winter, Margaret Ellison, Alice Shelley, Roy Palmer, Sandra Hipwell, Theresa Britt  Albert Nash, Gwenda Burley, David Brooker, May Warburton, Reg Lunnon, Frederick Ottaway, Edward Meredith, Kay Kiteley Nancy Meredith, Peggy Stonier, Sarah Andrew, Arthur Keyworth
<i>In our Team:</i>	Pray for The U3A Pray for New Year Celebrations
<i>In the World:</i>	Pray for the powerless in society Pray for Refugees
<i>In the Diocese:</i>	Pray for Churches in the Deanery of Sharnbrook Pray for Churches in the Deanery of Shefford
<i>In the Wider Church:</i>	Pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa Pray for the Church of the Province of The West Indies

## NOTICES

### ADVENT SERIES: 1700 YEARS OF THE NICENE CREED:



*Today we welcome 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.

**REVD. TOPÉ:** We are delighted to say that Topé is starting a full-time ministry with us as a Training Curate from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026. There will be a service of Evensong with the Archdeacon of Bedford, to license Topé at 4pm, with refreshments following.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The office will be closed over the Christmas Period, reopening at 9.30am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**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 please speak to a sidesperson or the Parish Office.

### 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. 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.

**HELP REQUIRED AT CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** If you would like to help by being a sidesman or firewatcher 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, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December and reopen at 10am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

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

**BURNS NIGHT:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January – more details to follow!

**Team Rector: Preb. David MacGeoch**

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Rest Day: Monday

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Sunday Services

Readings: RCL: Year A: Page: 10

*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.

**8.00am Holy Communion** Celebrant: Revd. Dave Preacher: Revd. Dave  
Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16 or Romans 1: 1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-end

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**9.30am Parish Eucharist** Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: Revd. Kirsty  
*Setting: New English Folk Mass Hymn Book: NEH*

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

Introit: 14

Advent Prayers for the lighting of the Advent Wreath

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Gradual Hymn: 3

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-end

Intercessions: Margaret Birtles

Offertory Hymn: 185

Anthem: There is no rose - Stopford

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see that He is God in persons three, *Pari forma*.

The angels sung the shepherds to: *Gloria in excelsis Deo: Gaudeamus.*

Now leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus.*

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

Communion Hymn: 161

Post Communion: 9

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**11.30am All Age Communion** Revd. Dave

*Hymn Book: HON* 98, 53, 601,605

Reading: Daniel and the Lion's Den

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-21

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**6pm Lessons & Carols** Preb. David

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## The Holy Innocents

### 28<sup>th</sup> December

### Sunday Service

Readings: RCL: Year A: Page: 1032

*Collect:* Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**9.30am Parish Eucharist** Celebrant: Revd. Dave Preacher: Revd. Dave

*Hymn Book: Joy to the World*

Introit: 12

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31: 15-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-29

Gradual Hymn: 14

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-18

Intercessions: John Wallace

Offertory Hymn: 31

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

Communion Hymn: 13

Post Communion: 37