

# In Touch

Sunday 15th December 2019

Information, News & Announcements  
from St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon



## 3rd Sunday of Advent

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. Amen.

## This Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35 . 1 - 10  
James 5.7 -10  
Matthew 11. 2-11

08.00am Holy Communion  
09.30am Family Praise  
10.30am Parish Communion

## This week at St Lawrence:

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| Tues 17th 7.00pm   | Carol Singing  |
| Wed 18th 09.00am   | Toddlers       |
| Thurs 19th 09.00am | Morning Prayer |
| Fri 20th 11.30am   | Kay's Funeral  |
| 6.00pm             | Choir practice |

## Prayer List

### The Sick and those in need

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| Zachary Sayers | Penny Havercroft |
| Karen Wade     | Lori Houlihan    |
| Ian Wilford    | David Johnston   |
| Findley Lamont | Josie Woodhams   |
| Sheila Marsh   |                  |

### Those who mourn the loss of

Kay Brown Jennifer West  
May Maughan-Jones

## Next Sunday 22nd December. 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7. 10 - 16  
Romans 1. 1-7  
Matthew 1. 18 - end

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| 08.00am | Holy Communion   |
| 10.00am | Nativity   |
| 6.30pm  | A service of 9 lessons<br>and carols by<br>candlelight |

## Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

In touch is available on line [www.stlawrencebovingdon.com](http://www.stlawrencebovingdon.com) and in large print—please ask in Church for a copy. If you are a communicant member of the Church of England or another Christian denomination you are welcome to receive communion. If not, please come forward to receive a blessing, keeping your hands at your sides.

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| <p><b>Christmas Card Delivery</b><br/>Please can you sign up to deliver the Christmas service cards to one or two streets near you. Cards are at the back of church. Thank you.</p>   | <p><b>Generous Giving month</b><br/>Thank you for your responses, which so far have increased our weekly income by £157, which is 43% of our target. If you haven't yet responded it is not too late, please drop a confidential note to Gary Carlidge or e-mail<br/>treasurer@stlawrencebovingdon.com</p>   |
| <p><b>Kay Brown's funeral</b> will take place in church on Friday 20th December at 11.30am.</p>   | <p><b>December Services</b><br/><b>Sunday 22nd December</b><br/>8.00am Holy Communion<br/>10.00am Nativity Service for all ages<br/>6.30pm A service of 9 lessons and carols by candlelight</p> <p><b>Christmas Eve December 24th</b><br/>3.00pm Crib Service<br/>11.00pm Midnight Holy Communion</p> <p><b>Christmas Day December 25th</b><br/>10.00am Christmas Day<br/>Family Communion</p> |
| <p><b>World Day of Prayer</b><br/>We are still looking for a co-ordinator for The World Day of Prayer service which takes place on the first Friday of March and rotates around the churches of Bovingdon, Chipperfield and Sarratt. It is not an onerous task. If you can help, please contact Charles</p> |  |
| <p><b>Can you help with Christmas services?</b><br/><br/>Please sign up at the back of church if you can help with one of our special services over Christmas. Thank you.</p>   |  |

## Prayer for Growth

God of Mission, Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our  
planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship  
And power to our witness. Help our church to grow in  
numbers, In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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