

In Touch



St LAWRENCE CHURCH
BOVINGDON

Serving the Community

Sunday 11th December 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent

Prayer List

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. Amen.

Zachary Sayers	Brenda Wood
Oli Kemp	Trevor Moncrieff
Allan Brown	Rosemary Evans
Mark Freeth	Robert Beevor
Kuldip Dhadda	Paul Gulley
Philip- Karen's Dad	Josie Woodhams
Derek Wright	Tom Morkill
Penny Havercroft	Margaret Horwood
Michael Havercroft	Nicki O'Hara
Gary Cartlidge	Malcolm Fryer
Penelope Lambert	David Hood
Peter Vallis	

Those who mourn the loss of

Val Pierce	
Roger Tregunno	Sheila Laver
Pauline Spendlove	Barbara Dolan
Linda Dowlen	Chris Took

This Sunday 11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35. 1 - 10
James 5. 7-10
Matthew 11. 2-11 (8.00am)
Matthew 1.18-end (10.30am)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Family Praise
10.30am	Parish Communion
12noon	Baptism

Next Sunday 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-16
Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-end

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am	Nativity service
6.30pm	Carols by 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.

This week at St Lawrence:

Mon 10am—12noon	Warm Space
Wed 9.00am	Toddlers
Thurs 9.00am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 10am-12noon	Warm Space

Notices— 11th December

We need children to take part in our **Nativity service next Sunday 18th**. If your child would like to be a Narrator, Mary, Joseph, chief shepherd or star gazer or another main part please sign up at the back of church or e-mail Charles. ALL children are welcome to come dressed as an angel, shepherd or star and take part.

We are distributing our village-wide **Christmas card** in a joint operation with The Villager. Each round takes about 30-40 minutes. Thank you to those who have already signed up; if you haven't done this there are more rounds available. Bundles are at the back of church.

Our Christmas Market had a good turn out of visitors and we raised over £1,000. Thank you to Hilary for great organisation and to all who helped.

Christmas Eco tips: Use recyclable wrapping paper; if you buy a real tree make sure that it is collected for composting; offset your air travel via Which? recommended Atmosfair <https://www.atmosfair.de/en/>

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 18th December: 10.00am Nativity service, 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve: 3.00pm Crib Service, 11.00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day: 10.00am Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 1st January: there will be ONE service, a Parish Communion at 10.30am

Sunday 8th January: Family Communion at 10.00am to celebrate Epiphany

New Daylight Bible reading notes for January – April are now available at the back of church, cost £4.85

A reminder that our **Warm Space** is up and running, 10-12 each Monday and Thursday in St Lawrence Hall. Please drop in for coffee and a chat and encourage neighbours and friends to come too.

You can mark **Advent online**, on your own or as a family, with 'Follow The Star' resources from the Church of England:

Open a daily family activity on an Advent calendar (search Follow the star)

Download the daily reflections app: Type *FollowTheStar* into Google play or Apple play.

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