

# In Touch



St LAWRENCE CHURCH  
BOVINGDON

*Serving the Community*

**Sunday 18th December 2022**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

## 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. Amen.

## This 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

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised  
saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace  
your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer List

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

## Those who mourn the loss of

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

## This week at St Lawrence:

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

*Warm Space will be closed on Dec 26,  
29 & Jan 2, reopening on Jan 5.*

## Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

Isaiah 52. 7-10  
Hebrews 1.1-4  
John 1.1-14

3.00pm	Crib Service
11.00pm	Midnight Communion

## Next Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

Luke 2.1-14	
10.00am	Family Communion

## Notices— 18th December

Two of our most important and exciting services of the year take place on Sunday: the **Nativity at 10.00am** and **Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm**. For the first time in three years there are no restrictions. This is a great opportunity to bring your family and invite neighbours and friends along to church!

ALL children are welcome to come to the Nativity dressed as an angel, shepherd, stable animal or star and take part. There will be hot chocolate and refreshments afterwards. Refreshments after the Carol Service will include mulled wine and mince pies.

We will be singing **carols at the Bovingdon pubs** on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: 7.30pm at The Halfway House, 8.45pm at The Bell. All welcome!

Thank you to those who distributed our village-wide Christmas card and The Villager.

### Christmas Eco tips:

How do you measure up against A Rocha's 'Twelve tips for a greener Christmas'? Visit their website [arocha.org.uk/](http://arocha.org.uk/)

### Dates for your diary:

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

**Christmas Day:** 10.00am Christmas Family Communion

### Note changes to January services:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January: there will be ONE service, a Parish Communion at 10.30am (no 8.00 service)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January: 8.00am BCP Communion followed by 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. *Warm Space will be closed on Dec 26, 29 & Jan 2, reopening on Jan 5.*

You can mark **Advent and Christmas 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.

Reverend Charles Burch [vicar@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:vicar@stlawrencebovingdon.com) 01442 833298

Reverend Hilary Kemp [minister@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:minister@stlawrencebovingdon.com) 07840 207162

Church Warden – Chris West [secretary@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:secretary@stlawrencebovingdon.com)

Administrator – Helen Campbell [admin@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:admin@stlawrencebovingdon.com)