

In Touch



St LAWRENCE CHURCH
BOVINGDON

Serving the Community

Sunday 10th December 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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Isaiah 40.1–11

2 Peter 3.8–15a

Mark 1.1–8

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Family Praise
(with Baptism)

10.30am Parish Communion

3.00pm Christmas Craft and
wreath making

Next Sunday 17th December Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1–4, 8–end

1 Thessalonians 5.16–24

John 1.6–8, 19–28

10.00am Nativity

6.30pm Nine lessons and carols
by candlelight

Prayer List

Mark Freeth
Kuldip Dhadda
Philip- Karen's Dad
Derek Wright
Michael Havercroft
Peter Vallis
Rosemary Evans
Nicki O'Hara
Oli Kemp
Brenda Wood
Jean Rose
Marie Shilling

Tom Morkill
Alaina Parsons
Margaret Horwood
Carol O'Hara
Linda Harding
Mary Beard
Karin Vallis
Chris O'Hara
Peter Swinney
Pam Hoskyn
Jenny Wiltshire

Those who mourn the loss of

Lorraine McLoughlin John Jones
Doreen Gillard Roger Payne

The baptism of

Alice Jackson Suddick

This week at St Lawrence:

Mon 9.00am	Toddlers
7.00pm	Carols at Ladybirds
Wed 9.00am	Toddlers
Thurs 9.00am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 10.00am	Welcome Café
Fri 6.00pm	Choir practice

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices—10th December

We still have some Advent candles available at the back of church.

We're signing up budding actors for a part in our **Nativity service on 17th December**. We need Narrators, readers, a lead Angel and Shepherd (speaking parts) plus Mary, Joseph, angels, sheep, shepherds, wise people, stars – there is a part for everyone! Sign up at the back of church.

Our **Wreath making and Christmas Craft** takes place at the Hall at 3.00pm. Wreath making is full but we have space for any families and children who'd like to do some Christmas craft.

We are distributing a joint **Christmas card** from the Bovingdon churches to the whole parish. Please take one or more bundles from the back of church and sign the list to show which ones you have taken. This card contains a list of our main Christmas services – please note the dates, especially our **Nativity and Carol services on Sunday 17th December**.

Other Advent and Christmas dates for your diary:

11th December 7.00pm: Carol singing at the Ladybirds, Memorial Hall

19th December from 7.00pm: Beer and carols at The Half Way House, Zeera's and The Bell

Christmas Eve:

9.00am Holy Communion (said)

3.00pm Crib Service

11.00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day:

10.00am Christmas Family Communion

The DENS High Needs list is on display in church. Current high need items include long life milk, tinned meat and tinned fruit. In addition to our DENS collections, we are supporting local families with regular food parcels. Please donate items such as tinned fruit and vegetables, soup, tea, coffee, washing up liquid and toiletries. Alternatively, cash donations for us to purchase fresh items to complete our family food parcels can be put in a blue envelope marked 'food collections' at services or handed to Charles or Dena.



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