

In Touch



St LAWRENCE CHURCH
BOVINGDON

Serving the Community

Sunday 3rd December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Prayer List

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

This Sunday 3rd December First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64.1–9
1 Corinthians 1.3–9
Mark 13.24–end

10.00am Family Communion

Prayers

There are prayer cards in the pews. If
you would like a prayer for someone
please add the card to the prayer
board at the back of church or contact
Flick Crockett.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful
and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son
our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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
Roger Payne

This week at St Lawrence:

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

Next Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent

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

Notices—3rd December

For 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.

On Sunday afternoon at 5.00pm we will be singing carols outside the Memorial Hall, in the lead up to the switching on of the lights. Please come and join in.

There are a few **Real Advent Calendars** left for sale at the back of church, cost £4.50. Each one contains fairtrade chocolate for each day of Advent and a booklet telling the Christmas story. A great gift for family or godchildren.

Hilary will be installed in her new role in Devon on Wednesday 17th January. There are local places to stay in Westward Ho! and nearby. If you are thinking of going, have a word with Hilary, Charles or Chris West.

Gill Barrett has stepped back from her roles as Reader and organist. Gill lives in Croxley Green and may well develop links with her local parish, but we are hoping very much to stay in touch and to welcome her back on a suitable occasion when we can thank her publicly for her amazing dedication and commitment to the life of our church over forty years.

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. If your street bundle isn't there yet just sign up and we'll get it to you. 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:

10th December 3.00pm Wreath making (adults) and Christmas craft (adults and children) in the Hall. To book a place at the wreath making contact Angela angela.hodkinson@stlawrencebovingdon.com

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

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.



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