

# In Touch



St LAWRENCE CHURCH  
BOVINGDON

*Serving the Community*

**Sunday 8th December 2024**

**2nd 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.

## Prayer List

Mark Freeth	Liz Nolan
Kuldip Dhadda	Gill Barrett
Philip -Karen's Dad	Tyler Shilling
Peter Vallis	Jenny Sparks
Jean & Mike Rose	Pat Smith
Alaina Parsons	Terry Blackshaw
Mary Beard	Barry Walker
Carol Leonard	Libby Havercroft
Andy Jackson	Helen Phipps-Wiltshire
Tim Taylor	Lee Roberts
Gary Cartlidge	David Kinchen
Francesca Weal	

## Those who mourn the loss of

Joyce Hardy	Arturo Barone
Susan Jones	Muriel Shaw
Rosemary Evans	

## This Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3.1-4  
Philippians 1.3-11  
Luke 3.1-9,15-18

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Family Praise
10.30am	Parish Communion
4.15pm	Messy Church: Christmas craft

## This Week at St Lawrence

Mon 9.00am	Toddlers
Weds 9.00am	Toddlers
Thurs 9.30am	Morning Prayer t
Thurs 10.00am	Welcome Café
Fri 6.00pm	Choir Practice

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

Zephaniah 3.14-end  
Philippians 4.4-7  
Luke 1.26-38

9.30am	Family Praise
10.30am	Parish Communion

## 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 for 8th December

At **Messy Church** on Sunday afternoon we will be making nativity scenes 'around the manger' - 4.15pm in the Hall. All welcome!

Calling all children (and parents): please sign up for a part in our pop up **Nativity: 'The shiny bright sparkling light'** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am. Sign the sheet in church or contact Angela Hodkinson [angela.hodkinson@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:angela.hodkinson@stlawrencebovingdon.com)

We will be distributing a village-wide **Christmas card** again this year. Please sign the distribution list at the back of church and we will get your cards to you early next week.

A gentle reminder to let Helen Campbell know if you'd like her to collect your **Children's Society** box. If you have given online, please let Helen know.

Would you like to have a short Bible passage and prayer for each day of Advent? Sign up to the Church of England's app 'Everyday Faith'

In October we launched our '**Patience**' appeal to the congregation. If you haven't picked up a brochure pack yet, please come and collect one this Sunday. Then please prayerfully consider your response and return the appropriate form to the Project Office.

### Christmas dates for your diary:

8<sup>th</sup> December: **Messy Church Christmas craft making**. 4.15pm in the Hall

22<sup>nd</sup> December: **Nativity service** 10.00am

22<sup>nd</sup> December: **Carols by candlelight** 6.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> December: **Crib Service** 3.00pm

24<sup>th</sup> December: **Midnight Communion** 11.00pm

25<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas Family Communion** 10.00am

Thank you for your DENS donations, please keep them coming. The second Sunday of each month has a particular focus on foodbank donations. In addition to our DENS collections, we are supporting local families with regular food parcels. Please donate the following items if you can:

- Tea, coffee, sugar, squash
- Breakfast cereals
- Washing up liquid
- Laundry tabs
- Biscuits
- Table sauces and condiments



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