

SERVICES TODAY

At Northcourt Road

8am	Holy Communion Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18	Neil Weston
9.30am	Morning Worship Gabriel's Message Luke 1:26-38	David Hancock
4pm & 7pm	Carol Services	Keith Dunnett

At Long Furlong

10am	Morning Worship The Lord is near Zeph. 3:14-20 & Phil. 4:4-7	Pamela Shirras
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The family and friends of Kathleen Haggett who died recently. The funeral is at Christ Church at 2pm on Thursday 20 December.
- those who are unwell: David Price, Paula Beal, Nicola Price, Bernard Tingley, Chris Rowe, Nessa Watts, Alan Newton, Debbie Purbrick, Mike Bowles, Naomi, Nat, Ellie McRitchie.

Please contact the office if you would like your name or a friend or relative's to be included on this list. The name will remain there for six weeks or so. If the need is for continued, long-term prayer support, the name will be added to the monthly prayer diary. Please let the office know when a name can be removed from the list. Thank you.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER

At Northcourt Road

10.00am	United Service – All Age Worship Leaping for Joy Luke 1:39-56	Nessa Watts
6.30pm	Holy Communion Carols and Communion	Phil & Kath Cooke

At Long Furlong

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VACANICES

1. **VIVA - Supporter Relations Manager** to build and develop relationships with individuals and churches (application deadline: 14 January) and part-time **Fundraising Assistant** (17 December). All the details are at www.viva.org/jobs.
2. **RESTORE - Head of Facilities** based in Oxford. Find out more at www.restore.org.uk, or ring 01865 455821.
3. **THE ARCHWAY FOUNDATION – two Trustees**. For role descriptions and further information without obligation please contact sheila@archwayfoundation.org.uk or telephone 07703186041.
4. **ST CLEMENT'S PARISH PROPERTY TRUSTEES (PPT)** www.stclements.org.uk

FOODBANK This week we are short of tinned chick peas, long life milk, pasta, small jars of coffee, tuna. Thank you for your contributions.

New Foodbank Prayer Meeting - We'd love you to join us in prayer for the work of the Foodbank across the town. We're meeting on the first Friday of the month (except January), from 10.30-11.30am in the quiet room (opposite the kitchen). *Jane Lane and Sarah Fry*

PERSONAL A professional Christian woman in her 30s looking for long term accommodation in Abingdon area. Would be preferable to be closer to the South Abingdon area but also happy to live in North Abingdon too.



**Christ Church
Abingdon**

“Being Disciples, Making Disciples”

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

ADVENT 3

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER 2018

“I am the Lord’s servant ... May it be to me as you have said.” Luke 1:38

WELCOME

If you are new to the church, a very warm welcome to you. If you would like further information, please visit the Welcome Corner in the entrance foyer between the morning services, or fill in the welcome card in the chair and hand it to one of the service leaders or welcome team. Thank you.

**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR CAROL SERVICES TODAY
at 4.00 & 7.00pm**

Carols, choir pieces, talk, celebration, friends and wonder. Don't miss this great opportunity to worship together, to bring friends and chat afterwards over mulled wine and mince pies.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please pick up a FollowThe Star flyer for further details.
Christmas Eve – Christingles 3pm and 4.30pm
Midnight Communion, 11pm
Christmas Day – 8am Holy Communion with Carols
10am Family Worship



HELP AT CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There are still opportunities to reach out into our community by inviting friends and family to join us for Christingles and Christmas worship. We want to extend Jesus' loving welcome to every guest and to do this, we need temporary volunteers to supplement the Welcome Teams and ensure that everyone can come along to worship and feel part of our celebrations. We'd appreciate your help at the following services:

1. Christingle Services on Monday 24 December at 3pm and 4.30pm
2. Midnight Communion on Monday 24 December at 11pm
3. Christmas Day Family Worship on Tuesday 25 December at 10am.

If you can help out at one or more of these events, please contact Janice Gordon on 01235 553971 or email chriswgordon6@aol.com

Many thanks - we can't do this without you!

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MORNING SERVICES TODAY The 9:30 and 11:15am services are uniting together at 9:30am, and this will be a communion service. There's no 11:15am service because we're setting up for the Carol Services.

SUNDAY SERVICES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

23 December

10am United morning service, including provision for children, a drama, talk and worship.

6:30pm Reflective Carols and Communion

30 December

10am United morning service, with Michael and Rosemary Green leading and speaking.

No service at 6:30pm

6 January - We're back to the normal pattern of services.

ABINGDON SCOUTS AND GUIDES CHRISTMAS POST - Only 25p per card, collection box in the church entrance hall. Final collection 12 noon, **tomorrow**.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE HOME ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY - they are invited to Peachcroft Christian Centre for Christmas Day Lunch on 25 December 2018 from 1-3pm (arrival from 12.30pm). Meal and transport from home is free of charge but booking is essential. Contact Ruth Adams to book or for more information on: events@peachcroftcc.org or text/phone on 07379 469311 (<http://peachcroftcc.org/>).

PRIME TIME CHRISTMAS SPECIAL Friday 21 December in the Barns from 10am - 11.30am. Andy Jones and Sally will play music and there will be coffee and mince pies ending with carols and a thought from Kath Cooke. Do come and bring a friend.

STAMPS

As you receive all your Christmas Post please remember to keep any postage stamps and put them in the box in the foyer to help boost funds for The Leprosy Mission. Thank you.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Jesus calls us to *remain in him*, and for his words to remain in us, so that we will bear much fruit (John 15). We encourage every member of Christ Church to spend a few minutes each day reading the bible and praying. There's lots of bible reading aids around, including:

Online: The Bible in One Year, from Alpha, download the app from Googleplay/ or Apple store, or access it from www.bibleinoneyear.org/

Bible reading notes: to continue your regular subscription or to make a new one, please contact: Lesley Chapman 01235 531722 or chapmanabingdon@aol.com

Make a New Year resolution to engage with God each day in this way.

'BEASTS OF BETHLEHEM' IN OUR BARN!

A marvellous NEW Christmas 'moosical' for all ages by **LAMPS**. Join Sheep, Ox and Donkey for a wild and woolly retelling of the nativity, as they chew over who and what on earth the little baby in their feeding trough might be. Inspired by the C.S. Lewis poem The Nativity. Monday 17th December 4pm and 7pm and Tuesday 18th December 1.30pm and 7pm **Christ Church Abingdon Barn**. Tickets £10 (£5 under 16's) www.buytickets.at/lampscollective or by calling 07452982705. If Prime Time members know folk who don't like going out in the dark, please make them aware of our 1.30pm show.

ANNE MOON invites her friends from Christ Church to the Barns at 2.30-4pm for a tea party for her 90th Birthday (24 December) on Friday 11 January. No presents please but if anyone would like to contribute to making something for the tea instead please tell Maggie Snowball 527673.

YEMEN COLLECTION

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Ignite Collection for the famine in Yemen. We have raised a total of **£2,372!!** This includes the £1,000 fund raising match contributed by the Mission Support Group. Just to give you an idea of the impact this might make: This amount can feed 43 families for 1 month (around 172 people) or provide 16 families with a winter warm pack (including blankets, a heater, mattresses and warm clothes). Tearfund are very grateful for all of our contributions and a thank you letter from them will be displayed as soon as it arrives. Please share this encouraging news with your children.

THE BARN'S CAFÉ

Following interviews this week Phil Adams has been appointed Deputy Manager (Maternity Cover) to work alongside Alex Lister Acting Manager (Maternity Cover) from 7 January.

WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome, 8am-8:45am, in the Prayer Room by Christine's office.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

in the lounge at 7:30pm this Friday 21 December. Email terryoneill2@hotmail.com.

ALPHA COURSE The next Alpha course will start in September (not January as in recent years).

THE JESUS LIFESTYLE

A closer look at Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. Wednesdays 7:30pm from 16 January to mid July. This group is aimed at:

- Those intrigued by Jesus and wanting to explore faith maybe for the first time
- Those wanting a next step after being on the Alpha course
- Newcomers to Christ Church looking for a small group to join

Hosted by Keith & Lynne Dunnett and Nessa Watts at the Dunnett's home (keith@cca.uk.net, 209145)

If you're already a longstanding member of Christ Church, we're encouraging you to join/continue to be part of, one of the existing small groups.

NEW WINE 2019 – Book now as it is filling up fast!

We'd love you to join the Christ Church group going to New Wine next summer and don't want you to miss out as we have heard it may even fill up by Christmas. It is a great opportunity not only to breathe in from God, but also to spend time as a church community. We're going to Week 1, Sat 27 July to Fri 2 August at the Peterborough showground. To book see www.new-wine.org. More detail from Keith, or Paul & Karen Brombley.

THE CHURCH OFFICE

will be closed from 4pm on Monday 24 December until 9am on Wednesday 2 January.