MESSENGER

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2022

Let the bells ring out for Christ is born today!!

Please send me your news, thoughts, messages, helpful suggestions, requests etc. by Wednesday lunchtime. Either by phone on 01295 711516 or email clairewilks@hotmail.co.uk



Services

Christmas Eve - 24th December

Crib Service at Middleton Cheney at 3.00pm
Crib Service at Chacombe at 5.00pm
Carol Service at Thorpe Mandeville at 6pm

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm at Chacombe, Marston St Lawrence and Sulgrave

Christmas Day

Christmas Communion at 9.30am Middleton Cheney and Greatworth Christmas Communion at 11.00am Thorpe Mandeville and Thenford

Happy New Year!

Sunday 1st January 2023

10.30am Morning Praise Middleton Cheney10.45am Holy Communion Greatworth

Wednesdays at All Saints

The church will be open on Wednesday 28th as usual from 10am until 4pm

10 - 10.30am Short Communion service

10.30am - 12.30pm Jolly Teapot!

A chance to chat over coffee/tea, cakes and biscuits

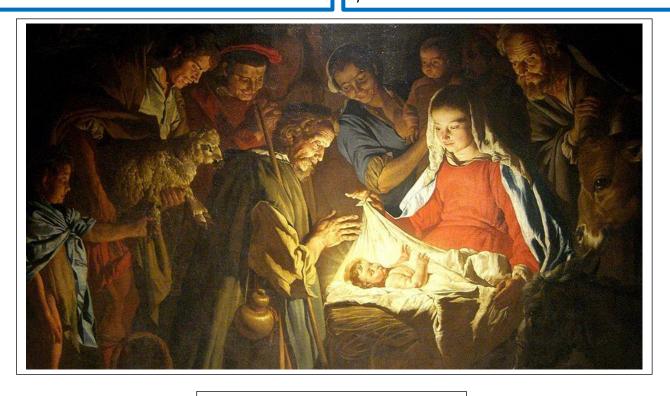
Thereafter church will be open and
there will be a warm space in the side chapel.

Refreshments will be available.

Foodbank

Rev. Nick, Mary Phipps and Rose Steele have delivered a number of food parcels in the past week and the need continues to be high. Please pop a few extra items in your basket this week and drop them off at All Saints if you are able.

Thank you – from the 'foodbank team' and all those who will have a much happier Christmas thanks to your kindness.



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For those who worship at home - Christmas Day

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. Isaiah 9: verse 6

The Star Carol

Sing this night for a boy is born in Bethlehem Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies Bring your gifts come and worship at his cradle Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary See his star shining bright
In the sky this Christmas night
Follow me joyfully
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary

Angels bright come from heaven's highest glory Bear the news with its message of good cheer Sing, rejoice for a King is come to save us Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary See his star shining bright

Let us pay our homage at the manger Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary See his star shining bright

Reflection:

'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'. How many of you have read the book or seen the film?

The Grinch is a 'Scrooge' figure who tries to steal Christmas from people's homes (and you may recall that many complained about our Christmases being 'stolen' during Covid restrictions...)

A well-known quote from the book is this:

And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so?

It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.

What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

Christmas, of course, does mean so very much more – it means that God himself came into the world to show His overwhelming love for each one of us. Christmas – the coming together (Mass) to celebrate Christ's day of birth can never be taken away. It can, however, be forgotten amidst all the decorations, shopping, packages and preparation.

I hope that each of you will meet with others this Christmastide and perhaps there will be giving and receiving of gifts, but I also hope that each of us will take some time to remember, and receive, the greatest gift of all, **Jesus Christ, Gods love gift to us**.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen**