

MESSENGER

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

Lots going on in December – are we missing anything?

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

Sunday 27th November

9.00am Morning Praise at Chacombe

10.00am Mattins at Sulgrave

10.30am Holy Communion at Middleton Cheney

10.30am Said Mass at Marston St Lawrence

Wednesday 30th Nov. and Thursday 1st Dec.

10am Holy Communion Middleton Cheney

Sunday 4th December

9.00am Holy Communion at Chacombe

10.45am Holy Communion at Greatworth

11.00am BCP Communion at Thorpe Mandeville

3.00pm Christingle at Sulgrave

5.00pm Christingle at Middleton Cheney

Weekly happenings at All Saints

Jolly Teapot! Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm

First Steps Every Wednesday from 2–3pm

Carol Service at Warkworth

At 3pm on Sunday the 11th of December.

December in Sulgrave:

Saturday, December 3rd.

Christmas Fair.

Church Hall. 10am - noon. Gifts, Christmas arrangements, cakes, stocking Fillers, raffle, refreshments, fresh cyclamen plants.

Sunday, December 4th.

Christingle Service in the church 3pm

Sunday, December 18th.

Carols by Candlelight in the church 3pm.

Christmas Eve.

11.30pm. Holy Communion

Throughout December we shall be unveiling our 'Advent Windows' every evening at 6.30 pm.

ADVENT

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and for the Second Coming of Christ.

It is always a busy time with lots going on in schools and parishes and, for many, plenty to do in preparation for what is often a special family time at Christmas.

Do take time, in amongst the business, to remember our Lord Jesus, the reason for the season; and to think of those for whom Christmas is a difficult time.

Chacombe Christmas Fayre

Saturday 10th December 10am – 12.30pm

* Bring and Buy * Raffle * Home-made food *
* Children's Tombola * Christmas Wreath Festival *

The School Choir will be singing at 11am

Christmas Eve: Midnight Communion at 11.30pm

December at All Saints:

Christmas Tree Festival

3rd – 4th December.

There is still time to enter! contact Chris Wells
chrissquirrel@btinternet.com by Sunday 27th please

.....and at 5pm on Sunday 4th there will be a

Christingle Service

11th December 10.30am Holy Communion

11th December at 4.00pm

MC Singers Carol Concert with MC Handbells

18th December at 6.00pm

Carols in the Churchyard

24th December at 3.00pm

Crib Service

25th December at 9.30am

Family Christmas Communion

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27th November 2022 ADVENT SUNDAY

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

Romans 13: 11 – 13

Hymn

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst
the iron fetters yield.

(verse 2 of the hymn Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour comes. by Philip Doddridge 1702 -51)

The wonderful collect for Advent Sunday – I think one of my favourite, is based on this reading from Romans. It brings us into the season of Advent with a mixture of apprehension, but hope. It calls us to be alert and strong. The first generations of Christians believed they were in the last days before the coming of Christ again to judge the world. Although many people think of this season as a preparation for Christmas – or even part of Christmas - Advent presents us with very solemn questions of judgement, death, heaven and hell and our preparedness for what will come in the future. All questions we are reluctant to think about – but in the end it is about hope, and trust in God, that in the end He is “making all things new!” Revelation 21:5. That includes us.

The 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.

Lord, help us not to be afraid or feel alone in difficult times but to put our trust in your loving purposes for us. Help us to be strong and hopeful and know that with you we are not alone, through Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**