

# MESSENGER

SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 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](mailto:clairewilks@hotmail.co.uk)

## Services

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

10am Holy Communion Middleton Cheney

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

8.15am Holy Communion at Sulgrave  
9.30am Family Christmas at Marston St Lawrence  
10.30am Holy Communion at Middleton Cheney  
3.00pm Carol Service at Chacombe  
3.00pm Carol Service at Warkworth

## Weekly happenings at All Saints

**Jolly Teapot!** Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Join us for coffee/tea, cakes, biscuits and lots of chat!

**First Steps** Every Wednesday during term time  
from 2–3pm for babies, toddlers and their carers

## December in Sulgrave:

**This Saturday - December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Christmas Fair.**

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

**This Sunday - December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Christingle Service** in the church 3pm

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

## Chacombe Christmas Fayre

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Carol Service at Warkworth

At 3pm on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

## December at All Saints:

**Christmas Tree Festival this weekend**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December.

.....and at 5pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a

**Christingle Service**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am Holy Communion**

**11<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**

**MC Singers Carol Concert with MC Handbells**

**18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm**

**Carols in the Churchyard**

**24<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm**

**Crib Service**

**25<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

**Family Christmas Communion**

## Foodbank

Foodbanks everywhere are seeing a significant rise in calls for their service and this is the case here too. If you are able please pop a few extra items in your trolley this Christmas season; rice, pasta, long life milk and Christmas treat would be particularly welcome. Thank you

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## For those who worship at home

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Advent

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:13**

### Hymn

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

It was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
But grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

*John Newton (1779)*

### Thought for the Day

It is the belief in God that gives us hope and peace. No matter what happens to us we have hope through the promises God has prepared for us. He is always faithful and keeps his promises. In the Old Testament we learn of a coming Messiah. This promise was fulfilled in the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In dying for us, Jesus cancelled all our wrong deeds. By rising from death Jesus gave us the promise of new life. If we believe, we can now live in hope and accept that through Jesus, God will be true and faithful to his promise.

Our God is the God of hope. No matter what the circumstances, there is always hope in God. We must walk in all his ways and believe his promises. For the Christian, hope is not some wistful dreaming, it is faith and assurance that through Christ, our Lord and Master, God will always be faithful and true to his nature. Our hope comes from God, he will make our faith strong and we will be his people, both in life and throughout eternity. Let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is our reward in Heaven.

### Prayer

Hear our humble prayers,  
that we may serve you in holiness and faith.  
We ask for your presence among us, from to-day and  
until the day of the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen