The Parish of Brize Norton St Britius Church News Sheet – December 2019



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Services:

Sunday 1 December – First Sunday of Advent (Rev. Drew) 9:15am Family Communion, Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 24: 36-44

Wednesday 4 December - 7:00pm Holy Communion (Rev. Drew)

Sunday 8 December – Second Sunday of Advent (Rev. Ian) 9:15am Holy Communion. Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Matthew 3: 1-12

Wednesday 11 December - 7:00pm Holy Communion (Rev. Ian)

Sunday 15 December – Third Sunday of Advent (Rev. Drew) 9:15am Holy Communion. Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

Wednesday 18 December – 7.00pm Holy Communion (Rev. Drew)

Sunday 22 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rev. Ian) 9.15am: Holy Communion. Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16; Matthew 1: 8-25 6.00pm Carol Service and Nativity Tableau: (Rev. Drew and Billie) This is a service of 9 lessons and carols. Please bring small people dressed as characters from the Nativity, Angels, Shepherds, Kings or people from Bethlehem etc. to join in the tableau as the service goes on. If you need some help or ideas for costumes, please see Carolyn. There will be mince pies and refreshments after the service.

Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve (Rev. Ian) 11.30pm: Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day (Rev. lan)

9.15am: Family Communion Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 2: 1-20 This is a family friendly, all-age service and everybody is welcome. Children, please do bring a present to show.

Sunday 29 December - 9:15am Holy Communion. Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Matt 2:13-23 Wednesday 1 January – 7.00pm Holy Communion (Rev. Ian) **Contact details:**

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Anniversaries this month

Roy Clarke, Christopher Heffer, Barbara Stanton, Eric Barnard, Clarence Betts Mary Phipps, David Griffiths, Josephine Black, Tony Anderson, Marianne Bell, Mabel Faulkner, Mike Wallace, Geraldine Parkway, Daphne Hounslow, John Moss, Frederick Smith.



<u>Please remember in your prayers:</u> Those that we know who are ill or struggling, which can be particularly difficult at this time of year.



<u>Pilgrim Lunch:</u> Come along to church on a Wednesday for fellowship and a chat over lunch, 12:30pm-1:30pm. There is soup, cheese, doughnuts and a warm welcome. Contact Ben Campion 358690 for more information.



Advent Lunch: Thank you to Rosalind for organising our Advent Lunch.

Christmas Flowers: Donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers would be most welcomed by Mary. Please let her know if contributions are in memory of loved ones.



Christmas Market at Humble Bumble Café and Elderbank Hall: Sunday 8 December, 3.00pm-7.00pm. Come and buy your Christmas presents from the lovely craft stalls, enjoy some delicious Christmas food and drink, join in with a bit of carol singing and get in the Christmas spirit.



Home Group: You are invited to join Drew and Billy at their Home Group at 7:45pm on 11December.



Mince pies: If you can help by making some mince pies for the Carol Service on Sunday 22 December please could you sign up on the sheet on the table. Either bring them to Church in the morning of Sun 22 Dec or let Mary have them by 3pm so that they can be warmed in the Aga. Thank you.



Carol Singing: Thursday 19 December, 6.00pm-7.30pm approx. Please join us for some carol singing. We will visit 2 or 3 roads and finish in The Chequers. We will have the saxophone music to sing to but really do need a group of us, so please come!. Please meet in the Elderbank Hall car park at 6.00pm. It would be helpful to know who can come, so please speak to Carolyn or Jacquie.

Christmas Quiz: Take some time out over Christmas to have a go at our quiz, just for a suggested donation of £2.50. Get your quiz from Carolyn, and return it her by 5 January 2020 for the chance of a small prize.



Stamps: Please save the stamps from your Christmas cards again this year and bring them into church to be collected for Lepra.

