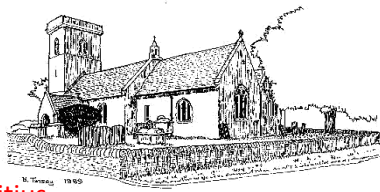


The Parish of Brize Norton
St Britius Church
News Sheet - December 2022



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Services:

Sunday 4 December – Second Sunday of Advent (Rev. Stephen)

9.15am Family Communion. *Readings: Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12*

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

Sunday 11 December – Third Sunday of Advent (Rev. Drew and Rev. Katie)

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Cantic: Magnificat, Matthew 11:23-27*

Tuesday 13 December – 6.00pm Brize Norton Primary School Carol service

Wednesday 14 December - 7:00pm Holy Communion (Rev. Drew and Billie)

Saturday 17 December – 4.45pm- 5.15pm Christingle Service (Gary)



Sunday 18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rev. Drew)

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-end*

6:00pm: Candle-lit Carol Service See overleaf for more details. (Rev. Katie)



Wednesday 21 Dec: 7.00pm- 8.00pm 'Longest Night' service with Rev. Katie

This service recognises that Christmas isn't always merry and bright for all.



Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve (Rev. Sue Spankey)

11.30pm: Midnight Mass. *Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5, Matthew 1:18-end*

Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day - There is **no service** at St Britius.

You are warmly invited to St John's at **10.00am**.



Wednesday 28 December – No Service



Sunday 1 January - Second Sunday of Christmas (Rev. Drew and Billie)

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21*

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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.



Prayers: This month please pray especially for Lyndsay Baker, Rosemary Day, Joy Douglas, Len Duke, Bette Holmes, Rev. Ian and James Maddern.



Monthly Prayer Meeting: There is no meeting this month.

Pilgrim Lunch: Come along to church on a Tuesday for fellowship and a chat over lunch, 12:00pm-1:00pm. Picnic style- bring your own or some food to share. Contact Ben Campion 358690 for more information.



Christmas Market at Humble Bumble Café: Sunday 4 December, 12:00pm-4:00pm. Come and buy your Christmas presents at our book stall and other lovely craft stalls, enjoy some delicious Christmas food and drink, and get in the Christmas spirit.



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.

Mince pies: If you can help by making some mince pies for the Carol Service on Sunday 18 December please sign up on the sheet. Please bring them to Church in the morning or let Mary have them by 3pm on the day, so that they can be warmed in the Aga.



Quiz: Carolyn has a fun quiz for us, for a suggested donation of £3. Give her back your completed quiz after Christmas for the chance of a small prize.



Children's Christingle and Craft afternoon: Saturday 17 December – 2.45pm- 5.15pm: We will be making Christingles and decorative lanterns and having games and refreshments. Please book a place with Gary Long 07799 968408. There will be a short Christingle service at 4.45pm, to which everybody is welcome.



Candle-lit Carol Service: Sunday 18 December- 6.00pm Our carol service has readings brought to us by people from the Nativity story, giving their own take on the events of that time. 'Saxophony' will be leading us in our carol singing and there will be refreshments and mince pies after the service. We invite children to come dressed as shepherds, angels, wise men and people of Bethlehem.



Carol Singing: Monday 19 December, 6:00pm-7:30pm approx. Weather permitting, we invite you to join us for some carol singing in the village. Please contact Carolyn for timings and route (844102).



Epiphany Lunch: Instead of an Advent lunch this year we will have an Epiphany lunch at The Chequers on **Saturday 7 January 12.00pm**. See Rossie to book a place.