

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Bodicote

Serving the communities of Bodicote, Cherwell Heights, Cotefield and Longford Park

Our Parish Prayer

Ever living God, give us the courage to be your church in the community and for the community, and teach us new ways to share your love with all those around us. Amen

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER – Advent 4

Diary for this week - all in church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 18th December

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

6.00pm Carol service by candlelight

Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 7: 10-16, Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18 to end

Monday 19th December

Curate's day off

8.30am Morning Prayer (on Zoom*)

All am Bishop Loveday Christmas service

5.00pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Grange School concert

Tuesday 20th December

Vicar's day off!

Wednesday 21st December

9.30am Holy Communion

2.30pm Afternoon teas in Church House

5.00pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Mothers' Union social in Dillon House

Thursday 22nd December

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 23rd December

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Evening Prayer (on Zoom*)

Saturday 24th December

4.00pm Crib Service

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

*Please ask Sarah or Nick for the links

This week we pray for all who live or work in Deer's Farm and Dillon Court

Epiphany Carol Service Sunday 8th January 6pm

Afternoon teas continue this week in Church House 2.30 – 3.30pm. The next one will be on Wednesday 4th January.

Our next **bingo afternoon** will be on Saturday 7th January at 2pm in Church House. And, remember, you can start bringing in your clothes donations for the **Swishing Party** later in the month (21st) and get your "£1 off" ticket for each item donated.

Sarah's Bear competition entries MUST be in before the Queen Victoria sails on 11th January 2023. Please see p. 10 of the December magazine for full information and T's & C's – your chance to win £100!

Thank you to all who attended our **Christingle service** - £156.27 was raised for the Children's Society. And a huge thank you to members of our Mothers' Union who assembled the Christingles for the children to take home with them.

Follow the Star: The Great Invitation booklet of reflections for Christmas and the New Year is available in church or you can download the app or sign up for daily emails at <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/follow-star-great-invitation>

Our **November 100 Club** winners were: 1st prize (£50) Sue Standley. 2nd prize (£10) Helen Hall.

Funerals of Jim Blencowe senior 1pm 4th January and Bishop James Johnson 12.30pm 6th January.

Full details of our services and other activities can be found on our website www.bodicotechurch.org and <https://www.facebook.com/BodicoteParishChurch>

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