

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – Christmas Day



**Diary for this week** - all in church unless otherwise stated

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

#### **Readings for this Sunday**

Isaiah 52: 7-10, Hebrews 1: 1-4[5-12]

John 1: 1-14

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

No Morning or Evening Prayer

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

Vicar's day off!

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am Holy Communion

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Evening Prayer (on Zoom\*)

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

\*Please ask Sarah or Nick for the links

**This week we pray for** all those who will be alone for Christmas or missing loved ones. Those who have to work and are unable to spend time with their families.

Our **Epiphany Carol Service** is on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, at 6pm.

**Afternoon teas** Our next afternoon tea will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2.30-3.30pm in Church House. Do come along for home-made cakes, a cup of tea, table quiz and some good company. Donations towards costs are always welcome. Teas continue in the New Year every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

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

**Sarah's Bear competition** entries MUST be in before the Queen Victoria sails on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Just £1 an entry – please register your guess with Sarah or Paul by midnight on 10<sup>th</sup> - see p. 10 of the December magazine for full information and T's & C's. It's your chance to win £100! A good activity to do with children or grandchildren during the school holidays. Our grateful thanks to Kevin Darby who came up with the idea and is donating the prize money.

**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>

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

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