

# 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 – 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – ADVENT 3

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

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.45am Parish Communion  
6.00pm Carol Service by candlelight

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

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11  
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24  
John 1.6-8,19-28

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Curate's day off  
8.30am Morning Prayer (on Zoom\*)  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Vicar's day off.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am No Holy Communion – children from Bishop Loveday have Christmas services in church all morning  
2.30pm Afternoon teas in Church House  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

8.30am Morning Prayer  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

8.30am Morning Prayer  
4.00pm Evening Prayer (on Zoom\*)

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.45am Parish Communion  
4.00pm Crib Service  
11.00pm Midnight Mass

\*Please ask Sarah or Nick for the links

**This week we pray for** people living and working in Broad Gap and Broad End.

There are a very limited number of **Bodicote 2024 calendars** left. £6 each. Please speak to Sarah or email the office address to get yours.

Some copies of the **book of reflections** to see us through Advent into the 12 days of Christmas are still available. If anyone needs one delivered, please let Sarah know.

The diocesan magazine **Pathways** is available at the back of church.

Should you need to make use of the **Banbury Foodbank** over the Christmas period, we have been informed that it is operating normally other than on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. 01865 670596 or Email: [trusselltrust@caox.org.uk](mailto:trusselltrust@caox.org.uk)

**Bingo afternoons** resume after Christmas on Saturdays 6<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April. 2pm in Church House – all very welcome.

#### **Dates for your diary**

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service. 11pm Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion 9.45am Parish Communion

*Please note: NO 9.30am service on Wednesdays 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> December*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 6pm Epiphany Carol Service  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am -12noon. Big Spring Clean.

Please feel free to make use of our **book and jigsaw exchange** over the Christmas period and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same. The church is open for quiet reflection from 9am to 4pm each day.

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