

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 – 24th DECEMBER – ADVENT 4

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

Sunday 24th December

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

4.00pm Crib Service

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Readings for Sunday morning services

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16, Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38

Readings for Midnight Mass

Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4

John 1:1-14

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

Readings

Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14

Luke 2.1-20

Wednesday 27th December

9.30am **No** Holy Communion

Thursday 28th December

10.45am Informal commemoration for the aircrew who lost their lives in the 1942 Wellington Bomber that crashed at the memorial site in Bodicote.

Sunday 31st December

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

The funeral of Jane Hackett will be held in church at 1.45pm on Wednesday 3rd January.

No Morning or Evening Prayer this week. Normal service resumes on Wednesday 3rd January!.

This week we pray for all who will be working over the Christmas period and all spending Christmas alone, particularly those recently bereaved.

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 and it's not too late to join in as it covers the period up to Epiphany.

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

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

Dates for your diary

Saturday 3rd February 9.00am – 12.15pm Deanery morning at St. Francis Church, Highlands.

Saturday 10th February 10.30am -12noon. Big Spring Clean.

Monday 19th February 1st of 3 Lent lunches

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd February. Lent courses start.

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.

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 There is a box in church for food donations if you are unable to access collection points in local supermarkets.

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