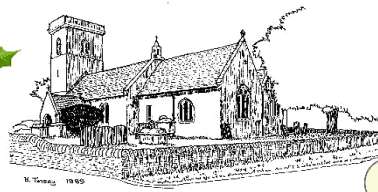


The Parish of Brize Norton
St Britius Church
News Sheet - December 2021



www.bncommunity.org

Facebook: Friends of St Britius

Services: To help keep everyone safe, we advise that you continue to maintain social distancing in church and use the automatic hand sanitiser in the porch on your way in. Face coverings are not obligatory but may be advisable, especially while singing.

Virtual services are via our Facebook page and www.stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Sunday 5 December – Second Sunday of Advent (Rev. Stephen/Gary)

9.15am Family Communion. *Readings: Matthew 1: 18-21, Luke 2: 1-20*

Wednesday 8 December - 7:00pm Holy Communion (Rev. Drew)

Saturday 11 December - 5:00pm Christingle Service (Gary)



Sunday 12 December – Third Sunday of Advent (Rev. Ian)

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18*

Wednesday 15 December - 7:00pm Holy Communion (Rev. Ian)

Sunday 19 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rev. Ian)

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)*

6:00pm: Candle lit Nativity Service with carols.

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.

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve (Rev. Ian)

11.30pm: **Midnight Mass.** *Readings: Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20*

Friday 25 December – Christmas Day - There is **no service** at St Britius. You are warmly invited to St John's at 10.00am.

Sunday 26 December – First Sunday of Christmas (Rev. Ian)

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

Wednesday 29 December – No Service

Sunday 2 January - Second Sunday of Christmas

9:15am Holy Communion.



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 Jean Barbara, Mike Day, James Maddern, Bette Holmes and Robert Wallace (Benita's son).



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 5 December, 2:00pm-6:00pm. Come and buy your Christmas presents from the lovely craft stalls, enjoy some delicious Christmas food and drink, join in with a bit of carol singing and get in the Christmas spirit.



Christingle and Christmas craft afternoon: Saturday 11 December - 3:00pm

We will be making Christingles and decorative lanterns in the school and having games and refreshments. After processing to the church, at 5:00pm there will be a short Christingle service. Everybody is welcome. Please speak with Gary Long 07799 968408 for more information.



Carol Singing: Thursday 16 December, 6:00pm-7:30pm approx. Weather permitting, we invite you to join us for a bit of carol singing in the village. Please contact Carolyn for timings and route (844102).



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 19 December please sign up on the sheet on the table. 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. Thank you.



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.



Contact details: If we can help you with anything please do get in touch.

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