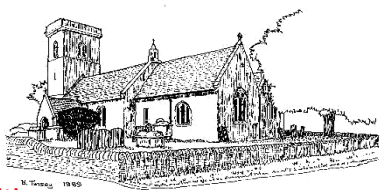


The Parish of Brize Norton  
St Britius Church  
News Sheet - December 2023



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**Services:**

**Sunday 3 December – Advent Sunday** (Rev. Barry)

9.15am Family Communion. *Readings: 1 Corinthians 13.1-3, Mark 13.24-27*

**Wednesday 6 December - 7:00pm** Holy Communion (Rev. Barry)

**Sunday 10 December – Second Sunday of Advent** (Rev. Drew)

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8*

**Wednesday 13 December - 7:00pm** Holy Communion (Rev. Katie)

**Sunday 17 December – Third Sunday of Advent** (Rev. Barry)

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1.6-8;19-28*

11.00am: Baptism. Rory Gallagher

6:00pm: **Candle-lit Carol Service** *See overleaf for more details.* (Rev. Drew)



**Monday 18 December – 5.00pm** Brize Norton Primary School Carol service

**Wednesday 20 Dec: 7.00pm- 8.00pm** 'Longest Night' service with Rev. Katie

This service recognises that Christmas isn't always merry and bright for all.



**Sunday 24 December - Christmas Eve** (Rev. Barry)

9.15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Romans 16.25-end, Luke 1.26-38*

11.30pm: **Midnight Mass.** *Readings: Psalm 89.1-19, Luke 2.1-20*



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

**Wednesday 27 December – No Service**



**Sunday 31 December - Second Sunday of Christmas** (Rev. Drew and Billie )

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion. *Readings: 1 John 2.3-11, Luke 2.22-35*

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**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, David Mc Crudden, Shaun Geraghty, Frederick Smith.



**Prayers:** This month please pray especially for Sandy Bain, Dave Bignell, Len Duke, Bette Holmes, Rev Ian and Rev James. Please pray for Rory being Baptised on 17 December, and the Roberts children on 21 January.



**Monthly Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 20 December 1.30-2.30pm at St Britius.** This is the 3rd Wednesday of the month and will rotate round our 3 Benefice churches.

**Pilgrim Lunch:** Come along to church on a **Tuesday** for fellowship and a chat over lunch, **12:00-1:00pm**. Please bring your own picnic style lunch with perhaps something to share. Contact Phil Holmes 01993 843856 for more information.



**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 17 December please sign up on the sheet. 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.



**Quiz:** Carolyn has a fun quiz for us, for a suggested donation of £3-£5. Give her back your completed quiz after Christmas for the chance of a small prize.



**Ben and Bev's leaving party: Sunday 3 December 12.00 noon.** We are very sad that Ben and Bev are moving away and so are leaving us. Rosemary is hosting a 'bring and share' lunch for them at her house, 41 Brize Norton Road Carterton. Please let her know if you can come and, if possible, what you plan to bring to share.

**Carol Singing: Monday 11 December, 6:00pm-7:30pm approx.** Weather permitting, we invite you to join us for some carol singing in the village. Please contact Carolyn for timings and route (844102).



**Candle-lit Carol Service: Sunday 17 December- 6.00pm** 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.



**Epiphany Tea:** We will be having an Epiphany tea at The Humble Bumble Café on **Saturday 13 January** at 4.00pm. Please see Rossie to book a place.

**Craft Fair: Saturday 2 December** at St John's, 10.00am-1.00pm.

For events at St John's see [www.stjohnscarterton.org.uk](http://www.stjohnscarterton.org.uk) then 'our church' and then 'newsletters'. For events at St Mary's go to [www.blackbourton.org.uk/our-church](http://www.blackbourton.org.uk/our-church)