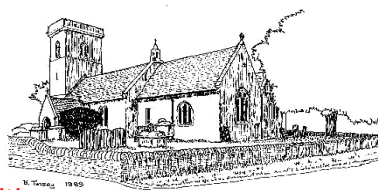


The Parish of Brize Norton  
St Britius Church  
News Sheet - December 2024



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**Services:**

**Sunday 1 December – Advent Sunday**

9.15am Family Communion. *Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36*

**Wednesday 4 December - 7:00pm** Holy Communion

**Sunday 8 December – Second Sunday of Advent**

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6*

**Wednesday 11 December - 7:00pm** Holy Communion

**Sunday 15 December – Third Sunday of Advent**

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Zephaniah 3:14 end, Luke 3:7-18*

**Tuesday 17 December – 14.45pm** Brize Norton Primary School Carol service

**Wednesday 18 December: 7.00pm** 'Longest Night' service

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



**Sunday 22 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9.15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:26-56.*

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



**Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve - PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME**

**8.00pm: Christmas Eve Mass.** *Readings: Titus 3:3-7, Luke 2:1-14*



**Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day** - There is **no service** at St Britius.

You are warmly invited to St John's at **10.00am**.



**Sunday 29 December - First Sunday of Christmas**

**10.30am** Benefice Holy Communion at St John's. No service at St Britius.

**Wednesday 1 January – No service**

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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.



**Happy Birthday** to Rev. Barry on 14<sup>th</sup> and Carolyn on 15<sup>th</sup> December.



**Prayers:** This month please pray especially for Dave Bignell, who sadly died last week, Sandy Bain, who is in hospital, Linden Eley and her son Timothy Burley, Lyndsay Baker, Rev James and Lily Roberts.



**Monthly Prayer Meeting:** The next meeting will be in January.

**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 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 22 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.



**Carol Singing: Monday 16 December, 6:00pm-7:30pm** approx. Weather permitting, we invite you to join us for some carol singing in the village. Meet at the Elder bank hall at 6.00pm. For more info contact Carolyn 01993 844102.



**Candle-lit Carol Service: Sunday 22 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.



**Christmas Eve Service:** Please note that our normal Midnight Mass is being brought earlier in the evening and will now be a **Christmas Eve Mass** at **8.00pm**



**Candlemas Lunch: Saturday 1 February 12.00** at the Masons Arms, Brize Norton. We will have a lunch to celebrate Candlemas, with a raffle as normal. Please see Rossie to see the menu and to book a place. It will come round quicker than you think.



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