

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER - ADVENT SUNDAY

**Theme:** Promise of the Messiah

**Readings:** Jeremiah 33:14-18, Mark 8:27-29

### ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: David Wenham

### ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

4:30pm Taizé Service

Leader: Jackie Laar and team

SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - ADVENT 2

**Theme:** Isaiah of the Exile

**Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-4

### ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Chris Sugden

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Leader: Jessica Turner

Preacher: Jessica Turner

6pm Carols by Candlelight

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

### ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

8am Holy Communion 1662

Leader: John Rees

Preacher: John Rees



#### Saturday 2nd

2pm Messy Church

#### Sunday 10th

6pm Carols by Candlelight

#### Sunday 17th

10:30am Pop-up Nativity

4:30pm Blue Christmas

#### Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle

11:00pm Midnight

Communion

#### Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion

10:30am All-Age Service

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- † The ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza and all those whose lives have been affected by war and conflict around the world.
- † The family and friends of Hannah Topping as they grieve.
- † Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.
- † Jonathan's Mum, Janet as she recovers from her surgery this week.
- † Our Church School as they hold a parent consultation on November 29<sup>th</sup> as part of developing a theologically-rooted Christian vision.
- † Christmas Messy Church and our Christmas events and services.

## HOME COMMUNION & VISITS

If you or someone you know would value home communion, someone to pray with, a visit, or simply a phone call, please let Jonathan know.

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# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> 2023

**THEME:** JOSIAH'S REFORM

**READINGS:** 2 KINGS 22:1-10; 23:1-3  
LUKE 24:30-32

### ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: Chris Sugden

### ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

8am Holy Communion 1662

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

### ST MARY'S, FARMOOR

3:30pm Hymns & Cake

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

10:30am Big Story Sunday

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

## COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order

to worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

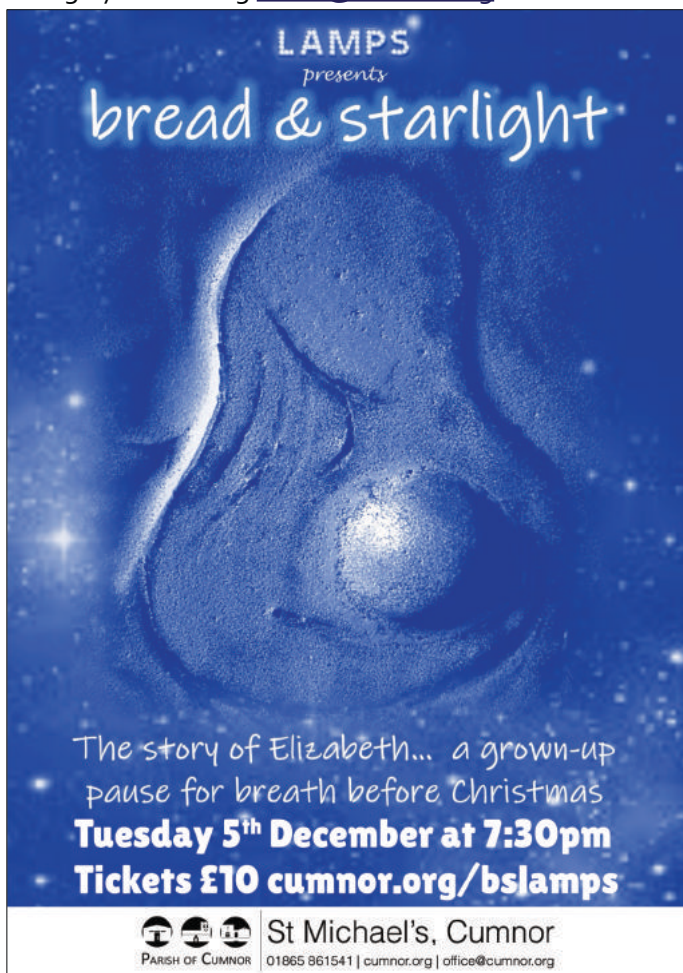
Amen.

## BREAD & STARLIGHT - 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 7:30PM

Lamps collective, who put on the brilliant performance of The Passion earlier this year are returning to St Michael's on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm** with their Advent production, Bread and Starlight. Tickets are available now from [cumnor.org/bslamps](http://cumnor.org/bslamps) or Cumnor Post Office.

## MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church is at St Michael's on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2-4pm**. It's for families with children under 12. There's no charge, but please let us know if you're coming by contacting [office@cumnor.org](mailto:office@cumnor.org)



## MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight in Cumnor Cricket Club. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 2:30pm until 4pm**. If you would like to know more please contact **Jan Harris on 01865 864169**.

## PCC UPDATE

At the PCC meeting on Wednesday evening we:

- † Dwelt in the Word together listening to God speak through Psalm 27
- † Looked at the church finances and the outlook for 2024.
- † Discussed some ideas for pastoral care and holding an away day next year.
- † Discussed the outreach and events being planned for the rest of this year and particularly around Christmas

## COFFEE POT @ ST ANDREW'S

The Coffee Pot is open on Thursdays from 10.30-12.00. Do join us for coffee, tea, cake, and a chat. We would love to see you. Coffee Pot breaks for Christmas on **14<sup>th</sup> December** when we'll sing carols and have a seasonal thought from David Wenham.

## TODDLER GROUPS

### ST MICHAEL'S

The St Michael's Toddler group meets on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Centre, 1 Abingdon Road. Each session costs just £1 and runs from **9am-11am** during term times. The group is open to everyone.

For more details please contact **Dianne Taylor (01865 862165)** or **Angela Evans (01865 864397)**

### ST ANDREW'S

The St Andrew's Toddler group meets on Friday mornings in St Andrew's Church, Orchard Road. Each session has a suggested donation of just £1 and runs from **9:30am-11am** during term times. The group is open to everyone.

For more details please contact **Sue on 01865 864991**.

## JOIN THE MISSION

Church is what we make it together, so we need everyone to get involved. One way to do that is by serving on a Sunday. There are opportunities to read the Bible, lead the prayers, join the welcoming teams, and join the refreshments teams. For more details or to volunteer, see David Wenham for roles at St Andrew's or Jonathan for roles at St Michael's

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

Giving is an important part of our discipleship. All your donations to the parish support the church's mission and ministry. You can give online, through the collection plate, or best of all by Direct Debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. For more information please visit <https://cumnor.org/giving/>

## WORSHIP TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

Messy Church - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2-4pm at St Michael's.

Festive Fred - Pop-up Nativity - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10:30am at St Michael's

Christingle Service - Christmas Eve, 4pm

During Sunday Services:

Sunday School at St Andrew's.

Colouring and crafts at St Michael's.

## SING WITH THE ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR

Choir practice is on Friday evenings at 6:30pm. New members always welcome. Please contact Andrew Dyer for more details on 01865 862042 or e-mail: [ajdyer47@hotmail.com](mailto:ajdyer47@hotmail.com)

## RING THE BELLS

The Bellringers meet for practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9pm. Please contact Jenny Dyer for more details on 01865 862042 or e-mail: [jadyer55@hotmail.com](mailto:jadyer55@hotmail.com) Their website is at <https://cumnorbellringers.uk/>