

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER - ADVENT 3

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT
10:30am Carol Service
Leader: David Wenham

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR
10:30am Pop-up Nativity
Leader: Jonathan Widdess

4:30pm Blue Christmas
Leader: Jonathan Widdess

CHRISTMAS EVE - ADVENT 4

Theme: Zechariah's Song

Readings: Luke 1:5-25, 57-80, Psalm 113

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT
10:30am Holy Communion
Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: Eve Lockett

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR
10:30am Morning Worship
Leader: Jean Pryce-Williams
Preacher: Jean Pryce-Williams

4pm Christingle Service
Leader: Jonathan Widdess

11pm Midnight Communion
Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

CHRISTMAS DAY

Theme: The Birth of Jesus

Readings: Luke 2:1-20

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT
10:30am Christmas Day Service
Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: David Wenham

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR
8am Holy Communion (1662)
Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

10:30am A Family Christmas
Leader: Jonathan Widdess

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS I

Theme: Beginning of Good News

Readings: Mark 1:1-20

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT
10:30am United Parish Service
Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: Chris Scruby



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- † The ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza.
- † The family and friends of Hannah Topping and Esther Papps as they grieve.
- † Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.
- † Our Christmas events and services at all three churches in the Parish.
- † Those affected by climate change around the world and those campaigning for climate justice as COP28 takes place in Dubai.
- † All those affected by the closure of Cumnor C.E. School last week due to flooding.

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

DECEMBER 10TH 2023

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

10:30am Morning Worship
Leader: Jessica Turner
Preacher: Jessica Turner

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR
8am Holy Communion (1662)
Leader: John Rees
Preacher: John Rees

6pm Carols by Candlelight
Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

COLLECT FOR ADVENT 2

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - 10TH DECEMBER, 6PM

Our traditional service of lessons and carols is on Sunday 10th December at 6pm in St Michael's. All Welcome!

FESTIVE FRED FINDS THE GREATEST GIFT

Pop Up Nativity - 17th December, 10:30am

Based on the Bible Society book by Dai Woolridge, there is no rehearsal, so everything happens on the day. Come along dressed as Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Animals, or Wise Men - there's a part for everyone.

BLUE CHRISTMAS - 17TH DECEMBER, 4:30PM

A simple service with a mixture of carols (sometimes just selected verses) and readings to tell the Christmas story; prayers which acknowledge pain and emptiness alongside the Christian hope; a reflection which gently speaks of light in darkness. We keep the length to no more than 40 minutes, and leave times of silence, not rushing to fill every moment with word or song. It's especially for those who for various reasons will find this Christmas a difficult time.

CAROLS AT THE VINE - 21ST DECEMBER, 7-8PM

Come and join us for a festive sing-song as we sing traditional carols in the Vine Inn, Cumnor.

CHRISTMAS 
AT ST ANDREW'S DEAN COURT

 **THU 14 DEC 10.30-12.00 THE COFFEE POT**
with mince pies and carols

 **FRI 15 DEC 6.00PM COMMUNITY CAROLS ON PINNOCK'S GREEN**
followed by refreshments at St Andrew's, with an activity for children (bring a torch!)

 **SUN 17 DEC 10.30AM JOY TO THE WORLD: CHRISTMAS CAROLS, READINGS & PRAYERS**
followed by refreshments

 **SUN 24 DEC 10.30AM CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION**

 **MON 25 DEC 10.30AM CHRISTMAS DAY ALL-AGE SERVICE**

Everyone welcome! 

WINTER HUB FROM AGE UK

Winter can be tough at any age, but it's particularly challenging for older people who face additional health risks, and increased feelings of loneliness and isolation. So Age UK have brought together some useful information and resources in the form of an online Winter Hub - <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/about-us/winter-hub/>

They have also produced a Winter Wellbeing pack. These will be available from St Michael's very soon.

MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight in Cumnor Cricket Club. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th December from 2:30pm until 4pm**. If you would like to know more please contact **Jan Harris on 01865 864169**.

COFFEE POT @ ST ANDREW'S

14 December, 10.30-12.00

This will include mince pies and carols. Do come and join the festivities. We will then close for Christmas and reopen on 11 January.

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 £1 per family and runs from **9.30am to 11am** during term time, with the last meeting this term on **Friday 15th December**. We're having a break over Christmas and restart on **Friday 12th January**. The group is for pre-school children with an adult and 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 - Friday 29th March 2024, 2-4pm at St Andrew's.

Festive Fred - Pop-up Nativity - Sunday 17th 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

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 Their website is at <https://cumnorbellingers.uk/>