#### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

#### SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER - ADVENT 2

Isaiah of the Exile Theme: Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-4

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT 10:30am Morning Worship Leader: Jonathan Widdess Preacher: Chris Sugden

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR 8am Holy Communion 1662

Leader: John Rees Preacher: John Rees

Preacher: T.B.C.

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

6pm Carols by Candlelight Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

#### SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER - ADVENT 3

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

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

4:30pm Blue Christmas Leader: Jonathan Widdess



Tuesday 5th December 7:30pm Bread & Starlight Sunday 10th December 6pm Carols by Candlelight Sunday 17th December 10:30am Pop-up Nativity 4:30pm Blue Christmas

Thursday 21" December 7pm Carols at The Vine

**Christmas Eve** 4pm Christingle 11:00pm Midnight Communion **Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion** 10:30am All-Age Service

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# 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.
- † Bread & Starlight and 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 the COP28 summit takes place in Dubai.

#### 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 2023

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

# COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

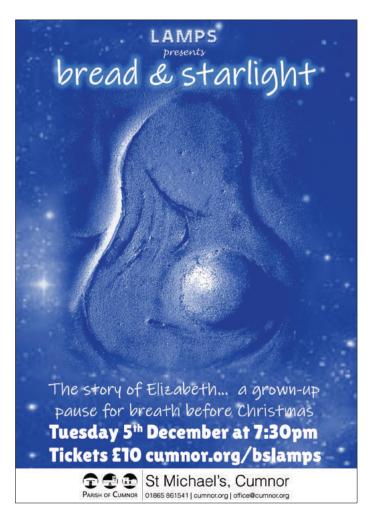
Amen.

#### Bread & Starlight - 5th 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 5th December** at **7:30pm** with their Advent production, Bread and Starlight. Tickets are available now from cumnor.org/bslamps or Cumnor Post Office.

# CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 6PM

Our traditional service of lessons and carols is on Sunday 10th December at 6pm in St Michael's. All 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 - <a href="https://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/about-us/winter-hub/">https://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/about-us/winter-hub/</a>

They have also produced a Winter Wellbeing pack. We hope these will be available from St Michael's next week.

#### **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**.

#### 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 **gam-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 <a href="https://cumnor.org/giving/">https://cumnor.org/giving/</a>

#### **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

#### **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: <a href="mailto:jadyer55@hotmail.com">jadyer55@hotmail.com</a> Their website is at <a href="https://cumnorbellringers.uk/">https://cumnorbellringers.uk/</a>