

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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 Christmas Celebration

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder
at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.
Amen.

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

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Eve Lockett

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Theme: Jesus' Ministry Begun

Readings: Mark 1:21-45

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: Godfrey Stone

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Eve Lockett



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- † The ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza.
- † The family and friends of Esther Papps as they grieve.
- † Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.
- † The work of the Children's Society
- † The staff and students of Cumnor CofE School, Matthew Arnold and other local schools and colleges during the Christmas Holidays.
- † All those who will be finding this Christmas painful or difficult.
- † Jonathan and family as they enjoy a week off together after the Christmas 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

CHRISTMAS 2023

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



COLLECT FOR ADVENT 4

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see,
with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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HOPE EXPLORED

If Christmas feels like a short time of light in the midst of winter darkness, a welcome but brief season of celebration that soon reverts to misery. If you don't know to whom you should turn for the answers to life and death, I have great news for you. Come and discover this amazing Lord Jesus afresh, or for the first time, at Hope Explored. It runs on 3 Monday evenings, from 7pm-9pm, in St Michael's Parish Centre. Starting on the 8th January.

CMS MISSION PARTNERS - NEWSLETTER

The latest newsletter from our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda is available now at <https://cumnor.org/cawdells/>

WINTER WELLBEING PACKS FROM AGE UK

Age UK have brought together some useful information and resources in the form of a Winter Wellbeing pack which is now available from St Michael's.

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. We're having a break now over Christmas and restart on Friday 12th January. The group is for pre-school children with an adult and is open to everyone: you will be very welcome. For more details please contact Sue on 01865 864991.

MEMORIES CAFE

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

COFFEE POT @ ST ANDREW'S

Coffee Pot is closed for Christmas and reopens on 11th January.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next edition of this newsletter will be released in time for Sunday January 7th 2024. Happy New Year!

He came down to earth from heaven



Who is God and Lord of all

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.

Big Story Sunday - Sunday 28th January, 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://cumnorbellringers.uk/>