FORTHCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH - EPIPHANY 2

Theme: **Jesus Heals and Teaches** Readings: Mark 2:1-22, Psalm 103:6-14

ST ANDREW'S. DEAN COURT 10:30am Holy Communion Leader: Jonathan Widdess Preacher: Jonathan Widdess ST MICHAEL'S. CUMNOR 8am Holy Communion

Leader: John Rees Preacher: John Rees 10:30am Morning Worship Leader: Jean Pryce-Williams Preacher: Jessica Turner

SUNDAY JANUARY 21st - EPIPHA NY 3

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

10:30am United Service at St Peter and St Paul's, Botley

SUNDAY JANUARY 28TH - EPIPHANY 4

Jesus and the Gerasene Demoniac Theme: Readings: Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 89:1-4

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

TBC

St Mary's, Farmoor 3:30pm Hymns and Cake Leader: Jessica Turner

Preacher:

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR 8am Holy Communion

Leader: Jessica Turner Jessica Turner Preacher:

10:30am Big Story Sunday Leader: Jonathan Widdess

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- † The ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza, and the wider Middle East.
- † The family and friends of Pete Wright as they grieve.
- † The family of Raymond Wickson as his ashes are interred this week.
- † The Hope Explored Course starting on Monday 8th January in the Parish Centre.
- † Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.
- † The staff and students of Cumnor CofE School, Matthew Arnold and other local schools and colleges as a new term begins this week.

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

JANUARY 7TH 2024

Jesus' Ministry Begins Theme:

Readings: Mark I: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

4:30pm Taizé Service Led by Jackie Laar and Team

COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY

O God. who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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 and 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 the good news about Jesus afresh, or for the first time, at Hope Explored. The course runs on 3 Monday evenings, from 7pm-9pm in St Michael's Parish Centre. Starts on the 8th January.

PARISH CENTRE & STABLE BLOCK KEY AMNESTY

To save the expense of getting new keys cut, if you have a key to either the Stable Block or the Parish Centre that you no longer need then please drop it in to the Vicarage or pop it through the Parish Centre letterbox in an envelope addressed to me. Many thanks, Jonathan.

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.

MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight at Cumnor Cricket Club. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 16**th **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 reopens on 11th January.

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.

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.



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

St Andrew's Family Service - Sunday 28th January, 10:30am

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