

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER - ADVENT 4

Theme: Jesus' Birth Announced

Readings: Luke 1:26-56, (Psalm 113)

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Christmas Communion
Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: Chris Scruby

3:30pm Christmas Carols
Leader: Elliot Miller

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Pop-Up Nativity
Leader: Jonathan Widdess

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

4pm Christingle
Leader: Jonathan Widdess

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

CHRISTMAS DAY - TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Family Service
Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: David Wenham

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

8am Holy Communion
Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

10:30am All-Age Service
Leader: Jonathan Widdess

CHRISTMAS in Dean Court

♦ **20 Dec 6pm** COMMUNITY CAROL-SINGING ON PINNOCKS GREEN
refreshments in Dean Court Community Centre afterwards

Services at St Andrew's Orchard Road:

♦ **22 Dec 10.30am** CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

♦ **22 Dec 3.30pm** JOY TO THE WORLD: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
with refreshments

♦ **25 Dec 10.30am** CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE

St Andrew's Church Orchard Road OX2 9BH

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- † The families of Les Horne and Ann Jennings as they mourn.
- † Those attending Carols by Candlelight that they'd glimpse Jesus and see the wonder of Christmas as if for the first time.
- † Over Advent, ask the Lord to help you to pause, look back, look forward, point others to Christ, and know where true contentment is to be found.
- † Plans for a CAP Job Club at St Andrew's in partnership with Edge Housing.
- † Our Christmas services and events.
- † Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.
- † The ongoing conflict in the Middle East.
- † The war in Ukraine.
- † One new person to be added to church.
- † Each of us to have a conversation about Jesus this week with someone who doesn't know him yet.
- † One of your friends or family to come to Christ.

HOME COMMUNION & HOME VISITING

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

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024

Theme: The Spirit of the Lord upon Me
Isaiah 61:1-11, (Luke 4:16-21)

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship
Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: Chris Sugden

ST MARY'S, FARMOR
3:30pm Carols & Cake with Communion
Leader: Jessica Turner

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Holy Communion
Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Eve Lockett

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

Collect for Advent 3

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Advent:
the conductor
raises his baton,
the choir takes
a collective breath.

#TinyAdventPoems 3/24
Text - Amy Scott Robinson | Design - Richard Lyall



COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Join us at 7pm on Thursday 19th in the Vine Inn for all your favourite festive carols. Seasonal refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

8AM HOLY COMMUNION ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Just to confirm that there will definitely be an 8am Holy Communion (1662) on Christmas Day, despite it's omission from CPN. Apologies for any confusion!

FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT OXFENFORD HOUSE

Oxenford House is offering free Christmas & Boxing Day lunch to any older person who would otherwise be alone on the day. Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th of December 11.45am to 2.30pm

Please contact Rachael on 01865 865116 or care@oxenfordhouse.co.uk for further information.

Own transport is required, and bookings MUST be made by phone or email, by the 18th of December.

CHRISTMAS BOOKLETS FOR CUMNOR CE SCHOOL

This Christmas we've given the new Bible Society booklet, "The Shiny Bright Sparkling Light" to each child in Cumnor CE School. Please pray for everyone who receives one, that the good news of Christmas would really get through.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St Andrew's Church, Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm

We're planning to meet on Wednesday 18th December to study John's Gospel Chapter 8. Then we'll have a break over Christmas and New Year and restart on 8th January with more from John's gospel. Please just come whenever you can - everyone is very welcome.

Any questions please contact susan.allwright@btinternet.com

MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight at Cumnor Cricket Club. The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th December 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 taking a break and reopens again on 9 January, 10am-12pm.

BABY & 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 time.

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

St Andrew's

Toddlers Group at St Andrew's Church Friday mornings 9.30am - 11am

We are meeting on Friday 20th December, and then having a break over the Christmas holidays, restarting on Friday 10th January. This group is for any pre-school children with an adult, and everyone's welcome - please let friends and neighbours know. Thank you. Sue (01865 864991)



CHRISTMAS AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 15th

10:30am Holy Communion
6pm Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 19th

7pm Carols in The Vine

Sunday 22nd

10:30am Pop-Up Nativity

Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle
11:00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion
10:30am Christmas Service

JOIN OUR MISSION

Church is what we make it together, so 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 and we are so thankful for every penny. 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 18/4/24, 2-4pm at St Andrew's

Pop-Up Nativity

Sunday 22/12, 10:30am at St Michael's

St Andrew's Family Service

Christmas Day, 10:30am

Other weeks - Sunday School at St Andrew's

SING IN 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. Contact: Jenny Dyer on 01865 862042 e-mail: jadyer55@hotmail.com website: <https://cumnorbellingrings.uk/>