

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER - ADVENT 3

Theme: The Spirit of the Lord upon Me

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-11, (Luke 4:16-21)

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT | ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: Chris Sugden

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Eve Lockett

ST MARY'S, FARMOOR
3:30pm Carols & Cake
with Communion

Leader: Jessica Turner

6pm Carols by Candlelight

Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER - ADVENT 4

Theme: Jesus' Birth Announced

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

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT | ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Christmas Communion

Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: Chris Scruby

10:30am Pop-Up Nativity

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

3:30pm Christmas Carols

Leader: Elliot Miller

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...

- † Those attending the Longest Night, for comfort and peace.
- † 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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PARISH OF CUMNOR

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024

Theme: Joel: God's Promised Spirit
Joel 2:12-13, 28-29, (Luke 11:13)

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

8am Holy Communion BCP

Leader: John Rees
Preacher: John Rees

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: Jessica Turner
Preacher: Jessica Turner

4pm The Longest Night

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Collect for Advent 2

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

Advent:

Catch your breath.
We're aiming at that
mountain in the distance,
but isn't the view lovely from this hill?

#TinyAdventPoems

Text: Amy Wood Robinson | Design: Richard Galt



THE VINE PUB QUIZ

On December 8th at 7:30pm, teams of 4. Proceeds are being donated to St Michael's in aid of the Churchyard Christmas tree. If interested in entering a team, please get in touch with Richard and Val in the Vine.

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Join us at 7pm on Thursday 19th in the Vine Inn. All welcome.

FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT OXENFORD 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.

CUMNOR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

Our Church School are fundraising to renovate their library after last years flood damage. This is an important learning space for the children and we need new bookshelves and furnishings. We receive no help for this from the County Council or the diocese for this purpose and are dependent on what we can raise locally. If you would like to help us achieve our aim, you can donate by going to our [Just Giving page](#) or scan the QR code. Thank you for your kind support, on behalf of the Cumnor CE School governing board and the whole school community. Linda Jeffreys, co-opted school governor.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St Andrew's Church, Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm
The Wednesday Bible Studies in St Andrew's Church continues with a series in John's Gospel. Please just come whenever you can: everyone is very welcome.

Any questions please contact David or Sue Allwright at 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.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE POT @ ST ANDREW'S

Thursday 12th December, 10.30-12.00. Do join us for carols and free mince pies as we celebrate Christmas. Everyone welcome. We will then take a break and reopen again on 9 January.

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

The St Andrew's Toddler group meets from 9.30am - 11am on Friday mornings at St Andrew's Church, Orchard Road. It's is for 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	Christmas Eve 4pm Christingle 11:00pm Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd 10:30am Pop-Up Nativity	Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion 10:30am Christmas Service

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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://cumnorbellringers.uk/>