

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.**

**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**

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

**ST MARY'S, FARMOOR**

**3:30pm Carols & Cake  
with Communion**  
Leader: Jessica Turner

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**ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR**

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

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

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**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 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

### THE VINE PUB QUIZ

On December 8<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of December 11.45am to 2.30pm

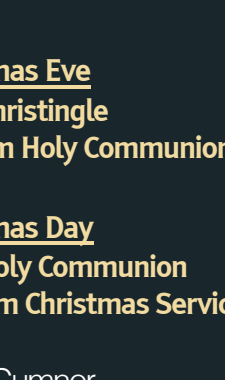
Please contact Rachael on 01865 865116 or care@oxenfordhouse.co.uk for further information.

Own transport is required, and bookings MUST be made by phone or email, by the 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:susan.allwright@btinternet.com)

### MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight at Cumnor Cricket Club. The next meeting is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>

**10:30am Holy Communion**

**6pm Carols by Candlelight**

### Christmas Eve

**4pm Christingle**

**11:00pm Holy Communion**

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**10:30am Pop-Up Nativity**

### Christmas Day

**8am Holy Communion**

**10:30am Christmas Service**



St Michael's, Cumnor  
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## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jadyer55@hotmail.com) website: <https://cumnorbellringers.uk/>

## 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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