



PARISH OF CUMNOR

NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2024



Advent:
Below the balcony,
a hush falls.
The door opens,
Flags wave.
Royalty is expected.

#TinyAdventPoems 22/24
Text - Amy Scott Robinson | Design - Richard Lall

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2024

Theme: Jesus' Birth Announced

Luke 1:26-56

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

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

4pm Christingle
Leader: Jonathan Widdess

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

Collect

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY 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

Collect

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 29TH DECEMBER

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

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

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

No Services

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!

WAYSIDE NATIVITY



You are warmly invited to **Wayside Cottage, Appleton Rd** on Sunday 29th December after 2pm in order to view Eve's Wayside Nativity pageant. (Please feel free to arrange another time with us if this does not suit you.)

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas!
Eve and David Lockett

BIBLE STUDY

St Andrew's Church, Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm
Restarts 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 7th 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 taking a break and reopens again on 9th January, 10:30am-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. Restarts on January 15th.

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. Restarts on 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 Eve:
Text message.
Just says:
On my way.

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CHRISTMAS AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 22nd

10:30am Pop-Up Nativity

Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle

11:00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion

10:30am Christmas Service



St Michael's, Cumnor
01865 861541 | cumnor.org | office@cumnor.org

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 family of Ann Jennings as they mourn.
- † 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.
- † 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/qiving/>

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/>

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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