



St. Michael & All Angels

CHURCH IN THE PARK | LIVING, LOVING, SERVING

16 December 2018 : Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to our services today. If you are a visitor and usually take communion in your own church, we hope you will share the sacrament with us. If you are not a communicant, please still come to the altar, but carry a book, and you will receive a blessing. Do join us for Fairtrade refreshments in Church House after the 8.00 am and 9.00 am services and at the back of church after the 10.45 am service.

A Crèche is available in the North Room during the 10.45 am service. All children attending the 10.45 am service are welcome to meet in school year groups during term time as follows:

Bubbles – Pre-school & Reception: North Room
JC Club – Years 1 - 8: Church House

Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of events in the coming week which you might want to join in with, or pray over.

COLLECTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

Collect:

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Collect:

**We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.**

Today's readings with their pew bible page numbers are:

Old Testament Reading: **Zephaniah 3: 14-end** (page 947)

This prophet of the 7th century BC is mostly a voice of doom, but this passage ends his work on a note of hope. God will always preserve a remnant of the faithful through the worst of times, and come in his own person as king and saviour.

New Testament Reading: **Philippians 4: 4-7** (page 1181)

'The Lord is near', wrote Paul. He means that the coming in glory of the resurrected Jesus will happen soon. During the time of waiting, be joyful, be peaceable, be prayerful, be thankful.

Gospel Reading: **Luke 3: 7-18** (page 1029)

As we heard last Sunday, Christians understand John the Baptist as the one to whom ancient Scripture had pointed as God's messenger preparing the way for Jesus. John's teaching provoked controversy, but his proclamation of repentance and baptism gained him many disciples.

8:00 am Holy Communion (Said) (Common Worship)

9:00 am Holy Communion (Sung) (Common Worship)

10:45 am Service of the Word

4.00 pm Christians in the Community Carol Service (Naphill Village Hall)

6:00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP) (No sermon)

Psalm 50 (Oxford Psalter page 104)

Isaiah 35 (page 719)

Hymn 1

Luke 1: 57-66 (page 1027)

Hymns 458 & 15

Intercessions: In our prayers this week we remember Cerys Seys Llewellyn, Florence Pinfield, Ann Way, Mary Harris, Pat Bottomley, Alma Hansford, Audrey Todd, John Brooks, Stella Blake, Joan Palmer, Michael Harris, Ann McCarthy, Levi and Nicolas Santana, and all who care for and about them.

The funeral of Margaret Rabson will take place in church on Monday 7 January 2019 at 11.00 am, followed by a private act of committal at Chilterns Crematorium. Refreshments will be served in Church House.

Next Sunday 23 December, Keith has been invited to give a short Christmas message to the patrons of Magnolia Park at 1.00 pm. Please do pray that the Lord would bless those who hear the message of Christmas!

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer is said on Monday to Saturday at 7.30 am. Do join us.

MONDAY 17 December

10.00 am Come and Meet the Vicar: Hughenden Village Shop

7.45 pm Visiting Bell Ringers (1½ hours)

TUESDAY 18 December

10.30 am Spring Valley Carols

1.30 pm Hughenden School Carol Service: Church

7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

8.00 pm Carol Singing: The Wheel Pub, Naphill

WEDNESDAY 19 December

9.00 am Great Kingshill School Christmas Services KS2: Church

10.15 am Visiting Bell Ringers (3 hours)

2.00 pm Great Kingshill School Christmas Services KS1: Church

7.45 pm Choir Practice for Nine Lessons & Carols: Church

8.00 pm Carol Singing: The Harrow, Hughenden

THURSDAY 20 December

10.30 am Friendship Morning: Church House

2.00 pm Funeral of Maureen Stone followed by a burial in our churchyard.
Refreshments will then be served in Church House.

SATURDAY 22 December

9.00 am Church Decoration

Next Sunday:

23 December : Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion (Said) (Common Worship)

9.00 am Matins (Sung) (BCP)

10.45 am Family Communion

6.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18-19 December – Please join us for Carol singing this week:

Tuesday 18 December at 8.00 pm in the Wheel Pub, Main Road, Naphill, and then Wednesday 19 December at 8.00 pm in the Harrow, Warrendene Road, Hughenden Valley. Join us in taking the Good News of the birth of the saviour of the world into our local community!

GENERAL

Parish Pilgrimage I will be leading a Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 18-27 February 2020, travelling with McCabe Pilgrimages. The cost will be £1,945 per person, which includes flights with BA to and from Heathrow Airport, full board in two excellent hotels (6 nights in Jerusalem and 3 nights in Tiberias) and gratuities. Further details and booking forms are available

from me, in either paper or electronic form. To secure your place a £200 deposit is required, plus an optional travel insurance premium of £59. Keith.

Invitation for Singers to join the choir for the Nine Lessons and Carols service on 23 December at 6:00 pm. Rehearsal on Wednesday 19 December at 7:45 pm in church. Ability to read music is helpful. Please contact Neil so he knows who to expect: organist@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk

One Can Trust The current urgent needs this week are: tinned ham and corned beef; tinned carrots, mixed veg, mushrooms, potatoes and green beans. I will be checking the boxes for final donations until Thursday afternoon as the warehouse is open for delivery on Friday 21 December. Alternatively please use the donation boxes in the major supermarkets. Thank you all for the tremendous support over the last two weeks. Any queries please contact Barbara Willson 01494 713770.

Church Decoration Please note: we are decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 22 December instead of the usual Christmas Eve as incorrectly shown in Outlook. Please bring any firs, holly or evergreens to the church by 9.00 am on Saturday 22nd, and if you can help with decorating, we will be pleased to see you. Jean Godfrey.

Wycombe Workplace Chaplaincy Job Vacancy Administrator required for a fixed term placement until 30 June 2019 to assist with developing the work of the Wycombe Workplace Chaplaincy. Voluntary position with expenses covered and an honorarium; working from home (own laptop/PC required); 3-4 hours per week but flexibility required around training sessions and event on 11th March; accountable to and supported by named trustees. Apply by email to andrewgreenag64@gmail.com with your CV by 20 December. You are welcome to phone for further details: 07746 373639.

If you are aware of any member of our church family who is unwell, in hospital, housebound, lonely or in need of support, please let Keith the Vicar know (or Helen, Associate Minister, if Keith is not available).

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