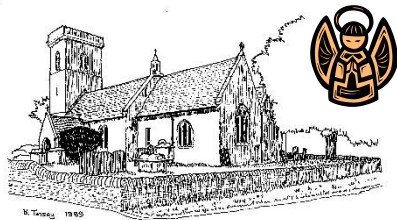


The Parish of Brize Norton

St Britius Church

News Sheet – December 2018

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Services:

Sunday 2 December – First Sunday of Advent

9:15am Family Communion, *Readings: 1 Thessalonians. 3. 9-end, Luke 21. 25-36*

Wednesday 5 December - 7:00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 9 December – Second Sunday of Advent

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Philippians 1. 3-11, Luke 3. 1-6*

Wednesday 12 December - 7:00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 16 December – Third Sunday of Advent

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Philippians 4. 4-7, Luke 3. 7-18*

Wednesday 19 December – 7.00pm Holy Communion



Sunday 23 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.15am: Holy Communion. *Readings: Hebrews. 10, 5-10, Luke 1. 39-45 (46-55)*

6.00pm Carol Service and Nativity Tableau: This is a service of 9 lessons and carols. Please bring small people dressed as characters from the Nativity, Angels, Shepherds, Kings or people from Bethlehem etc. to join in the tableau as the service goes on. If you need some help or ideas for costumes, please see Carolyn. There will be mince pies and refreshments after the service.

Monday 24 December - Christmas Eve

11.30pm: **Midnight Mass** *Readings: Hebrews 1.1-12, John 1.1-14*



Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

9.15am: Family Communion *Readings: Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-20*

This is a family friendly, all-age service and everybody is welcome. Children, please do bring a present to show.

Wednesday 26 December – no service

Sunday 30 December – First Sunday of Christmas

9:15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Col. 3 12-17, Luke 2. 41-end*

Contact details: (Rev. James and Rev. Bill have now both retired from ministry)

Curate: Rev. Ian Howard 07867784693 curate@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Honorary Retired Minister: Rev. Stephen Bessent stephenbessent@btinternet.com

Lay Minister:: Lyndsay Baker layminister@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Churchwarden : Dr Phil Holmes 843856 p.holmes@brizenorton.org

Anniversaries this month

Roy Clarke, Christopher Heffer, Barbara Stanton, Eric Barnard, Clarence Betts, Mary Phipps, David Griffiths, Josephine Black, Tony Anderson, Marianne Bell, Mabel Faulkner, Mike Wallace, Geraldine Parkway, Daphne Hounslow, John Moss, Frederick Smith.



Please remember in your prayers:

James and Katie and family, Chris and Wendy Morgan.

Rosie Howard, who is in Sobell House, and Ian as he cares for her.



Pilgrim Lunch: Our regular soup, cheese, doughnuts and fellowship has moved to Wednesdays, same time, same place: in church, 12.30pm-1.30pm. Contact Ben Campion 358690 for more information.



Advent Lunch: Thank you to Rosalind for organising our Advent Lunch

Christmas Flowers: Donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers would be most welcomed by Mary. Please let her know if contributions are in memory of loved ones.



Mince pies: If you can help by making some mince pies for the Carol Service on Sunday 23 December please could you sign up on the sheet on the table. Either bring them to Church in the morning of Sun 23 Dec or let Mary have them by 3pm so that they can be warmed in the Aga. Thank you.



Carol Singing: Please come and join us carol singing in the village on Thursday 20 December, from about 6.30pm to 7.30pm. We will visit 2 or 3 roads and finish in The Chequers. We will have the saxophone music to sing to but really do need a group of us, so please come!. Please speak to Carolyn or Jacquie. Meet in the Elderbank Hall car park at 6.30pm.



Christmas Quiz: See Carolyn to get this year's famous St Brit's Christmas quiz. For a suggested donation of just £2.50 you can keep the family busy all over Christmas! Return your answers to Carolyn by 6 January 2019 for the chance of a small prize.



Stamps: Please save the stamps from your Christmas cards again this year and bring them into church to be collected for Lepira.

Dates for your diary

For Christmas service times – please see 'Services' on the front page

Sunday 2 December - PCC meeting in church after the service

Thursday 20 December 6.30pm – Carol singing in Brize Norton village

Sunday 3 February 2019, 9:15am – Christingle Service