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**Services:** *Please remember to bring your mask and to abide by our safety instructions. If you are reading, please bring your own copy of your reading.*

**Sunday 6 December – Second Sunday of Advent** (Rev. Stephen and Gary)

**9:15am** Family Communion, *Readings: 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8*

**Wednesday 9 December - 7:00pm** Holy Communion (Rev. Stephen)

**Sunday 13 December – Third Sunday of Advent** (Rev. Ian)

**9:15am** Holy Communion. *Readings: 1 Thess.5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28*

**Wednesday 16 December - 7:00pm** Holy Communion (Rev. Stephen)

**Sunday 20 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Please note there is no 9.15am Holy Communion service in church.

Please tune in to the service from St John's at 10.30am via Zoom, Facebook or phone.

**6.00pm Candle lit Nativity Service with carols – Reflections from Bethlehem.** (Rev. Ian)

**It is necessary to book a place if you would like to come to this service.**



**Thursday 24 December - Christmas Eve - 11.30pm: Midnight Mass** (Rev. Ian)

**It is necessary to book a place if you would like to come to this service.**



**Friday 25 December – Christmas Day** - There is no service at St Britius. You are warmly invited to St John's at 10.00am, but please contact Allister Holt 209227 to book a place.

**Sunday 27 December – First Sunday of Christmas** (Rev. Stephen)

**9:15am** Holy Communion. *Readings Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21*

**Wednesday 30 December – No service**

**Sunday 3 January - Second Sunday of Christmas - 9:15am** Holy Communion.

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**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.



**Monthly Prayer sheet:** Please contact Lyndsay Baker, if you have anything you would like to add to the Benefice monthly prayer sheet. If you are asking for prayer for someone else, please ask their permission first. Please email [layminister@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk](mailto:layminister@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk) or ring 07783 650 793.



**Prayer shawls and rugs:** If you, or anyone you know would like one of the prayer shawls, rugs or scarfs which have been prayerfully knitted by members of St John's congregation, please let Lyndsay know. If you would like to join the band of knitters, or have wool to donate, please also let her know.



**Lanterns:** Don't forget to take a lantern kit and make it up to put it in your window through December, to shine out and bring God's message of Christmas.

**Booking for Christmas Services:** Due to Government restrictions we still have limited numbers in church so it is **necessary for everyone to book a place in advance** for both the Nativity Service on 20 December and for Midnight Mass on 24 December. If you would like to come please book in with Carolyn either by phone 844102 or text 07786 405341 or email [cpeach.uk@btinternet.com](mailto:cpeach.uk@btinternet.com)



**Nativity Service: Sunday 20 December 6.00pm:** This year's carol service has a new look. We have a new set of readings brought to us by people from the Nativity story, giving their own take on the events of that time. As we are not allowed to sing carols, we will listen to beautiful recorded John Rutter carols and others. We can't have the normal children's' tableau this year due to social distancing. Please book a place if you'd like to come (see above).

**If you can't make it to church** you can join in with the streamed service from St John's at 10.30am each Sunday, either via Zoom (the link is posted on the Facebook page) or Facebook, or via the telephone (contact Rev. Ian for details of how to do this).



**Pilgrim Lunch:** Current restrictions mean that up to six people can meet outside only. For fellowship and a chat on a Wednesday lunchtime, 12:00pm-1:00pm please contact Ben Campion 358690, or Bette Holmes 841140 to see if it is on.



**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.



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

