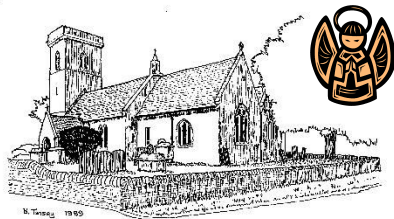


The Parish of Brize Norton
St Britius Church
News Sheet – December 2017



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Services:

Sunday 3 December – First Sunday of Advent

10.00am Family Communion (Bill), *Readings: 1 Cor. 1.3-9, Mark 13. 24-end*

This is a family friendly, all-age service and everybody is welcome.

11.30am - Baptism

Wednesday 6 December - 7:00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 10 December – Second Sunday of Advent

9:15am Holy Communion. (Stephen) *Readings: 2 Peter 3. 8-15a, Mark 1. 1-8*

Wednesday 13 December - 7:00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 17 December – Third Sunday of Advent

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

6.00pm Carol Service and Nativity Tableau: (Ian) 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 18 December - 2.00pm Brize Norton Primary School carol service

Wednesday 20 December – 7.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 24 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve

9.15am: Holy Communion. (Bill) *Readings: Rom. 16. 25-end, Luke 1.26-38*

11.30pm: Midnight Mass (Stephen) *Readings: Titus 3. 4-7, Luke 2. 1-20*



Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

9.15am: Family Communion (Ian) *Readings: Heb. 1. 1-12, John 1. 1-14*

Wednesday 27 December – no service

Sunday 31 December - 9:15am Holy Communion. (Bill) : *Gal. 4. 4-7, Luke 2. 15-21*

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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, Frederick Smith.



Our thoughts and prayers are with James, Katie and the family as James continues on extended sick leave. He continues to minister at our Wednesday evening Holy Communion and attends Pilgrim lunches. Our Sunday and Christmas services are ably covered by our team ministry, including our Rector, Rev Bill Blakey, our curate Rev Ian Howard, lay reader Lyndsay Baker and Rev Stephen Bessent, who has recently moved into the area from Exeter. We extend him a very warm welcome.

Pilgrim Lunch: in church, on Mondays 12.30-1.30. Lunch, discussion and fellowship. For more information contact Ben on 358690, or just come along and see who is there!

T4U Shoebox appeal: Thank you to everybody who contributed. Carolyn was able to take 32 boxes to the collection point in Witney.

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 17 December please could you sign up on the sheet on the table. Either bring them to Church in the morning of Sun 17 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 (Chichester Place and Chestnut Close) on Monday 18 December, from about 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Don't worry if you are not a great singer; the more of us there are the merrier and easier it is. Please let Carolyn or Jacquie know if you can come. Meet in the Elderbank Hall car park at 6.30pm.



Christmas Quiz: Take some time out over Christmas to have a go at our quiz, just for a suggested donation of £2.50. Get your quiz from Carolyn, and return it her by 7 January 2017 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'

Monday 18 December 6.30pm – Carol singing in Brize Norton

Tuesday 30 January 2018, 7.30pm - PCC Meeting at Church Farm House

Sunday 4 February 2018, 10.00am – Christingle Service

