

Morning Prayer

Every **Tuesday at 0845** in Bletchingdon Village Hall, in the Coffee area.

Every **Tuesday at 1000** in Chesterton Church, followed by coffee at The Red Cow at 1030. Do join us for either of the above.

Thursday Communions at Kirtlington at 0930: 6, 13, 20 Dec. **No service** on 27 December.

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The Akeman Benefice Bulletin

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Welcome to our church today. Whether you are visiting or worship here regularly, it is very good to see you. Please take this bulletin home and use it for information and prayer. It includes a full list of Sunday services taking place across the benefice throughout the month.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Full details of Advent and Christmas services are on page 3 and on the website: www.akemanbenefice.org.uk

Bletchingdon have decided **NOT** to hold the Drinks and Nibbles on 1 Dec as previously announced. We hope to do something early next year.

Kirtlington will be doing a special **Christmas Collection for the Bicester Food Bank** from **Friday 30 November - Sunday 9 December**. We have been asked for items such as Christmas cakes, biscuits, chocolate selection boxes, tins of salmon and other Christmas treats. No toys for children under the age of 5 years but books, colour pencils or bigger toys for the older children. As usual we will have a hamper in the Village Shop and a big box in the Church. Please give generously as the recipients cannot afford to buy these things themselves.

A few helpers are still needed for **Bletchingdon School's Christmas Prayer Spaces on 18 and 19 December**. Please contact Joanna on 351652 for more details.

Prayer for our schools: Monday 3 December, 2000-2100, at Michaelmas Cottage, Kirtlington, OX5 3HF. We would welcome anyone who is interested in our schools.

5-11 year-olds are invited to "Christmas Fun", an active afternoon in the lovely **Chesterton Community Centre on Sunday 9 December, 1400-1700**. With games, crafts, food, story and songs, this is not to be missed! Please sign up by **2 December** with Jo Cropp on 07759 177014. Others are invited to come and help set up, be with the children, and clear away afterwards. Sign up asap with Joanna Clifford on 351652. **It will be fun - we promise!**

The Hampton Gay Carol Service is on **9 Dec at 1515**. This is always popular, so come early to avoid disappointment!

Chesterton is fortunate to have a special Village Carol Service to be sung by the boys of Bruern Abbey School. Do come along – **Tuesday 11 Dec at 1800**.

Wendlebury Christmas Bazaar and Tree Lighting: Sunday 2 Dec 1600 – 1800 at the village hall. Mince pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate! Cakes, wreaths, table decorations! Fabulous raffle! Wonderful Christmas gifts for all! Games and carols!

Weston Big Breakfast – Saturday 8 December 0900 – 1200. Unlimited breakfast (£5 per head) plus festive raffle!

The Reverend Brian Wood will be retiring on 31 January 2019. There will be several opportunities for us to express our gratitude to Brian and Erica and to wish them well for the future. At the **Café Church at 3pm on Sunday 20 January** at Chesterton Community Centre there will be the usual mixture of activities, a testimony from Brian, and tea and cake. **Please note the change from the normal time**. On **Sunday 27 January** Brian will preside and preach at a **United Benefice Service at 1030** in Chesterton Church. *If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift please hand it to your churchwarden in an envelope marked "Gift for B Wood."*

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Book of Common Prayer (1662)

*Baptism

Sunday 2 December		Advent 1
Chesterton	0800	Holy Communion#
Wendlebury	0915	Holy Communion
Middleton St	1100	Morning Worship *
Bletchingdon	1100	Holy Communion
Chesterton	1100	Young Families' Service
Kirtlington	1600	Christingle/Advent Carols

Sunday 9 December		Advent 2
Kirtlington	0915	Holy Communion
Chesterton	1100	Holy Communion
Weston o/t Gr	1100	Family Service
Hampton Gay	1515	Carol Service

Tuesday 11 December		
Chesterton	1800	Carol Service
		(sung by Bruern Abbey Choir)

Sunday 16 December		Advent 3
Kirtlington	0800	Holy Communion #
Middleton St	0915	Holy Communion
Bletchingdon	1000	Family Service
Chesterton	1100	Chesterton Praise
Weston o/t Gr	1700	Crib and Carol Service
Wendlebury	1800	Carol Service
Kirtlington	1830	Carol Service

Saturday 22 December		
Middleton St	1600	Crib and Carol Service

Sunday 23 December		Advent 4
Weston o/t Gr	1030	Holy Communion
Bletchingdon	1700	Crib and Carol Service

Monday 24 December		Christmas Eve
Kirtlington	1600	Crib Service
Chesterton	1600	Crib Service
Wendlebury	1700	Crib Service
Middleton St	2200	Holy Communion
Bletchingdon	2300	Holy Communion
Weston o/t Gr	2230	Holy Communion
Chesterton	2300	Holy Communion
Kirtlington	2300	Holy Communion
Wendlebury	2300	Holy Communion

Tuesday 25 December		Christmas Day
Chesterton	0900	Holy Communion#
Weston o/t Gr	1030	Family Service
Kirtlington	1030	Holy Communion

Sunday 30 December		1st Sunday of Christmas
Wendlebury	1030	UB Holy Communion