

Notices

Prayer Ministry The team will be available on the following dates: 1st, 15th and 29th December.

OHCT Ride and Stride. Thank you to all my generous sponsors as £225 was raised. Half will go to All Saints Shorthampton and half to The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which has been very generous to All Saints in the past. Sarah Potter.

Reverse Advent A way of bringing Christmas hope to homeless people in Oxford. Wrap a box in Christmas paper and every day of Advent place an item into the box. A list of useful items to include is available from St Marys Church and Cornerstone and is on the Charlbury website. Organised by Churches Together in Charlbury in aid of The Porch, Oxford. Bring your filled box to St Mary's Church or the Cornerstone at the Corner House between Christmas Eve and the middle of January.

This year, **the Christmas Tree Festival** will start a new initiative called **the Giving Tree**. The project will connect local sponsors with children whose families are struggling financially during the holiday season. Community members can select a child from Giving Trees at the Community Centre, St Mary's, and Cornerstone. They will then purchase gifts for that child based on the interests/wishlists listed on the angel ornaments on the tree. For further details, please check out the trees and consider supporting a local child. All details are kept anonymous.

Christmas cards in aid of Slatyne, Ukraine

I am delighted to report that we have raised an amazing £1000 from the sale of the Christmas cards of 'Our Lady of Kazan' which will be sent to support the people of Slatyne. Thank you to everyone who has bought cards.

St Mary's Church, Charlbury with
All Saints Church, Shorthampton

The Messenger

1st December 2024

Welcome

Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom
dawns, turn us from the darkness
of sin to the light of holiness, that
we may be ready to meet you in
our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

If you are new to our church, please take a welcome leaflet
which you will find by the door.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

Large print service books and sheets available.

There is a loop system in our church – most effective in the
north or south aisle away from the pillars.

*Please ask before the service if you need a gluten free
communion wafer.*

Services

Services today

8am Holy Communion
9am Community breakfast and Christingle
10am Parish Communion
6pm Advent Choral Evensong

Services Sunday 8th December

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
6pm Ignite

Weekday services: See porch notice for changes

Morning Prayer 9am weekdays
Evening Prayer 5pm weekdays
Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Diary

Monday 2nd December

2pm Memory Café at the Bowls Club

Wednesday 3rd December

7.45pm Bell ringing

Thursday 4th December

10am Font Café

Friday 5th December

9.30am Stay and Play at the Bowls Club

7pm Choir rehearsal

Prayer for the Week

Prayers for the parish

Hixet Wood, Hone Court

Praying for those being baptised

Alice & Maud Butler 14th December 2024

Praying for the deanery

St Peter's, Wilcote. Please pray for Paul Mansell & Gail Ward.

Prayers for the Day <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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