

## Notices

**Prayer Ministry** The team will be available on the following dates: 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December.

**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.

### **Don't leave your Christmas quizzing too late!**

Make plans now to join us on **Saturday, 14th December at St. Mary's Church**. Teams will be made up of six people each, and tickets will be £12 per person. **Doors will open at 6pm, and the Quiz will start at 630pm and finish by 8pm**. We will be serving festive snacks, and there will be a bar, raffle, and a silent auction (so bring cash or card). It will be a great way to kick-off your evening. Contact Dine Glasgow ([dglasgow@theridgegroup.com](mailto:dglasgow@theridgegroup.com)) to reserve your team. All proceeds will benefit St. Mary's and its local initiatives.

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

# *The Messenger*

*8<sup>th</sup> December 2024*

*Welcome*

*Second Sunday of Advent*

Almighty God, purify our hearts  
and minds, that when your Son  
Jesus Christ comes again as judge  
and saviour we may be ready to  
receive him, who is our Lord and  
our God. **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  
10am Parish Communion  
11am Morning Prayer Shorthampton  
6pm Ignite

### Services Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Communion  
3pm Candlelit Carol Service Shorthampton

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> December  
7pm WI Carol Service

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
7.45pm Bell ringing

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
10am Font Café

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
9.30am Stay and Play at the Bowls Club

### Christmas Tree Festival begins

5pm Children's School Choir with Mince pies & Mulled wine

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
6.30pm Christmas Quiz doors open 6pm

## Prayer for the Week

### Prayers for the parish

Hughes Close, Hundley Way

### Praying for those being baptised

Alice & Maud Butler 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Praying for the deanery

St Nicholas, Heythrop. Please pray for William Burke and the Churchwardens John Sword & Charles Heneage.

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

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