

*We extend a warm
Welcome to you today.
May you be filled with
the grace, peace and
love of our risen
Lord Jesus Christ*



**SUNDAY
9TH DECEMBER '18**

10.30 Holy Communion
Rev Melanie Reed

After this service there will be a retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund. This is used by our ministers to help anyone in dire need. Please note that if you are a tax payer you can still gift aid your Benevolent Fund offering by putting it in an envelope with your name on it and requesting that it is gift aided in the same way as your regular offering. Thank you for your generosity.

15.00 Madley Park Service
Mr Peter Haskins

18.00 Evening Service
Mrs Stella Bristow

We pray for all those leading worship around our Circuit .
The ministry of prayer is available after the service in the area under the stained glass window. If you are unable to move there, please let a Steward know, so that they can come to you.

A loop system is available for those with hearing aids.
Junior Church is available for children and young people up to 16 years except at All Age Worship

ADVANCE NOTICE: there will be a two week Notice Sheet for Sundays 23/30 December.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ (in aid of the organ fund) This year's Christmas Quiz sheet is now available from Val Donoghue. Entry £2. Closing date Christmas Eve. The prize will be a Christmas treat. Completed quiz sheets can be placed in the box at the back of the church.

	<u>Sunday 9 December 2018</u>	<u>Sunday 16 December 2018</u>
Stewards Welcome Door Music PA/PC Prayer Min Morn Coffee Holy Comm	10.30 Holy Communion Brenda Edwards, Celia Woodfine Mary Jordan Pam Evans, Shirley Hopkins Peter Hunt Ian Prince/Daphne Groat Tina & Mike Limmer Men & Ladies Friday Bill, Marie, Sophie	10.30 Morning Service Tina Limmer, David Woodfine Ken Bennett Mike Limmer, Peter Maisey Keith Crawford Naomi/Ian Prince Ken & Phyl Bennett Colwell Drive House Group
Steward Music	15.00 Madley Park Sophie Hickman Peter Haskins	
Stewards Welcome/Door Organist PA/PC	18.00 Evening Service Roy Cobb Wyn Hunt Keith Crawford David Limmer	18.00 Carol Service Rosie Jones Shirley Richardson Rachael, Peter, Keith, Orchestra Dave Richardson/Daphne Groat

Please note the Coffee bar will be closed during the Christmas Period, 25 Dec 18—1 Jan19 inclusive.

'In-Touch: Could all items for the Jan/Feb issue of In-Touch be given to Ruth Lapworth by Sunday 30 December. Thank you. ruthlapworth@hotmail.com

NOTICES TO ANNMARIEPURKISS@YAHOO.COM BY WED 12 DECEMBER

LECTIONARY READINGS NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Second Sunday of Advent 9 Dec Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4 Cantic: Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79) Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

Third Sunday of Advent 16 Dec Zephaniah 3:14-20 Cantic: Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

GO TO WWW.WITNEYMETH.ORG.UK—CLICK ON THE TAB 'CHURCH LIFE', THEN CLICK ON LECTIONARY READINGS FOR 2018

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church diary this week

Mon 10 Dec	14.30	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Rev Melanie and Paul Reed with Christmas songs and stories. Followed by tea and biscuits.
Tues 11 Dec	09.45-11.15	GRANDPARENT & TODDLER GROUP
Wed 12 Dec	10.00-12noon 09.30-10.45	CHURCHES TOGETHER COFFEE MORNING SPACE 2B space and quiet with some discussion followed by led quiet prayer, at the home of Brenda Woods, 6 Spring Close. Please arrive from 9.15am. Tea/Coffee afterwards. For details phone Brenda on 700715.
Thurs 13 Dec	09.30 18.30-20.00 18.30 20.00	45 MINUTES PRAYER TIME in Susanna Room BOYS BRIGADE Juniors 8.11 YEARS NEWLAND FELLOWSHIP: Buffet & Carols Rev Melanie Reed PRINCES' HOUSE GROUP: 235 Thorney Leys Contact Ian & Rachael on 01993 773651
Frid 14 Dec	09.00 09.45-11.00	MAN FRIDAY WESLEY BABY & TODDLER GROUP
Sat 15 Dec	09.30-12 noon 10.00-12noon	CHARITY COFFEE BAR : Wood Green Interact NEWLAND CHURCH Coffee & Mince Pies
Sun 16 Dec	10.30 16.00 18.00	MORNING SERVICE: Mr David Sarbutts SUNDAY AFTERNOON CREAM TEA CAROL SERVICE: Rev Melanie Reed

A CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE FROM THE KARIBUNI CHILDREN CHARITY. Donations made between 30 Nov and 17 Dec will be doubled by pledges already made. This is an opportunity to spread our Christmas giving to help children in the slums in Kibra, Nairobi. For more information please see Jane Heath or Tom & Margaret Jones, or the leaflet on the coffee bar notice board. Donations can be marked as Karibuni and put in the collection plate or given to Richard Lock in the office.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF JACKY HOPKINS WILL BE HELD IN LONG-HANBOROUGH CHAPEL ON MONDAY 10 DECEMBER AT 11AM. The Chapel is likely to be very full so please bear with us on the day. *Family flowers only. *Donations to Cancer Research in Jacky's memory, if you wish. *NO BLACK to be worn. Jacky's family are very grateful for all the cards and messages of support that they have received from many people which has given them a lot of comfort.


INVITATION TO A MIRACLE you are warmly invited to the Christmas Concert of the Witney Inter Church Singers to be held at the Congregational Church on **tonight, Sunday 9 December at 6.30pm** This will be a lively occasion featuring music old and new including *Invitation to a Miracle by Joseph M Martin*. Even the newest music contains hidden melodies from many sources which will keep the audience's ears wide open. Tickets are £7.50 on the door or from choir. Many people from our church are in the choir (Guy James is the conductor) and would be very pleased to see you there.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WITNEY -ADVENT QUIET DAY on **Thursday 13 December 2018** at the Congregational Church, Welch Way, Witney from 10.00 am - 4.00pm Coffee will be served from 9.45 am. Please bring a packed lunch, a notebook and a Bible: drinks will be provided. Donations towards expenses will be appreciated. For more information and/or to book please contact the Revd Joy Hance on 01993 707935 or email: joy@witneyparish.org.uk by Sunday 9 December.

BAMPTON METHODIST CHURCH 6pm 16 December Carols by Candlelight with Children from Bampton School
LONG HANBOROUGH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Friday 14 Dec 10am-4pm, Saturday 15 Dec 12noon-5pm, Sunday 16 Dec 2pm-5pm. Christmas trees on display by local organisations. Refreshments each day and soup on Saturday lunchtime. Donations to the MS society

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS: Mike Limmer is again selling Christmas cards on behalf of Starfish Asia, Barnabas Fund and Support for Romania. Packs of 3 cards cost £1 and cards are available at 35p each. They can be obtained either from St Andrews Bookshop or directly from Mike. All profits will be shared between the 3 charities.

- CHRISTMAS CHARITIES—DONATIONS/GIVING**
- * **The Church Christmas Card** is at the back of the Church for you to sign and donations will go to Asylum Welcome
 - * **Carole Service—"All We Can"**
 - * **Christmas Midnight Service—Porch**
 - * **Christmas Day Morning Service—Action for Children.**

 Note: Mike and Tina Limmer are moving house and are only contactable by email from Monday 10 Dec until the New Year.

2 VACANCIES AT WINDMILL FARM: Hospitality & Housekeeping Manager, and Bookings Coordinator. See notice board in corridor for more information.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT COLLECTION FOR THE JOHN RADCLIFFE AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL There is a box in the coffee bar for items. New and unwrapped please. Please see posters for items to donate.

