



*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
16TH DECEMBER '18**

10.30 Morning Service
Mr David Sarbutts

Please note :
**Regrettably, the Sunday Afternoon Cream Tea
has been cancelled. Next one is 20th Jan '19**

18.00 Carol Service
Rev Melanie Reed

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.

THE CHURCH COFFEE BAR is open each day
from 10am—2.45pm during the week

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 16 December 2018</u>	<u>Sunday 23 December 2018</u>
Stewards Welcome Door Music PA/PC Prayer Min Morn Coffee Holy Comm	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	10.30 Morning Service Jane Heath, Helen Williamson Jane Wilson Doris Burton, Helen Mattinson Keith Crawford Daphne Groat/Mike Buckle Tom Southam, Christine Lapworth New Yatt Road House Group
Steward Music		Newland Service Katie Lowe Paul Reed
Stewards Welcome/Door Organist PA/PC	18.00 Carol Service Rosie Jones Shirley Richardson Rachael, Peter, Keith, Orchestra Dave Richardson/Daphne Groat	18.00 Blue Service Roy Cobb Sue Harley Rachael Prince Les Harley

**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 19 DECEMBER

LECTIONARY READINGS NEXT TWO WEEKS:

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent 23 Dec Micah 5:2-5a Canticle: Magnificat (Luke
1:46b-55) or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

**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 17 Dec	10.30	MONDAY MORNING HOUSE GROUP at 92 Colwell Drive. Contact Elgin on 01993 866546
Tues 18 Dec	10.00-12Noon 10.45	KNIT'N'NATTER Join us in the Coffee Bar NEW YATT ROAD HOUSE GROUP. Coffee from 10.15. This will be followed by a shared lunch. Contact Ken on 01993 703162 WITNEY VIEW HOUSE GROUP at 211 Thorney Leys. Contact Muriel on 01993 702731
Wed 19 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 20 Dec	09.30 18.30	45 MINUTES PRAYER TIME in Susanna Room NEWLAND FELLOWSHIP: Christmas Dinner
Frid 21 Dec	09.00	MAN FRIDAY
Sat 22 Dec	08.00 09.30-12 noon 10.00-12noon	ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING (includes Breakfast) CHARITY COFFEE BAR : Starfish Asia
Sun 23 Dec	10.30 15.00 18.00	ALL AGE WORSHIP TO INCLUDE NATIVITY & CHRISTINGLE: Mr Andrew Maisey NEWLAND SUNDAY WORSHIP: Rev Melanie Reed *BLUE SERVICE: Mrs Jude Levermore

* Next Sunday's evening service will be a **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**. This is the time of the shortest day and longest night of the year, when memories of past experiences and the pain of present reality can become overwhelming. This service will be a time when we can, in company with each other, and God acknowledge any sadness we feel at Christmas time. Recognising that this is not a season of joy for everyone, in this service we will be invited to reflect on the sorrow and loneliness, we may feel and offer it all to our great sign of hope, the Holy Child of Bethlehem. We pray that all will find hope and comfort in knowing that we are not alone. All are welcome. Please feel free to invite anyone who might like to attend. *Jude Levermore*

Note: Vanner Road House Group are not meeting this week.

THE KENNINGTON CHOIR concert performing Princess Ida raised £570.10p for Christian Aid.



Nancy Jenkins, Carolyn & Paul would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and phone calls to support us at this dreadful time since my husband's sudden death. The Memorial Service was a joyous occasion for us and the support we got was overwhelming. Thank you also to the ladies who laid on the wonderful and much appreciated refreshments.

A CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE FROM THE KARIBUNI CHILDREN CHARITY. Donations made up to 17 December 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.

BAMPTON METHODIST CHURCH 6pm 16 December Carols by Candlelight with Children from Bampton School

LONG HANBOROUGH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Sunday 16 Dec 2pm—5pm. Christmas trees on display by local organisations. Refreshments. 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 until the New Year.

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

THE KINGS SCHOOL, Witney have a part time primary teaching position available (Maternity cover) Please see notice board in corridor

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.

