

St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church Bingham

Dear Friends

Just a short message to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and to say a huge thank you for all the support you have given me throughout this year.

It's been a year of sadness as we had to say goodbye to Jon and Maria but also a year of celebration as we held our 800th events, welcomed new people into our church family, through baptism and those of you who have joined us and made St Mary & All Saints your regular place of worship – we're so glad you're here.

And now we've reached Christmas which of course is of great importance. It is a season where we can celebrate the Good News that is at the very heart of our faith in a God who chose to come among us, not in power or splendour, but in the vulnerability of a child, born in Bethlehem. In the quiet of that holy night, light broke into darkness, hope was kindled, as Immanuel was born – God with us.

As we celebrate with family, friends, and neighbours, we must also remember those for whom this season is difficult, and in love, show kindness, generosity, and compassion to all.

Once again, thank you so so much for being a tremendous support to me during my first few months of Curacy. It is an honour and a privilege to serve in the place where much of my Christian upbringing has taken place and I pray that my journey will continue. With God's help, I believe it will.

With my prayers and every blessing,

Wendy xx



Christmas Services

Sunday 21 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer with Wendy.
Readings: Romans 11: 1 – 7 & Matthew 1: 18 – 25
- 10.30am Christingle Service.
Readings: Isaiah 9: 2, 6 – 7 & Hebrews 1: 1 – 3

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

- 4.00pm Crib Service
- 9.00pm Holy Communion with Revd Canon Mark Tanner.
Readings: Isaiah 9: 1 – 7 ; Titus 2: 11 – 14 & Luke 2: 1 – 14

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day

- 9.00am Holy Communion with Revd Canon Alan Haydock.
Readings: Luke 2: 1 – 14 ; Luke 2: 8 – 20 & John 1: 1 – 14
- 10.30am: Christmas Family Worship.
Readings: Isaiah 9: 1 – 7 & Luke 2: 1 – 7

Sunday 28 December - Holy Innocents/Christmas 1

- 9.00am Holy Communion with Revd Canon Alan Haydock.
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 29 & Matthew 2: 13 – 18
- 10.30am Family Worship with Lesley.
Readings: Micah 5: 1 – 4 & Luke 2: 8 – 18

Sunday 4 January 2026: Christmas 2/Epiphany

- 9.00am Holy Communion with Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble.
Readings: TBC
- 10.30am Family Worship.
Readings: Psalm 98: 2 – 7 & John 1: 19 – 34

Family News



Newsletter: Please note that Wendy will be on leave from 26 December to 3 January and there will be no newsletter on 28 December or 4 January.



Christmas Cards: There is the usual board for us to put our Christmas Cards to our church family on.



Wednesday Morning Prayer: There will be no Morning Prayer on 24 December or 31 December. It will re-commence on Wednesday 7 January.



Home Groups: Groups have now finished for this year, but will be back in the week beginning 12 January. If you would like to join a group, please speak to Wendy, Lesley or Andy.



Welcome Cafe: Now that the cafe is held in OCH, the volunteers have decided that rather than have a long winter break, they will re-open the cafe on Thursday 8 January. Thank you so much to all who organise and help out at the cafe. It takes a lot of hard work and time so they all deserve a big thank you.



Lesley: As you know Lesley is now in the second year of her LLM training and part of this year means she has to do a placement in another context. So sadly we won't see as much of Lesley as usual during January and February as she will be spending some time at St Mary Magdalene Church in Sutton-in-Ashfield. I'm sure we all wish her well in this placement and please do pray that she finds it worthwhile and a blessing to her ministry here in Bingham.



Youth Club: We enjoyed another fun filled session last Tuesday evening. This is open to children in Year 5 and above so do encourage anyone you may know to come along. The dates for the first part of next year are: Tuesday 13 January; Tuesday 10 February; Tuesday 10 March; Tuesday 14 April; Tuesday 12 May; Tuesday 9 June; Tuesday 14 July. All sessions run from 5.30-6.30pm in Church and include pizza. We are going to start an exciting project in January, but you'll have to come along to see what that is!!

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Safeguarding Training: Just a reminder that there will be an opportunity for safeguarding training in person at Aslockton on 22 January. Please let Wendy know if you need to do your training and would prefer this to an online course.

Pray

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace"

(Isaiah 9:6 KJV)

Light of the world, come and visit us anew in the coming week. Renew a sense of Your Majesty in our hearts and minds as we prepare to celebrate your birth. We rejoice in knowing You, the baby born to be our Saviour, the one true Lord of Lords.

Make us a channel of Your Peace and help us to speak Love and Joy to everyone we come into contact with over the festive period. Come Lord Jesus. Amen

Streets and businesses to pray over this week:

As there are no assigned streets on our prayer list from 21st -28th December, perhaps we could pray for the street where we live until we resume on 4th Jan.

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"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole of creation".

Mark 16:V15