
MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 5th December

2.15pm Holy Communion Aldbourne Nursing Home

Thursday 6th December

8.00am Morning Prayer & Bible Study St Michael's, Aldbourne

10.00am Holy Communion Holy Cross, Ramsbury

Friday 7th December

11.00am Holy Communion Brendoncare

NOTICES

- ❖ **SPARKLERS** – meet at 9.15am on **Monday 3rd December** in St Michael's Church, Aldbourne. Toddlers and Preschool aged children welcome.
 - ❖ **CAKE AND COMPANY** – **Monday 3rd December at 10.30** Methodist Hall. Carols, cake and a good cuppa. Bring your friends. Contact: Rev Karen 078820 055878.
 - ❖ **THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER GROUP** meet **Tuesday 4th December** from 9.30 to 10.30am. Coffee, Bible and prayer for Ramsbury and the Whitton Benefice. Meet at 44 High Street, Ramsbury.
 - ❖ **AUTUMN BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP** – Rev Simon Weeden will be hosting a series of Bible Discussion Groups to complement the sermons on Sundays. The group is open to all and will meet **4th December** from 7.30pm to 9pm at 55A High Street, Ramsbury.
 - ❖ **FLYING FISHES CLUB**, under 10's after school drop in, will be **on Wednesday 5th December** at Ramsbury Church Room, from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Games, Craft, singing and tea, cake and biscuits. Free. No booking needed.
 - ❖ **WHITTONEDGE MEDIATION GROUP** – Thursday 6th December at 7.00pm at Whittonedge, Ramsbury.
 - ❖ **THE AMITY TRIO** – Winter Concert on Saturday 15th December at St Michael's Axford, Doors open at 5pm, Music starts at 5.30. Alice Simmons – Mezzo Soprano, Tam Coates – violin, Max More – piano. Tickets £10 – children free. contactamitytrio@gmail.com.
 - ❖ **ALPHA** – Everyone has questions about life and an Alpha course can help explore some of the big issues around the Christian faith and life itself. In the New Year, we are offering two different Alpha groups (one daytime and one evening); each will offer a talk, discussion and some refreshment. The groups begin on **Thursday 10th January**. For more information contact Ginny McGillycuddy on 01672 521226 or email: vlmcg100@gmail.com
 - ❖ **QUIET DAY** – a date for your diaries – Enjoy time out from your busy life on **Saturday March 30th**. Details and sign-up sheets in January. Contact: Rev. Karen 07882 055878.
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Deadline for Notices: 10.00am Thursday

Contact the Team Office (teamoffice@whittonteam.org.uk/01672-520963)

about forthcoming church events, or people to be added to the prayer list.

Office hours: 9.00am-2.00pm Mon & Thurs - Website: www.whittonteam.org.uk

WHITTON BENEFICE

Aldbourn, Baydon, Chilton Foliat, Froxfield, Ramsbury with Axford

Sunday - 2nd December – Advent 1

Micah 7: 7-12/ Luke 21: 25-36

8.00am Ramsbury Team Communion

10.00am Chilton Foliat Team Communion

4.00pm Aldbourne Advent Christingle

Please pray for the pupils, staff and governors of St Michael's School, Aldbourne.

Please pray for those who are sick or in pain.

We remember those who have died in faith, those whose faith is known only to God and we remember all those, the anniversary of whose death falls this week.

Next Sunday - 9th December – Advent 2

Benedictus/ Malachi 3: 1-4/ Luke 3: 1-6

8.00am Ramsbury Holy Communion

9.30am Baydon Patronal & Christingle

9.30am Ramsbury Advent Morning Worship

11.00am Aldbourne Holy Communion

4.00pm Axford Carol Service

4.00pm Chilton Foliat Carol Service

Please take this leaflet home with you

2nd December 2018 – Advent Sunday

OLD TESTAMENT – Micah 7: 7-12

Micah said, but as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD,
I wait for God my Saviour;
my God will hear me.

Israel will rise

Do not gloat over me, my enemy!
Though I have fallen, I will rise.
Though I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be my light.
Because I have sinned against him,
I will bear the LORD's wrath,
until he pleads my case
and upholds my cause.
He will bring me out into the light;
I will see his righteousness.
Then my enemy will see it
and will be covered with shame,
she who said to me,
'Where is the LORD your God?'
My eyes will see her downfall;
even now she will be trampled underfoot
like mire in the streets.

The day for building your walls will come,
the day for extending your boundaries.
In that day people will come to you
from Assyria and the cities of Egypt,
even from Egypt to the Euphrates
and from sea to sea
and from mountain to mountain.

GOSPEL – Luke 21: 25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'