

Parish of Winchcombe

Growing in God, growing the family of God

3 December 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome!

Jesus tells us to watch and wait for the coming of the Son of Man. May we keep awake throughout this holy season of Advent.

Amen – come, Lord Jesus!

Services for Today

St Peter's, Winchcombe

8.00am Holy Communion

President and Preacher: John Paul Hoskins

10.30am Christingle Service with Baptism of Benjamin Selden

Officiant: John Paul Hoskins

6.30 pm Advent Carol Service

Officiant: John Paul Hoskins

Preacher: Peter Slocombe

St Michael's, Stanley Pontlarge

9.15am Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Rob Pestell

Christ Church, Gretton

10.00am Morning Worship

Officiant and Preacher: Steve Carter

Today's Readings

Morning Service

Isaiah 64.1-9 (OT, page 704)

Mark 13.24-end (NT, page 48)

Christmas Service Cards

If you are able to deliver some Christmas service cards, please take a bundle from the cross-aisle table in St Peter's

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Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in
great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Weekday Services (4 – 9 December)

Services are at St Peter's unless otherwise stated.

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Funeral of Eileen North
Thursday	9.00am	Holy Communion
Friday	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Gretton School Christingle at Christ Church

Sunday 10 December

Second Sunday of Advent

St Peter's, Winchcombe

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

Christ Church, Gretton

10.00am Holy Communion

St Michael's, Stanley Pontlarge

No Service today

Winchcombe Methodist Church

4.00pm Carol Service

Christingle Money Boxes

After the 10.30am St Peter's service please collect a money box to be filled and returned to St Peter's Centre office before Christmas.

Willing Helpers Needed

If you would be willing to help make and serve coffee on Sundays after the 10.30am service at St Peter's, please talk to Rachel Merritt (602067). This is an important part of our fellowship and it would be great to expand the team.

Office Closure

The St Peter's Centre office will be closed on Thursday after 10.30am.

Advent Quiet Day

On Tuesday 5 December 'The Spirituality of Mary', a quiet day for Advent, will take place from 10.00am to 3.00pm in Tewkesbury at Abbey House, Abbey Precinct, Church Street GL20 5SR. Contact Mrs Penny Lidstone (01452 741410, penny@lidstone.net) to reserve a place, cost £10.

Christmas Craft Workshop

On Tuesday 5 December between 6.00pm and 7.00pm Churches Together in Winchcombe are organising some Family Creative Fun in the Methodist Church: nativity scenes, stained glass windows, book marks. Please do pop in to warm up and make something to take away.

Come and Play Nativity

We will have a Come and Play Nativity at St Peter's on Sunday 17 December at 3.00pm. Willing helpers are needed from 2.30pm to man craft stations, serve refreshments and tidy up. Donations of small cakes and biscuits would be very welcome. Please contact Liz Hoskins (603640) if you can help.

Winter Talks

Once again there will be a series of talks in the Methodist Church Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 2.30pm. Entry will be £3, including refreshments. On Thursday 21 December it will be "A Cotswold Christmas", a miscellany of readings and songs.

Floodlighting

Don't forget you can support the Friend's of St Peter's by floodlighting the Church!

Children and Young People

The 10.30am service at St Peter's is All Age Worship. We welcome children (and adults) participating and moving around. The St Peter's Centre will be open during this service for baby changing facilities. There are toys available in the Lady Chapel and activity packs for older children

Toddler Service Dates

Please join us for our Toddler Service at St Peter's on Thursday 14 December at 10.00am. This is an informal service for babies to preschool with stories, music, craft and refreshments.

Nativity and Crib Service

Please join us for one of our Come and Play Nativity – 'Follow that Star' on Sunday 17 December at 3.00 pm at St Peter's and our Crib Service on 24 December 4.00pm at Christ Church, Gretton.

Isaac Clarkson

Isaac's family would like to thank all those who have been praying for Isaac's recovery from his stroke. He improves daily and is being very well cared for by Bristol Children's Hospital. The rehabilitation team are excellent, and Isaac works very hard with them. He charms all at the hospital with his smiles and laughter.

It is expected that he will be ready to leave Bristol by mid to late January – in the meantime he is now coming home at weekends, which is a great success.

Please continue to pray for Isaac's full recovery.

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