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### Sunday Service Times

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November Christ the King

9.00am Holy Communion at St.  
Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion at All  
Saints

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion at St.  
Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion at All  
Saints

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2

The Revd. Dan Tansey's Farewell Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion at St.  
Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion at All  
Saints

12-2.00pm Picnic Lunch in the Guide  
and Scout HQ

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3

9.00am Holy Communion at St.  
Mary's

10.30am Praise and Worship at All  
Saints

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December Advent 4

9.00am Holy Communion at St.  
Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion at All  
Saints

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### Christmas Service Times

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

2.15pm MU Holy Communion and  
Carols at St. Mary's

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm Carol Service at St. Mary's

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm Carol Service at All Saints

#### Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion  
at St. Mary's

#### Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Holy Communion  
at All Saints

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December Feast of St. Stephen

10.00am Morning Worship at St. Mary's

### Christingle Services

For all the information you need about the  
year's Christingle Services as well as the  
service times, please see the back page of  
this issue of the News Sheet.

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### Dan Tansey – a celebration of his ministry.

On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December** we are going to celebrate Dan's ministry with us in the Woottons over the last 4 years. Dan will preach at the 9.00am and 10.30am Holy Communion services and then we will all gather for a celebration lunch with Dan, Beti, Christian and Sera at the Guide and Scout HQ in North Wootton.

Dan and his family are seeking to discern where God is leading him to serve when he leaves us. In the meantime, Dan has been seconded to Heacham Parish to support the Revd. Veronica Wilson who is the vicar there. Dan is still available for ministry in the Woottons as well.

### Gathered Holy Communion held at 11.00am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month.

Gathered Holy Communion is for people who cannot easily get to church for our Sunday services. We arrange lifts and gather for Holy Communion at the home of David and Stephanie Lake once a month. From now on we meeting on Wednesdays at 11.00am – our next one will be on Wednesday . If you are Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to come along, or if you know someone who might be interested, please get in touch with James.

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### From the Diocese of Norwich – the new Vision: Transformed by Christ Prayerful Pastoral Prophetic

*“As we envision our first year of being Transformed by Christ, the newly-adapted Covenant prayer helps us in the Diocese of Norwich to focus our commitment on deepening our life of prayer”.*

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to prayer.  
Put me to deepening my life with you by deepening my life of prayer.  
Put me to the faithful setting aside of time;  
put me to listening;  
put me to wonder;  
put me to holding a broken world in your love;  
put me to trusting.  
I willingly expect to be changed by prayer:  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield to being transformed by Christ. Let me be changed by you and so change the world for you.  
Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And this covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen

### Question: Should we use this prayer together in services as 2022 begins?

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### **The Prayer Chain**

As part of our "coming out of lockdown" review, we are looking at how the prayer chain is working. The prayer chain has run in its current form for over 20 years by a few faithful people to whom we are very grateful.

It feels like it is time to step back, pray and ask God how it should be taken forward, and to that end we are taking a short sabbatical and will be praying separately and together to seek God's will about how the prayer chain could be reorganised to make it lighter work for those involved. We hope to be reformed and in working order by January. We would ask you all to join in prayer with us, and also seek God to see if he may be calling you to pray in this way.

In the meantime, if you have prayer needs please contact the rectory office, or ask fellow church members to pray for you. Those of you already on the list will not be forgotten, and we will contact you again in January. From the Prayer Chain pray-ers.

### **A new mid-week Holy Communion**

We are aware that some people who prefer to attend St. Mary's Church find the 9.00am services to be too early. To meet this need, and to offer a service for any others who would like to come, we will soon be starting a weekly 10.30am Holy Communion on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January – The Feast of Epiphany

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### **The Church in the Woottons Dropin – every Wednesday 9 – 11.45 am North Wootton Village Hall**

The Dropin is well underway now and it seems to be going well. We meet in North Wootton Village Hall each Wednesday between 9.00 and 11.45am. For a reasonable, voluntary cost of £3.00, we provide hot and cold drinks with homemade cakes, games, jigsaws, colouring and toys for small children. We always endeavour to make everyone feel welcome. We now have a good number of volunteers to make the Dropin work well, but we can always find space on the rotas for more. If anyone is interested in becoming part of the team please speak to Linda or James.

Please phone us on 673742 or email linda on: [lindanash3@googlemail.com](mailto:lindanash3@googlemail.com)

### **Services in Church – current information**

There is no longer any need to reserve seats for Sunday and other services. Simply turn up to church from now on.

**Please wear a face covering as you leave and enter the church building. You may remove it during the service whilst you are in your place. We also ask that you wear your face covering when you leave your seat to receive Communion.**

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I am very pleased to announce that we are holding live Christingle Services this year. However, because of the current situation regarding COVID 19 and high infection levels, we have made some significant changes:

1. We will be offering 4 Christingle Services this year – 2 services at each church
2. None of the Christingle Services will take place on Christmas Eve this year. Instead, we will run them on the evenings of four schooldays leading up to the end of term – each service will begin at 6.00pm
3. Because our church buildings are relatively small, we are placing a limit on the number of people (adults and children) who can attend each service.
4. At St. Mary's Church, South Wootton, we are limiting the number of people (adults and children) who can attend each Christingle Service to 75
5. At All Saints Church, North Wootton, we are limiting the number of people (adults and children) who can attend each Christingle Service to 70.
6. Because we are having to restrict numbers who can attend our Christingle Services this year we wish to give priority to families with young children. Of course, grandparents will be welcome to come as part of a family.
7. We ask that you email [james@churchinthewoottons.net](mailto:james@churchinthewoottons.net) to reserve your places. Please tell James who will be attending and the ages of your children. We will then issue you with a family ticket.

These are the Christingle Services we are offering this year:

When?			Where?
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	All Saints Church, North Wootton
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	St. Mary's Church, South Wootton
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	St. Mary's Church, South Wootton
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	All Saints Church, North Wootton

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