



the church in the  
WOOTTONS

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Committed to God** – through worship, prayer and learning

**Committed to Community** – through care and support

**Committed to Growth** – through knowing God and one another

One inclusive and extensive

Church family

Gathering in various

Meeting places

Around the Woottons

Near to King's Lynn

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end

I Thessalonians 1:5-11

Matthew 25:13-30

9.00am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's Church
9.00am	Breakfast Church	All Saints Church
10.30am	Praise and Worship	All Saints Church

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7

Ephesians 1:15-end

Matthew 25:31-end

9.00am	Breakfast Church	All Saints Church
10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church
	Joint Service	

## The Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## DIARY

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am 1.45pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Gathered Holy Communion Funeral of Richard Pinder at St. Mary's Church Aspects of Christianity at the Rectory House group at Halfacre, Nursery Lane
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am 2.00pm 2.30pm	Morning Prayer at All Saints Church House group at 2 Willow Road Holy Communion at Wyndham House
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00 – 12noon	Dropin at North Wootton Village Hall
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am, 10.30am 1.00pm 6.45pm	Staff meeting at the Rectory Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church House group at 16 Castle Acre Close King's Lynn Community Choir at Springwood High School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Please note:</b> 7.30pm	<b>No "Aspects of Christianity" course</b> House group at Halfacre, Nursery Lane
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer at All Saints House group at 2 Willow Road
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 12noon 2.15pm	Dropin at North Wootton Village Hall Mothers' Union meeting at Thaxters
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 1.00pm 6.45pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church House group at 16 Castle Acre Close King's Lynn Community Choir at the Hub Springwood High School

**WELCOME** – If you are visiting us for the first time, we hope you enjoy the service and feel welcome. If you would like to find out more about The Church in the Woottons, please ask us or email James at [james@churchinthewoottons.net](mailto:james@churchinthewoottons.net) or visit [www.churchinthewoottons.net](http://www.churchinthewoottons.net)

**JAMES AND LINDA** – are going on holiday for one week from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November for what they hope will be a restful and restoring break. Linda Ashby will preside at the Holy Communion services on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November in James's absence – for which he is very grateful. Margaret Ojelade has very kindly offered to preach for three successive Sundays to allow James some extra space.

**A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM LINDA** - Dear friends, thank you so much for all you have done to support our family through the last few weeks. Kind messages, flowers, prayers.... and you did so much to make Dad's funeral a very memorable celebration. Special thanks are due to those who cleaned, decorated the church with Dad's favourite flowers and made the magnificent 'garden' for the coffin; for those who organised the catering, baked cakes and set up and cleared the village hall. Thank you so very much. With my love, Linda

**“ASPECTS OF CHRISTIANITY” COURSE** – the course continues tomorrow; Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at the Rectory. The course is open to everyone and it offers the chance to learn about the Christian Faith. It is suitable if you have been going to church for years, or if you are simply exploring Christianity. For those of you who are considering Confirmation on 10<sup>th</sup> December, the course will act as preparation for that.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER CAROL SINGING IN THE TOWN CENTRE** – You are welcome to join staff, volunteers and friends of King's Lynn Night Shelter to sing carols in King's Lynn to collect donations, and raise the Shelter's profile. The singing runs from 12 noon until 4.00pm. Meet at the Night Shelter at noon and sing for 4 hours, 4 minutes or anything in between at two locations: outside Boots and outside M&S – dividing their time between them with breaks as needed. Lucy is around all afternoon and so if people are going later and can't find the carol singers, they can message her on 07903 747334.

**ALSO, ON SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER** – Christians Against Poverty (CAP) invite you to CAP Coffee, Cake and Carols 2 - 4.00pm at The King's Centre on Wellesley Street. If you can go along to this it will be a good and enjoyable way to support the work of King's Lynn Debt Centre.

**TCITW BANK ACCOUNT** – For any donations or payments you may wish to make to The Church in the Woottons you can pay by BACS. We bank with Santander sort code 09-01-29 acc. no. 41920596. Donations by cash or cheque are equally welcome. Our account name is “The Church in the Woottons PCC”.

**REVISION OF SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN** – following discussions at PCC and Staff meetings we have decided that from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January we will re-introduce a pattern of services whereby we alternate services between our two churches week by week. This decision has arisen for several reasons including: 1. James’s workload – the parish is as busy as it was before the pandemic now, and our ministry team is very much smaller than it was then. Added to which there are far fewer clergy in Lynn Deanery than there used to be, so there are not many priests to call on during demanding periods. 2. Joint services are proving to be very popular these days. We all appreciate the resulting bigger congregations, and we like being able to see all the members of our church family more often. 3. These days it is very expensive to heat both churches. Using only one church building will save a significant amount of money.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES—please note revised times for Christingles**

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Carol Service	All Saints Church
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Christingle	All Saints Church
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Christingle	St. Mary’s Church
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Carol Singing Event	St. Mary’s Church
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St. Mary’s Church
Christmas Day	10.00am	Christmas HC	All Saints Church

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- The people of Ukraine and all who are affected by war
- The people of Israel and the Gaza
- The family and friends of Frank Harrod, Richard Pinder, and Eileen Bruce, who died recently
- Those who are unwell, including Sally Steed, Sue Neil and Mike Fletcher

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