

# LOOKING AHEAD

Daily Office Monday to Saturday 8am and 5.30pm (except Thursday).  
Please note: Evening Prayer will be at 5.00pm on Tuesdays.

Sun 6 November 10am

Mass for Third Sunday before Advent  
(Blessing of the Icon)

Sun 6 November 7pm

Young People's Service

Sun 13 November 10am

Mass for Remembrance Sunday

Sun 20 November 10am

Mass for Christ the King

**Sat 26 November**

**Christmas Bazaar**

Sun 27 November 10am

Mass for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sun 4 December 10am

Mass for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sun 4 December 7pm

Young People's Service

**Sat 10 December 1pm**

**Christingle Service**

Sun 11 December 10am

Mass for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Wed 14 December 9.30am

School Christmas Service in church

Sun 18 December 10am

Mass for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (All Age)

Sun 18 December 4pm

Carol Service (6 lessons & Carols)

**Sat 24 December 11.00pm**

**Carols before Midnight**

**Sat 24 December 11.30pm**

**Midnight Mass**

**Sun 25 December 11am**

**Mass for Christmas Day**

**Mon 26 December 11am**

**Mass for St Stephen**

**Tues 28 December 11am**

**Mass for St John**

**Wed 29 December 11am**

**Mass for the Holy Innocents**

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**Next Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Hymns: 114 226 106 298**

**Malachi 4:1-2 Julian 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Isabel**

Psalm 98 Gospel: **Luke 21:5-19**

**Intercessions: Mary Mc Chalice: Hendrika**

**Sides people: Hendrika & Laurie**

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Churchwarden: Safia Dimsdale



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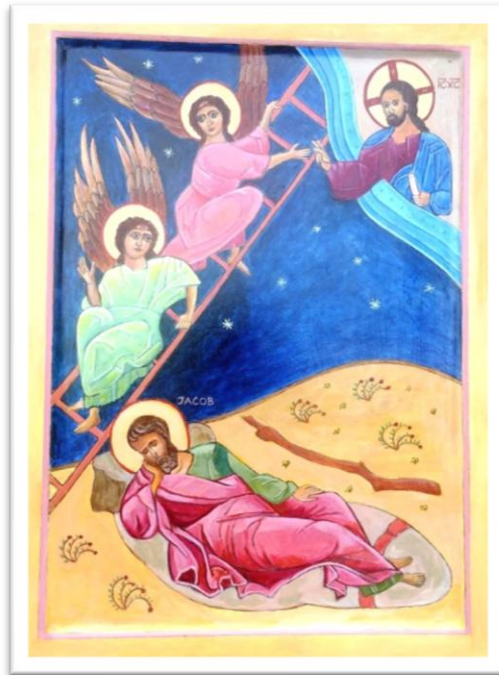


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✠ **THE PARISH OF  
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**BOW COMMON**



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**  
***Blessing of the Icon***

**Hymns: 90 81 82 508**

**Job 19:23-27** Safia **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17** Cathy  
Psalm 17 Gospel: **Luke 20:27-38** **Intercessions:** Isabel

**Chalice:** Toni **Sides people:** Helen/Ayo/Cathy

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Edmond Brien, William Jarvis, Naomi Harris, Esther Christian,  
Margaret Lind-Smith, Anthony Ali; Margaret Diss, John Christian,  
Rachel Christian, Jackie Lelkes, Isobel Coates, Ray Williams, Charlie  
Berry, Dawn Smith, Sharni Josephine, Nojahan Hamid, Margaret  
Whiteley, Mark Emmerson, Jane Keefe, Cresta Adcock, Jim Moore,  
Audrey Mameli, John Rowe, Blesie Smith, Iyabode Kadhiri,  
John McLean

For our link church of **Santa Monica, Maputo** in Mozambique  
**October Year's Mind:** Madhavlal Gurjar

Today we celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent **and during this service we will be blessing the icon** that was kindly created for us **by David Longbottom.**

We especially welcome David to our service today and look forward to his talk on praying with icons during the sermon slot.

## **Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 26 November 2016 - Less than 3 weeks to go!**

We need donations for tombola, bottle tombola, prizes and for the Christmas Hamper. Please see the list and the back and put your name against the items you would like to donate to the Christmas Hamper. We also need additional volunteers on the day as well as volunteers to sell entrance tickets. Please talk to Mary Mc if you would like to sell tickets.

**Sides Persons Meeting** – We will be having a **meeting on 13 November 2016 after the service** to go over this very special ministry of welcome.

If you are interested in being a sides person or finding out more about what is involved then come along to this meeting. If you are already a sides person then it's important that you are there to share your experience.



### **SPBC Youth Group**

We are hosting a quiz night on the **19th November** as part of our fundraising scheme for going to **Taizé in August 2017**. Save the date! Questions start at **7:30! £3 entry, food available to buy too**. Stay tuned during the notices for more info

### **Fair Trade:**

**TRAIDCRAFT STALL today.** Just a reminder that the first Sunday of the month we each have the opportunity to make a small but important act to support Fair Trading. Hendrika will have her stall set up in the church hall. Do visit it and buy many of the excellent items for sale – maybe buy a few Christmas presents.

**Please note that our PCC Meeting this Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the church hall. (Please also note the later start time)**

## **Confirmation**

We will be having a **Confirmation Service Sunday 23 July 2017** as part of our Sunday Morning Eucharist. Bishop Adrian will be presiding. At present, we have two candidates seeking to be confirmed, but there may be others among us and in our communities who may be wondering what Confirmation is all about.

If you are thinking of being confirmed I hope this note will help you to understand what is involved.

Being a Christian is a journey that has lots of stages in it. We all make our journey at different speeds and there is no definite timetable and even the route can be different for different people. Confirmation marks an important stage in this journey.

For some of us the journey started as a baby with baptism, for others the beginning may be a chance chat with a friend, something they read in a book or heard on a TV programme or some music that somehow touches their innermost feelings. Whatever it is, this starts the journey and as time passes we experience a desire to deepen our commitment to God.

Eventually we feel that we want to make this commitment public so that our friends and fellow churchgoers know we want to be followers of Jesus and receive God's grace to continue on the journey.

This is what Confirmation is: we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in a special way to strengthen and guide us for the future whilst making a promise to continue to serve Jesus in our lives.

Anyone being confirmed will be baptised first as a sign of the cleansing of our lives by Jesus' love. If you were not baptised as a child then this will take place in the same service as the Confirmation.

If you would like to be confirmed or find out more, please talk to Mthr. Bernadette.