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Churn Valley

The Week Ahead

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WELCOME TO CHURN VALLEY BENEFICE

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 4TH
2024

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 8th December, Advent 2

Baunton: Benefice Service, 11am JA-M & DM

Colesbourne: Holy Communion, 09:30am JA-M

**North Cerney Village Hall: Super Sunday Supper and
Christingle, 4pm** JA-M & DM

**Wednesday 11th December: Please note there will be no service
this week at Stratton**

Readings Sunday 8th December

(The Second Sunday of Advent: Purple)

Malachi 3.1-4

Canticle: Benedictus

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever.



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Readings

Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Canticle: Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel;
who has come to the people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the House of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy on our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,
Holy and righteous in his sight,
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the
Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,**

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be
forever. Amen**



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Advent Liturgy

As two red candles are lit:

One Candle to remind us of the Advent Hope the second for the prophets who believed in God during dark days, and looked forward to the coming of Christ.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in the land of the shadows but now light is shining on them.

We say together:

Living God, we thank you for the faithful people of every age. We pray that we too may have faith in spite of the darkness of our times, and may look for the coming of Jesus into the world today. Amen

Next Weeks Readings

The Third Sunday of Advent: Purple

Zephaniah 3.14-end

Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-end

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18



IN OUR PRAYERS

Years Mind

David Connor, Jonathan Coombes, Henry Ellis, Ruth Howes, Brian Oliver, Olive Savory, Ivan Smith, Peggy Walker, Rosemary Witts, Ralph Wixey

For our Prayers

Hugo Shepherd, Linda Wilks, Robert Farman, Dennis Minns

Those who have died

David Haviland Kay. Thanksgiving service on Thursday 5th December, 12 noon in St Peter's Church, Stratton, followed by a Burial of Ashes in Stratton Cemetery.

Chris Keen. A Funeral service has been confirmed for Tuesday 10th December at 11am in St Peter's Church.

Next Week's Services

Sunday 15th December – Third Sunday of Advent

Bagendon: Candlelight Carols 6pm DM

Baunton: Candlelight Carols 4:30pm DM

Coberley: Holy Communion 11am JA-M

Colesbourne: Carol Service 09:30am CP

Cowley: Carols and Lessons 6pm JA-M

Elkstone: Carols and Lessons 3pm MV

Stratton: All Age Big Breakfast Bash 9:30am

at Stratton Primary School, 9:30am DM & JA-M

Stratton: The Great Carol Sing 5pm

Wednesday 18th December, 10:00am Holy Communion at Stratton (DM)



NEWS & NOTICES

CHURN VALLEY BENEFICE

Big Breakfast Bash

Our all-age Big Breakfast Bash returns once more at *Stratton CofE Primary School* on *Sunday 15th December!* Cooked breakfasts are served from *09:30am* and all are welcome to this free event. Please come along when you can, we look forward to seeing you.

St Margarets, Bagendon: Carols at Candlelight

Join us with family and friends and enjoy a traditional village gathering on *Sunday 15th December, 6pm*, followed by refreshments. A collection will be taken during the service in aid of 'Winston's Wish and Home Start', please bring a contribution if you are able to donate.

Benefice Christingle at Rendcomb: 13th December

Churn Valley benefice is holding a Christingle service in Rendcomb Church on *Friday 13th December, 5pm*. We hope you are able to come along and enjoy this peaceful service to share the light of Jesus.

Super Sunday Supper and Christingle Service

All welcome at North Cerney Village Hall on Sunday 8th from 4pm. Anyone, from any age, from any part of the benefice. Activities from 4pm, Christingle service from 4:45pm, and a Jacket Potato supper with a Christmas twist from 5:15pm. If you can confirm attendance with Janet that would be helpful but not essential. We hope to see you Sunday.

Benefice Choir Carol Concert

A reminder our Benefice choir concert and carols will be held at *All Saints Church, North Cerney*, on *Tuesday 17th December, 6:30pm*. No tickets are needed, and refreshments will be available afterwards in the Village Hall.

December Services at Baunton

Join us in December at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Baunton's community space:

8th December: **Benefice Service 11am**. Organised by Baunton PCC: 'All about the Angels' - Collect one from the Church to decorate and bring it along to the service.

14th December: **Coffee Morning 10-12:30pm**. Organised by Baunton Social Committee: Delicious cakes and even better company

15th December: **Carols by Candlelight 4:30pm**. Organised by Baunton PCC: Mince pies and mulled wine

18th December: **Carols on the Green 6:30pm**. Organised by Baunton Social Committee

