

Notices for the week beginning 28 November 2021

Advent Sunday

Lunchtime Concert This week's concert is described as 'giving us our first taste of the festive season': saxophone, guitar and piano playing hits from the Charlie Brown Christmas Album. *Advance warning: the final concert of term will take place in Uppingham School Chapel at 1.30 pm on 8 December.*

Advent Carols (1) Our own Advent Carol Service (with candles, of course) takes place this evening (Sunday 28th) at 6 pm. Do join us for a reflective act of worship to introduce us to the time of 'waiting for the Lord'.

Christmas in Uppingham Thursday 2 December, 5 pm to 8 pm in church. Offers of help with the children's activities would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please email Jenny on uppinghamchurchoffice@gmail.com with a time (30-minute slots would be super). Thank you!

Afternoon Concert There will be a short recital of music for trumpet and organ by Andy Harris and Fergus Black on Saturday **4 December** in church at 3 pm.

Advent Carols (2) Uppingham School extends a warm invitation to their Advent Carol Service, taking place on Sunday **5 December** at 7 pm in the School Chapel. The service reflects on the great and solemn themes of Advent in beautiful, candlelit surroundings, with readings, hymns and choral music from the School's superb Chamber Choir.

The service is free, and there is no need for a ticket – please just turn up on the night. Please note that social distancing may not be possible at this service. We ask you not to attend if you have any symptoms which may be COVID.

If you need further details, please contact the chaplain, Revd James Saunders, at chaplain@uppingham.co.uk.

Memorial Service There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Pat Taylor on Monday **6 December** at 12.30 pm in church, led by Revd Bekkie Wright.

Christmas Grand Prize Draw

There are 56 great prizes to be won, beginning with **1st prize** £100 cash;

2nd prize Dinner for two with wine at the Falcon hotel.

See our poster at the back of church listing the many other prizes.

This is a fantastic fundraiser for the church. We've sold 600 tickets so far. It would be fantastic to sell as many of the remaining 600 tickets as possible, so

please do help if you can. Tickets are available in church this Sunday, next Sunday (5 December), and at late night shopping on Thursday 2 December. There's just two weeks to go till the draw in church on Saturday 11 December at 10.15 am. All are welcome to come along. Thank you for your support.

Help Needed Father Christmas has a requirement for 2+ elves, at least one from the Parish Church and one from the Methodist Church, to help him (i.e. Peter) on the Uppingham late night shopping from about 4.50 pm in the Parish Church Hall. The Congs have a volunteer! Please contact Peter on 821899; auditions are not needed.

CPRE Quiz It's time for the annual mental workout which is the CPRE Christmas Quiz; only £2.50 to have your brain turned inside out for a good spring-cleaning. This year's theme is 'Green and Pleasant Land: English Towns and Cities'; available online or in person from its creator, Philip Riley.

Please remember in our prayers

The sick Jane Downs, Sandra Kneale, Mary McWhinnie, Gail Nichols, Heather Schlich, David Price, Ian Cripps, Kathleen Watts, Pauline Simper, Adrian Simper, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Fran Britnell

The departed Stephen Freeman, Pat Taylor, Rodney Smith

Year's mind Marjorie Woodhead, Lilian Hindle, Kathleen Orson, Jack Hammond, Stephen Brooks, Joyce Fisher, Freda Woods, Allan Hunt, Kitty Ifor-Jones, Barbara Connon

The whole life of the good Christian is a holy longing. What you long for, as yet you do not see . . . by withholding of the vision God extends the longing, through longing he extends the soul, by extending it he makes room in it . . . So let us long, because we are to be filled . . . That is our life, to be exercised by longing.

Augustine of Hippo, Tractates on the First Epistle of John