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Calendar for 20 December 2015 to 10 January 2016

Sunday 20 December, 4th of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion (N.B. No Junior Church)
4.00pm Christingle & Crib service, followed by crafts in the Hall

Monday 21 December

9.15am Morning Prayer
10.15am Coffee morning

Tuesday 22 December

9.15am Morning Prayer
No lunchtime Communion service this week

Wednesday 23 December

8.15am Morning Prayer

Thursday, Christmas Eve

8.15am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Friday, Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All-age Communion

Sunday 27 December, John, Apostle & Evangelist

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All-age Communion

Sunday 3 January, 2nd of Christmas

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All-age Communion

Monday 4 January

9.15am Morning Prayer
10.15am Coffee morning

Tuesday 5 January

9.15am Morning Prayer
No lunchtime Communion

Wednesday 6 January, Epiphany

8.15am Morning Prayer
12.15pm Holy Communion followed by lunch in the food4food café
7.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 7 January

8.15am Morning Prayer

Friday 8 January

9.15am Morning Prayer
4.00pm Evening Prayer & Vigil

Sunday 10 January, 1st of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Epiphany Procession

'And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only son, full of grace and truth.'

John 1.14

Please pray for:

- Among the sick, housebound or recovering: Alison Hughes, Valerie Holroyd, Hugh Dawson
- Clergy, musicians, sacristans and all preparing for our Christmas & Epiphany services and celebrations
- The Cambridge Nightshelter—volunteers, users and host churches
- RIP Jack Petersen, Irene Bond, Alan Robinson, Pam Fry

Coming up...

Open Mind event: There will be a *Meet the Author Book evening* on **Friday 15 January** at 7.30pm in the Hall with local author and member of our congregation, Emily Winslow Stark.

We will be hosting a *Burns Supper and Ceilidh* in the Hall, on **Saturday 23 January**, 6.30pm, complete with pipers, haggis, neeps and tatties, followed by a ceilidh (all dances will be called, so no need for any prior knowledge!) . Tickets will be available after Christmas, but save the date now!

The next meeting of **Hard Questions** will be on **Friday 22 January** at 43 Highfield Avenue, CB4 2AJ, at the usual time of 7.30pm.

The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be on **Tuesday 2 February** at 8 pm at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, tel. 367351). We will be discussing *The Children Act*, by Ian McEwan. A brief resume: 'Fiona Maye, a leading High Court judge, is called on to try an urgent case. For religious reasons, a seventeen-year-old boy is refusing the medical treatment that could save his life. Time is running out...'. As always, new and occasional members are most welcome.

St Andrew's News

Any sidespeople/welcoming offers for **20 December 4pm** for the Crib service and Christingle, **Christmas Eve 7.30pm**, **Midnight Mass at 11.30pm** or **10am on Christmas morning** will be gratefully received by Patricia Abrey or the churchwardens.

There will be no Tuesday lunchtime service for the next two weeks - and the next service will be on **Wednesday 6 January** at 12.15pm (for Epiphany).

There are still plenty of **Children's Society collection candles** and **Advent Calendars** to help guide your prayers and givings. The funds raised are absolutely vital for the Children's Society to continue helping abused and exploited children. By providing direct, one-to-one support, thousands of children and young people have been helped in moving on from the effects of suffering harm and abuse, to taking positive steps in their lives. The Children's Society policy team is also working to lobby and influence decision makers, to ensure that these children are kept safe from harm and provided with the support they need. The collection candles may be brought back to church at the Christingle service, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service.

This Advent we are supporting the work of The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA), an East Anglian charity which is seeking donations of hot drinks for their '**Christmas cuppa Appeal**' to help provide warm, comforting drinks throughout the winter months. BEFA's highest profile initiative is to provide full Christmas lunch to a number of organisations, such as domestic violence refuges, soup kitchens and night shelters. Less well known is their year round support to vulnerable people via such institutions, including sometimes giving out made up hot drinks, and

sometimes providing supplies for such people to make their own. We are supporting that work by collecting any hot drink donations, including hot chocolate, coffee, tea, Horlicks, Ovaltine, of any size, from catering packs to individual sachets. We will have a box at the back of the church to collect donations from people coming to services during the Advent period (but it will not be left out when the church is unattended). All donations will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Copies of the Azul Wasi Autumn Newsletter are at the back of the church. If you would like to receive future copies by email, please contact Mary Pountain, mary.pountain@gmail.com

Cynthia Bull would appreciate **empty jars for marmalade**, particularly Bon Marie and 340gm. Please phone her on 322467 to arrange collection or leave under the bench outside 10 Capstan Close. **No jars—no marmalade!**

Christmas and Epiphany at St Andrew's

Sunday 20 December

4.00pm Christingle & Crib service, followed by Christmas crafts in Hall

Thursday 24 December

7.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All-age Communion

Epiphany: Wednesday 6 January

7.30m Epiphany Eucharist

Sunday 10 January

6.30pm Epiphany Procession

Readings for Daily Prayer

Monday 21 Malachi 1.1, 6-end
Tuesday 22 Malachi 2.1-16
Wednesday 23 Malachi 2,17-3.12
Thursday 24 Malachi 3.13-end of 4
Friday, Christmas Day Matthew 1.18-end
Saturday, Stephen, deacon, first martyr Acts 7.51-end

Readings for Sunday 27 December am: 1 John 1.1-10 John 21.19b-25

Monday 28, Holy Innocents Matthew 2.13-18
Tuesday 29 Colossians 1.1-14
Wednesday 30 Colossians 1.15-23
Thursday 31 Colossians 1.24-2.7
Friday 1, Naming & Circumcision of Jesus Luke 2.15-21
Saturday 2 Colossians 2.8-end

Readings for Sunday 3 January am: Ephesians 1.3-6 John 1.6-18

Monday 4 Colossians 3.1-4.1
Tuesday 5 Colossians 4.2-end
Wednesday 6, Epiphany John 1.29-34
Thursday 7 Matthew 20.1-16
Friday 8 Matthew 20.17-28
Saturday 9 Matthew 20.29-end

Readings for Sunday 10 January am: Isaiah 43.1-7 Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

Emergency contact

The Hall & Church office will be closed from Christmas Day until Monday 4 January. For emergencies please ring the vicarage phone number and contact the emergency number given. The church will be closed—apart from services - until Sunday 3 January.