

The Week Ahead

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Sunday 6th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Services around the benefice:

Church:

9.30am - Stratton - Holy Communion (JM)

9.30am - Bagendon - Matins (MG)

10.00am - Colesbourne - Morning Prayer (CH)

11.00am - Elkstone - Morning Worship (DM)

11.00am - Cowley - Morning Prayer (MV)

Online worship:

7.00pm - "Reflections and Prayers" - (AC) - online interactive via Zoom.

Please contact Revd Arthur (championarthur@gmail.com) if you would like to join any of our Zoom services but don't already receive an invitation.

CVB YouTube channel for past online services:



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8tFvSwMNjxmX1IK5sb59UA/videos

Suggested Readings for Sunday 6th December

Old Testament: Isaiah 40. 1 - 11
Psalm: 85. 1 - 2, 8 - 13
New Testament: 2 Peter 3. 8 - 15a

Gospel: Mark 1. 1 - 8

The Collect

Oh 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 for ever. Amen.



The Psalm: 85. 1 - 2, 8 - 13

LORD, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. 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.

In our Prayers this week...

Years Mind: Dilys Walters, Ruth Howes, Dennis Dean, Roy Doble, Nellie Rockey, Arthur Dowdeswell, Diana Gould, Leslie Butcher, Olive Savory, David Connor, Peggy Walker, Henry 'Harry' Ellis, Colonel Martin Jones, Brian Oliver, Ralph Wixey, Eileen Colburn.

For our Prayers: families fighting C-19 including Michael Dykes' sons and Revd Arthur's brother, the Milroy family, Jenny See.

Those who have died: Mike Appleby, Christopher Matthews, Frederick Russell.

Next week's Services:

Monday 7th December: 9.30am "Morning Prayer with the clergy" (please contact DM for confirmation of venue: 01285 655199)

Wednesday 9th December

Church:

10.00am "Holy Communion at Stratton" - (DM)

Sunday 13th December - The Third Sunday of Advent

Church:

- 9.30am "Holy Communion (BCP) at Bagendon" (DM)
- 11.00am "Holy Communion at North Cerney" (DM)
- 3.00pm "Drive-in Carol Service at Colesbourne" (AC)
- 3.30pm "Carol Service at Stratton" (DM tbc)

Online: 7.00pm "Reflections and Prayers" - (AC) online via Zoom.

Suggested Readings for Sunday 13th December

Old Testament: Isaiah 61. 1 - 4, 8 - 11

Canticle: Luke 1. 46b - 55

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5. 16 - 24

Gospel: John 1. 6 - 8, 19 - 28

News and Notices

"Feelings about Covid-19 and the Advent hope" - If you missed Dr Ben Newton's virtual talk last Sunday morning, which many people have found very helpful, then here's a link to the YouTube recording: https://youtu.be/27CA6EkCKto

Christmas occasion at Stratton Court Care Home - On Monday 7th December at 4pm at Stratton Court Care Home there will be a small Christmas event for the residents. The Christmas tree lights will be switched on, a West end singer is due to perform, and it is hoped that some members of our churches will gather outside in the courtyard to sing some carols. If you

would like to join in with the carols, please get in touch with Revd David in advance so that he can plan this! T: 01285 655199. Many thanks.

CVB Advent Course - Our Advent course continues on Monday
7th December at 7:00pm with the Song of the Angels, Gloria in
Excelsis Deo. The text can be found in Luke 2, vv 8 - 15. Some
introductory material to it and questions to think about are on
the Benefice website (follow the link to "Advent course 2020" from the
"News and Events" page). We will not have time to address all the
questions, but it will be useful to think through them in advance. The Study
will be accessible via Zoom from the Benefice YouTube channel or via:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9582609654?pwd=ZnAya24vcC8vL0duU044aV
g0eGZGQT09 Please contact Mark Venn (01285 831209,
email mark.w.venn@btinternet.com) if you have any questions.

The Children's Society's virtual "Our National Christingle Service" This year, rather than taking place just before Christmas, St
Peter's, Stratton's Christingle service will be held in the New Year
at 3pm on Sunday 10th January. In the meantime, you might like to
tune into The Children's Society's virtual Christingle Service which, in
collaboration with the CofE, takes place on Sunday 13th December
between 9.00am and 9.45am. The Service will be broadcast on both the
Church of England's Facebook page -

https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland and its YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/thechurchofengland

Carol Service at St Peter's, Stratton - Do come along on Sunday 13th December at 3.30pm. The Stratton team has created a service of Bible readings, poems, music and carols to be sung by our usual Christmas choir. It will be socially distanced, and the choir may be wearing face visors. However, it promises to be a special event to celebrate Christmas, so do join us!

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