

## **ADVENT CANDLES**

### **Advent Hymn:**

Christmas is coming,  
the Church is glad to sing,  
and let the Advent Candles  
brightly burn in a ring.

The third is for the Baptist,  
who cried "prepare the way,  
be ready for Jesus,  
both this and every day"

Christmas is coming .....

### **Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day  
Help us to be ready to welcome you now

### **GROUPS**

Group 1 is on duty next Sunday  
Group 2 on 30<sup>th</sup> December  
Group 3 on 6<sup>th</sup> January

### **NEXT SUNDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Advent 4**

9.15 a.m.

Sidespersons: F & K Parsfield, K Devey

Parish Breakfast: M Coates, P Boxford

Servers: Team 1

Prayers: Kevin Devey

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16  
Advent 4 Year A Romans 1: 1-7  
Page 10 Matthew 1:18-25

11 o'clock service

Sidespersons: R Devey, B Miller

6.30 p.m. Carol Service

Sidespersons: K Smith, D Petley,  
S Whittaker

Sunday School: "Splash" (3-8s) and  
"Xstream" (8+) in Hall

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## **T H E**

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The weekly news sheet of the Parish of  
St Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury.

**16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

**ADVENT 3**

### **WELCOME!**

#### **TODAY'S SERVICES**

#### **9.15 a.m. PARISH EUCHARIST**

"Splash" (3-8s) and "Xstream" (8+) take place in the Church Hall. The Choir Vestry is available throughout the service for small children (plus parent) if needed. Baby changing facilities are available in the disabled toilet.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the service. Everyone is very welcome.

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Notices and first hymn

Service begins: ..... p.167

Collect: ..... p.378

Readings: see separate sheet ( or p. 7

in the Lectionary)

After the Sermon, the Creed ..... p.173

Intercessions and Peace ..... p.174/175

Eucharistic Prayer ..... p.176/177

(Text p.201 'G')

Lord's Prayer ..... p.178

After Communion ..... p.182

#### **11.00 a.m. CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

The order of service is on the service sheet. The service is for all ages. There is no Sunday School or creche, but the choir vestry is available for small children (plus parent) if needed.

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the Service

#### **1.00 p.m. CHRISTMAS CRIB FESTIVAL - 4.30 p.m.**

#### **7.30 p.m. CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY CANTATA**

Would all worshippers please make sure that they are familiar with the evacuation plan displayed in Church, and note that there are no fire exits at the altar end of the Church

## DIARY

### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – ADVENT 3

- 9.15 a.m. PARISH EUCHARIST  
“Splash” (3-8s) and “Xstream” (8+)  
in Hall
- 11.00 a.m. CHRISTINGLE
- 1.00 p.m. CHRISTMAS CRIB FESTIVAL  
-4.30 p.m.
- 7.30 p.m. CANTATA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9.00 a.m. Meads School Christmas Service
- 7.45 p.m. Sunday School Leaders Meeting

### TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 9.30 a.m. Eucharist
- 7.30 p.m. Stewardship Steering Group

### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 9.30 a.m. Mums & Tots
- 2.15 p.m. Special Carol Service for people with  
Learning Difficulties
- 7.30 p.m. Eucharist

### FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

- 7.30 p.m. Games & Hobbies

### SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

Decorating the Church for Christmas

### SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER – ADVENT 4

- 9.15 a.m. PARISH EUCHARIST  
“Splash” (3-8s) and “Xstream” (8+)  
in Hall
- 11.00 a.m. 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE
- 6.30 p.m. CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE  
Followed by Coffee and Mince Pies  
in the Hall.

### MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 4.30 p.m. CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE
- 11.30 p.m. MIDNIGHT MASS

### TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10.00 a.m. CHRISTMAS MORNING  
COMMUNION

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## CHRISTMAS CRIB FESTIVAL

“The Road to Bethlehem”, our Christmas Crib Festival, continues this afternoon, 1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Please support this by coming along and encouraging your family and friends to come and enjoy the various cribs and all the skill, artistry and hard work that has gone into our displays.

## CHARITY COLLECTIONS

Our Charity collections continue this week with the charity. Luton Accommodation and Move-on Project (LAMP) Also we will be welcoming Karen Rabjohn to our 9.15 a.m. Eucharist when she will tell us about LAMP and its work in Luton.

### MEN'S CLUB

Percy Miller's talk on St Albans Abbey has been postponed to January, (date to be advised). There will be **no meeting** in December.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Now it is Advent, we look forward to Christmas, and to see beautiful flowers in church again. Donations towards flowers would be greatly appreciated. These may be given to Kathy Smith or myself, or placed in the flower wall safe which is situated in Church on the right hand side of the main Church door. Thank you.

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Offers of greenery would be very welcome.

*Chris Eyles & the Flower Ladies*

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Our Christmas carol service takes place next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30 p.m. Please come along and invite your friends, neighbours and family. After the service we traditionally have coffee and mince pies in the hall. Donations of mince pies would be very gratefully received.

## FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER (TONIGHT!)

Christmas Concert by Cantata (See notice)