

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 30th December
Group 3 on 6th January

NEXT SUNDAY, 23rd 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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The weekly news sheet of the Parish of
St Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury.

16th 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 16th 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 17th DECEMBER

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

TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY 19th 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 21st DECEMBER

- 7.30 p.m. Games & Hobbies

SATURDAY 22nd DECEMBER

Decorating the Church for Christmas

SUNDAY 23rd 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 24th DECEMBER

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

TUESDAY 25th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10.00 a.m. CHRISTMAS MORNING
COMMUNION

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 22nd December. Offers of greenery would be very welcome.

Chris Eyles & the Flower Ladies

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Our Christmas carol service takes place next Sunday 23rd 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 16th DECEMBER (TONIGHT!)

Christmas Concert by Cantata (See notice)