

# The Church in Warden Hill

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH THE WSG** – The Wednesday Social Group are going out for a Christmas Lunch on 5th December and would like to invite you to join them. It doesn't matter if you don't come to their meetings regularly, you will still be welcome. We are going to Brickhampton Court and the price is £22 for a two course meal £25 for three course. The coach cost is included and we will leave St Christopher's at 11.30am and return about 3.30pm. If you would like more details see Brian as soon as possible.

## **EMMANUEL FESTIVAL OF DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES**

A reminder that this will take place the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December.

Opening times (adults £2.50, under 16's free):

Friday, **6pm-9pm** (with carols, mulled wine and mince pies)

Saturday, **11am-5pm** (Cheltenham Children's Choir 11.15)

Sunday, **2pm-6pm**. Carol Concert by Cotswold Male Voice Choir and

Naunton Park Primary School Saturday **7pm** (Tickets £6, under 16's free)

Contact: Jackie Dunlop 580731 or jac@dunlopost.co.uk

**OWEN BARRACLOUGH** Dear Friends, Owen Barraclough will be marking the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priesting on the Feast of St Thomas (21<sup>st</sup> December). Owen will preside at a thanksgiving service of Holy Communion in the Memorial chapel of St Philip and St James Leckhampton at 12noon on that day, assisted by Revd. Nick Davies, Team Rector. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All are very welcome, please RSVP to Laura Evans on [info@pipandjims.org.uk](mailto:info@pipandjims.org.uk) or by ringing 573508.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

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| 3rd December  | Carol Supper 7pm at URCC                                |
| 8th December  | Christmas Fair 10am—12 noon at St Christopher's         |
| 15th December | Community Film Show 2.30pm URC Centre                   |
| 16th December | Carol Service at St Peter's 6pm                         |
| 22nd December | Carol Singing for Christian Aid 11am-12 noon Morrison's |
| 23rd December | Carol Service at St Christopher's 6pm                   |
| 24th December | Crib Service at St Christopher's 4pm                    |

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with any one of the Clergy.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.

Without your information we are unable to provide pastoral care.

If you have anything for the Grapevine please hand it to

Edna Willox ([grapevine@tcwh.org.uk](mailto:grapevine@tcwh.org.uk) Tel 510773) by early Wednesday evening



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(Anglican & URC)

# Welcome

**THE GRAPEVINE 2nd DECEMBER  
ADVENT SUNDAY**



### **10.30am Family Worship**

Christ be our light.

661 There's a spirit in the air

611 Spirit of God

615 Spirit of the living God

### **6pm Team Advent Carol Service at St Stephens**

**NO SERVICE AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S**

Acts 10. 1-8

No collection is taken during the service but there will be a box at the back of church before and following the service for your offerings.

**Please join us in the hall after the Sunday morning service for tea or coffee**

**Calendar:** Morning Prayer is said at St C's:  
8am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday and 8.30am Tuesday

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| Mon 03 |   | 16.00 and 17.15 Rainbows at URCC<br><b>17.30 Christmas Tree Lighting</b> | 19.00 Carol Supper at URCC<br>Bring and Share   |
| Tue 04 | 09.15 Palestine Prayers<br>10.30 Holy Communion at URC Centre | 14.00 MU<br>17.15 Brownies at URC Centre                                 | 19.30 House group                               |
| Wed 05 | 9.15 Little Shepherds   | Wednesday Social Group Lunch   | 19.00 Bellringing                               |
| Thu 06 |   | 17.30 Beavers<br>18.00 Brownies  | 18.45 Cubs<br>19.45 Scouts<br>19.30 ECM at URCC |
| Fri 07 |   |  | 18.00 Choir practice                            |
| Sat 08 | <b>10.00 Christmas Fair</b><br>at St Christopher's            |  |   |
| Sun 09 | <b>10.30 Family Communion</b>                                 | <b>15.30 Messy Church at URCC</b>  | <b>18.00 Choral Evensong</b>                    |

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**TEAM ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** THIS EVENING 6pm at St. Stephen's (note: no service at St. Christopher's)

**WHAT ABOUT ADVENT?** Starting TODAY Sunday, no flowers in church, just greenery. purple drapes as it's a penitential season, like Lent. What do you do to mark it? Many of us have food and gifts on our mind leading up to Christmas Day, but perhaps we can include five minutes each day for a bit of thoughtful calm? There will be a couple of books in the Prayer Corner specially for Advent, containing a poem a day, which have certainly enriched my Advent in previous years; feel free to borrow for the season.

**TREE LIGHTING** All welcome to the Tree Lightening in St Christopher's garden TOMORROW Monday 3rd December at 5.30pm.

**MOTHERS' UNION** Advent Meeting 2pm THIS Tuesday 4th December in the Small Hall. All welcome.

**16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE** The Mothers' Union is part of the international campaign, which runs from the International Day for the Elimination of Violence (25th November) to the UN Human Rights Day (10th December). Please pray for events taking place throughout the world.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** This coming Saturday 8th December from 10am to 12 noon. at St Christopher's. We will have stalls and on the hour have carols to sing in church, we are still collecting bottles for the tombola and items for the hampers. We would also appreciate cakes for the MU cake stall and Ladies Group would welcome paperback books towards their stall.

**DO YOU ENJOY CAROLS?** There will be an uplifting carol service on Wednesday evening at Christ Church at 7 pm arranged by the Amos Trust, a small human rights charity which challenges injustice and builds hope. Six members of the Choir of Bethlehem will be there, on their first visit to the UK. All proceeds go to support children living in the shadow of the dividing wall between Israel and Palestine. See the poster on the notice board. If you need help to get there, please speak to Margaret M.

**CLEANER** The cleaner of St Christopher's halls will be retiring after many years of service. We are now looking for someone else, the work is about 8 hours per week. If you know of anyone who might be interested, ask them to contact us on 01242 242831. Feel free to chat to Trish or Dorothy if you have questions.

Website for The Church in Warden Hill is [www.tciwh.org.uk](http://www.tciwh.org.uk)

# The Church in Warden Hill

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR** the work of the salvation Army

We continue to pray for everyone listed in the Prayer Corner book and on the prayer board.

Also pray for our Christmas Fair, and all the preparations during Advent as we get ready to celebrate Christmas.

## Weekly Prayer Focus

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| 2nd | Woodlands Road<br>& Silverthorne Close | 6th | St. Michael's Road<br>& Wells Close  |
| 3rd | Winchester Way<br>& Hazlewood Close    | 7th | Lincoln Avenue<br>& Durham Close     |
| 4th | Canterbury Walk<br>& Norwich Drive     | 8th | Lichfield Drive<br>& Rochester Close |
| 5th | Oxford Way<br>& St. David's Close      | 9th | Hawkswood Road<br>& Abbots Close     |

**TUESDAY** Please spare half an hour if you can to come into the Prayer Corner at 9.15 am on Tuesday and pray for the situation and people of Palestine as they approach Christmas, when **we** are able to worship freely wherever we are. No need to pray aloud, just be there.

**THE SOWER: ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS ACTORS NEEDED** a SECOND Read-through of the new drama for Christian Arts Festival 2019 is on Tuesday 4th December, 7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Bishops Cleeve. Any budding thespians please go along to have a go. Details: [nikki@christianartsfestival.org](mailto:nikki@christianartsfestival.org)

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES** Elizabeth Robyn Bond 5th  
Oliver Julian Peter Bond 3rd  
Heidi Nena Oliver 1st

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