

## DECEMBER COLLECT

Almighty God as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Common Worship Lectionary Readings for December 2023 (Year B)

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December Advent Sunday</b>	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24 - end	<b>Purple</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Mark 1: 108	<b>Purple</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8 - end John 1: 6-8, 19-28	<b>Purple</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December Christman Eve Christmas Night</b>	Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26 Luke 1: 26-38 Isaiah 9: 2-7 John 1: 1-14	<b>Purple</b> <b>White</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day</b>	Titus 3: 4-7 Luke 2: 1-14, 15-20	<b>White</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> December New Year's Eve Christmas 1</b>	Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 15-21	<b>White</b>

**Morning Prayer** is at 9am (Monday: The Bourtons; Tuesday Claydon; Wednesday Cropredy; Thursday Mollington; Friday Wardington.)

**Holy Communion** Cropredy 12 noon each Tuesday.

**Morning Prayer** will end for 2023 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, and will start up again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024. December Morning Prayer will include Advent reflections.

**Holy Communion** Tuesday service will end on 19<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**All Enquiries** for Baptisms, Weddings or funerals to Revd Sarah , [vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com](mailto:vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com)  
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## DECEMBER 2023

St James the Great, Claydon, St Mary the Virgin, Cropredy  
All Saints, Great Bourton, All Saints, Mollington  
St Mary Magdalene, Wardington

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Siobhan & Rebecca Croft.**

**The Rt. Revd. Jonathan Meyrick, Sue Upton**

## Services for December 2023

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December Advent 2</b>			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	9.30 am	Advent Carols and Holy Communion	SF
Gt. Bourton	11.00 am	Advent Carols and Holy Communion	SF
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	10.00 am	Family Service – Christingle	SU
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
Cropredy	5pm	Christingle (School +)	School/SF/Team
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3</b>			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Gt. Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	Visiting		
Mollington	10.00 am	Advent Carols and Holy Communion	SF/SU
Wardington	6.00 pm	Carol Service	SF
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December Advent 4</b>			
Claydon	6.00 pm	Carol Service	+JM
Cropredy	10.00 am	Holy Communion	SF
	6.00 pm	Carol Service	SF
Gt. Bourton	4.00 pm	Carol Service	LA
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve</b>			
Claydon	4.15 pm	Crib Service	SF/team
Cropredy	3.00	Crib Service	SF/team
	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass	SF
Gt. Bourton	6.00 pm	Crib Service	LA
Mollington	3.00 pm	Crib Service & Carols	+JM
	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass	+JM
Wardington	4.00 pm	Crib Service	SU
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day</b>			
Claydon	9.00 am	Holy Communion	+JM
Gt. Bourton	10.00 am	Holy Communion	LA
Wardington	10.00 am	Holy Communion	SF
<b>31<sup>st</sup> December Christmas 1 – New Year's Eve</b>			
Gt Bourton	10.00 am	United Benefice HC	+JM

### Vicar's Notices:

#### Growing all our contributions to worship

Might you?

Welcome and be a sides person at services? Set up and serve refreshments?

Read at services? Be involved in our family services as part of a team?

Help with sacristan duties, and/or be a verger? Like to learn to lead intercessions?

Everyone has a gift to offer, and together (younger and older) we can grow the life and strength of our worship and congregational life.

Please speak to me or your church wardens if you could offer a contribution in 2024.

#### Growing confidence in leading prayer

I will be offering a session on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of January, 7pm at the Vicarage**, helping support any who would like to grow in confidence in their own prayer lives, and for those who would in addition like to grow in confidence in learning to read and lead intercessions in our services.

Please do let me know if you'd like to be included in the invitation list.

(Revd Sarah)

#### Parish Events for your Diary

#### **Cropredy School Christmas Fayre, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2-4pm.**

Cakes needed on the day, and help with refreshments (2.30-4pm). Please let Revd Sarah know if you can help. We shall also have a small Benefice stand at the Fayre to advertise Christmas Services.

**2<sup>nd</sup> December – Mollington Christmas Fayre** Village Hall 11pm – 3pm.

**2<sup>nd</sup> December – Gt Bourton Christmas Fair & Tombola**

The Dirt House Noon – 4pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> December - Gt Bourton at the Bell Tower 5pm**

Santa's light switch on, carol signing. Afterwards in the Village Hall for Raffle draw. BYO Drop Inn with mince pies & mulled wine provided

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Mollington Gospel Bell Concert Church at 7pm.**

£10 donation to include wine and mince pie.

**17<sup>th</sup> December – Mollington Village Hall 6pm Carol service**

taken by Sue Upton followed by mulled wine.

**20<sup>th</sup> December – Wardington Carol Singing 6pm Upper Pool.**