

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 28 November 2021 Advent 1

Happy New Year

No, I haven't lost the plot, well not entirely, this Sunday is the first day of the church year and we begin to read the Gospel of Luke together, for much of the year. There are times when we move to John's Gospel, but Luke is where our focus is.

Luke's Gospel is written by a 'Gentile' a 'Doctor' and an 'Outsider'. He tells Theophilus in Luke 1:1 about his careful research and diligent study prior to writing the text. Some of the themes of Luke that will emerge as the year continues are: the Holy Spirit, Prayer, Women and the poor. A classic example is Luke telling us that Jesus was praying as the Holy Spirit descended at his baptism (Luke 2:21). It is of course Luke who tells us about the angels visit to Mary, and Mary's view of the birth of Christ.

As Advent begins we hear the Old Testament prophets looking forward both to the way that God was going to work in their time and the way that he has worked in sending Jesus, this is the theme of our Advent Course, we're going to look at some of those prophecies which make up the 'Jesse Tree' the forthtelling in the Old Testament of the events of the New Testament. We've met once, but it's not too late to join us!

We've moved to The Rectory since there is room for all there, so please come and join us, on a Monday afternoon at 2pm or a Monday evening at 7:30pm.

You can find details of all our services for Advent and Christmas in this bulletin.

Please do visit Keinton Christmas Tree Festival this week or next, open in daylight hours!

Bible Readings

Sunday 28 November Psalm 25:1-9, Jer 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

10:30am Morning Prayer Barton St David

4:00pm Christingle & Advent Star Keinton Mandeville (outside we hope...)

Monday Psalm 50, Isaiah 25:1-9, Matthew 12:1-21

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

2pm Advent Course The Rectory

7:30pm Advent Course The Rectory

Tuesday Psalm 47, Ezekiel 47:1-12, John 12:20-32 (St Andrew)

Wednesday Psalm 7, Isaiah 28:1-13, Matthew 12:38-end

Thursday Psalm 42, Isaiah 28:14-end, Matthew 13:1-23

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford and on Zoom

Friday Psalm 25, Isaiah 29:1-14, Matthew 13:24-43

Saturday Psalm 9, Isaiah 29:15-end, Matthew 13:44-end

Sunday 5 December

8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Morning Worship & Baptism of Felix Bliss Lydford on Fosse

Morning Prayer has restarted in Lydford Church at 9am on Thursdays, we use Zoom so that those in other parishes can also join in. It will restart in Barton St David in January.

Forthcoming worship

5/12/21 8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Baptism of Felix Bliss and Morning Worship Lydford on Fosse

12/12/21 8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

4pm Carol Concert Lydford on Fosse

19/12/21 8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

3pm Carol Service Kingweston Barns

24/12/21 4pm Crib Service Keinton Mandeville

11:15pm Holy communion Keinton Mandeville

25/12/21 8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am All Age Christmas Celebration Lydford on Fosse

On 12 December we will be holding a concert (with a few congregational carols) including the choir pieces for Christmas and music from other groups and individuals. 4pm in Lydford on Fosse

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflection



YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57

Advent Course

Our Advent Course continues this week
We will meet at 2pm and 7:30pm in The Rectory

Zoom Details:

Topic: Morning Prayer

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8750238874?pwd=dkpVVnNoZnhvcUJCeVNsYTdJRHZOZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 0238 8874

Passcode: 115224

Bible Book Club

Bible Book club is reading the Letter to the Ephesians and our next meeting will be in the new year, because the Advent course is on the day we'd planned to meet! Why not come along & see what happens?

Our guidelines for how we conduct our worship are:

- We sing
- We film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- We encourage the wearing of masks
- We continue to take details of who is present for track and trace
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and in one kind only