

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

"Jesus Lives: Follow Him"

Sunday 5 December 2021 Advent 2

Welcome to the world of yet more uncertainty

Government and experts uncertain over how best to respond to Omicron

Concern in some quarters about what will happen at Christmas using questions like 'Is Christmas in doubt?'

No it isn't! What is in doubt for some is the question about how we will celebrate it, although others are maintaining that there are no doubts. The message of Christmas of God with us, the birth of a child changing everything is in no doubt at all. It is as true today as it was in past years and will be in future years!

So as we continue to journey through Advent, listening to the story of the People of God who wondered if and when God would fulfil his promises to them, maybe we understand their doubts and uncertainties in a new way, and maybe that helps us to trust God in the midst of the doubts of today.

In the meantime our Advent course continues, this week on **Monday afternoon** and **Tuesday evening** all in **The Rectory** so please do come and join us.

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

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

Bible Readings

Sunday 5 December Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6

8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

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

Monday Psalm 40, Isaiah 38:1-8, 21-22, Matthew 16:13-end

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

2pm Advent Course The Rectory

Tuesday Psalm 56, Isaiah 30:19-end, Matthew 14:13-end

7:30pm Advent Course The Rectory

Wednesday Psalm 62, Isaiah 31, Matthew 15:1-20

Thursday Psalm 54, Isaiah 32, Matthew 15:21-28

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford and on Zoom

Friday Psalm 86, Isaiah 33:1-22, Matthew 15:29-end

Saturday Psalm 145, Isaiah 35, Matthew 16:1-12

Sunday 12 December

8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

4pm Choir & others Carol Concert

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

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 Monday 2pm and Tuesday 7:30pm in The Rectory

Zoom Details:

Topic: Morning Prayer

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8750238874?pwd=dkpVVnNoZnhvcUJCeVNscTdJRHZOZ09>

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