

Christmas in Bourne End

Christmas Carols



3 pm

Sunday 22rd December

Join us for the highlight of our Christmas celebrations. Sing your favourite carols, listen to the story of Christmas and join us afterwards in the Parish Room for mulled wine and mince pies.

Toy and Nativity Service

10.30 am

Sunday 8th December



As usual you are all invited to come dressed ready to act out the Christmas story if you'd like to join in. If you would like to give gifts for mothers and children at the women's refuge this Christmas we suggest you bring **one** toy, wrapped and labeled with age and gender as appropriate, from each child attending the service and **one** small gift suitable for a mum from each adult. Mums particularly appreciate toiletries.

A Message from the Vicar...



I found myself in a house just a couple of weeks ago watching a bunch of people at a live event.

But a small rather noisy minority of the gathering seemed to be at odds in some way with what was going on.

Thankfully having been brought up surrounded by such behaviour it didn't need to be explained to me – I was watching a live football match with two groups of supporters worshipping their team and rubbishing the opposition. I was watching the match at the invitation of one of the church members instead of travelling to Vicarage Road to watch 'my' team play the local outfit.

Obviously I was delighted that my team came out on top but it just wasn't the same as in previous years when we'd both braved the cold, going to the ground and really engaging with the event because we were actually there. Listening to all the singing and some of the chanting [much of it indecipherable!] and the memory of those previous years is still much more real than anything watched on the TV this time round.

Bit like church and Christmas really. You can watch the token religious slots available over the festive season or you might want to come and engage with the real thing. It's worth it.

Support your local:

come to St John's this Christmas time.

A Warm Welcome

Friday Coffee



Our regular Coffee Mornings at the Church on the Final Friday of each month in the coming year will continue. The first dates are: January 25th, Feb 22nd & March 29th

Prayer Breakfasts

Please join us at 8 am on the first Saturday of every month for an informal get together and an opportunity to pray together for those in need across our lives and the world

Pot Luck Lunches



Come at 1 pm, bring a dish and enjoy a short talk followed by a Christian reflection. It would help if you could let us know

numbers: Call Annie on: 878889

Wednesdays 11th December, 15th January
Wednesday 12th February

Lent Lunches

From the beginning of Lent, the Pot Luck lunches will be replaced by weekly lunches of bread and soup, followed by a Christian reflection. Wednesdays at 1 pm from 5th March to 9th April 2014

SERVICES

Dec 2013 - Feb 2014

Church Officers

Vicar	Rev. David Abbott	865100
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Village Prayers

Our prayers in church each Sunday include prayers for the residents in each of the village roads in turn. In this way we can pray regularly for all the residents of our village. Prayer requests are also beginning to appear on our prayer board in the church porch and we include all of these too. Please continue to let us have your prayer requests and do encourage us by giving us feedback if you can.

December

Residents of London Rd East of village hall

January

Residents of London Rd West of village hall

February

Residents of Pix Farm Lane and Sharpes Lane

All are warmly invited to come and worship on Sundays at 10.30am and the second Sunday of the month at 6pm.

Dec 1 Holy Communion

secondsunday@six Dec 1st

6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Dec 8 Nativity and Toy Service

Dec 15 Morning Prayer

Dec 22 Carol Service at 3 pm

Christmas Day Morning Prayer 10.30

Dec 29 Morning Prayer

Jan 5 Holy Communion

Jan 12 Morning Prayer

secondsunday@six

6.00 pm Informal Service

Jan 19 Morning Prayer

Jan 26 Morning Prayer

Jan 29 Wednesday 9.30 am**

Feb 2 Holy Communion

Feb 9 Morning Prayer

secondsunday@six Feb 9th

6.00 pm Informal Service

Feb 16 Holy Communion

Feb 23 Morning Prayer

Advance Notices for 2013

Mothering Sunday March 30th

Easter Day April 20th

***This service is held at Sunnyside most weeks, but when it falls on the 5th Wednesday in the month, it is at Bourne End*

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Joy and Blessings to you and
your family this Christmas

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