

DECEMBER COLLECT

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Common Worship Lectionary Readings for December 2025 (Year A)

7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Matthew 3: 1-12	Purple
14th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Matthew 11: 2-11	Purple
21st December 4th Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Matthew 1: 18-end Carol Service Readings	Purple
24th December Christmas Eve/Night	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Luke 8: 8-20	Gold/White
25th December Christmas Day	Isaiah 52: 7-10 John 1: 1-14	Gold
28th December 1st Sunday of Christmas	Isaiah 63: 7-9 Matthew 2: 13-end	White

Following the start of Advent on Advent Sunday we shall be looking at the familiar Luke Christmas readings together at Morning Prayer. An opportunity to delve deeper into the Bible as we prepare our hearts and lives for Christ this Advent and Christmas. Monday: Great Bourton, Tuesday: Claydon, Wednesday Cropredy, Thursday: Mollington, Friday: Wardington.

We'll pause Morning Prayer meetings from 22 Dec-19 Jan
No Midweek Holy Communion on Tues 23rd, 30th December, 6th Jan



Inclusive and caring parishes,
working together
to celebrate and share God's Love,
in our villages and wider world.



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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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The Rt. Revd. Jonathan Meyrick

Services for December

5th December – Cropredy Friday 5pm			
School & Parish Christingle Service see Sarah’s Diary notes			
7th December 2nd Sunday in Advent			
Claydon	6.00 pm	Carol Service	+JM
Cropredy	9.30 am	Family Communion	SF
Gt. Bourton	11.00 am	Morning Worship	SU
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
14th December 3rd Sunday in Advent			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	11.00 am	Advent Worship	SF
Gt Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	9.30 am	Family Communion	SF
Wardington	6.00 pm	Carol Service	SU
21st December 4th Sunday in Advent			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	6.00 pm	Carol Service	SF
Gt Bourton	9.00 am	Said Holy Communion	SF
	4.00 pm	Carol Service	SF
Mollington	6.00 pm	Carol Service	SU
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
24th December Christmas Eve / Night			
Claydon	3.30 pm	Crib Service	+JM
Cropredy	3.00 pm	Crib Service	SC/RC
	11.15 pm	Midnight Service	+JM
Gt Bourton	5.00 pm	Crib Service	LA/Team
Mollington	5.00 pm	Crib Service	SF
	11.15 pm	Midnight Service	SF
Wardington	4.00 pm	Crib Service	SU
25th December Christmas Day			
Gt. Bourton	10.00 am	Family Communion	SF
Wardington	10.00 am	Family Service	SU
28th December 1st Sunday of Christmas (Holy Innocents)			
Claydon	11.00 am	UBC Family HC	+JM

An opportunity to invite: Do consider who you may invite to our Advent and Christmas Services as we continue to seek to widen our outreach

From Revd Sarah

My thanks to everyone for their participation in worship and support of services across the Benefice this past year. Particular thanks from me as Vicar to the Ministry Team for all their preparation and leading of services, and for their collaboration together.

As we look back with gratitude to God for his steadfast love and faithfulness in 2025, I trust we also look forward in hope and faith for the year to come,

With my best wishes to you all for a peaceful Christmas, 2025, and a hope-filled New Year, 2026

Dates for your Diary

Saturday/Sunday 29th/30th November Cropredy Christmas Tree Festival

11am-4pm. Stalls of Christmas gift ideas of jewellery, scarves, decorations, Raffle

Thursday 4th December – Cropredy School from 1.30 pm

Help needed to assemble the Christingles

Friday 5th December at 5pm Help also needed to welcome, tidy after at this large Parish and School service. **Speak to Sarah** if you can help on either or both of these days

Sunday 7th December – Gt. Bourton – 4.30 pm Bell Tower

Lights switch on, Carols round the tree. Village Hall for the Festival raffle draw and children's tombola. Licensed bar and festive fun.

Saturday 13th December – Gt. Bourton – Christmas Treefest 11am-4pm

Refreshments and also Sunday 21st 3pm-5pm.

Saturday 13th December – Mollington

Christmas Tree Festival 10am-4pm. Messy Church for children 2pm – 4pm
Christmas lights switch on at 5pm.

Wednesday 17th December – Claydon Church Room

Coffee Morning 10am – 12pm All Welcome

Thursday 18th December – Wardington Carols on the Green, Upper Pool 6-6.45pm

Ukraine Shoe Box Appeal

We will again support the Hare and Hounds Wardington delivery to Ukrainian orphanages. Both sexes, needed. Any shoebox you have will be fine. Sweets, toys, warm hats and gloves and pens etc. Please bring to church to put around the Christmas tree, to be delivered after Christmas.