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Dear all,

We are getting busier; this weekend...

Sunday 7th December. I am leading, and Richard is preaching on Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Matthew 3: 1-12 at our service of Morning Worship at 10am, as we continue our Advent theme of preparing for Jesus' coming.

Audio/Visual in Church. We are in the process of upgrading our technology in the church. Last Sunday, we used the updated version of *EasyWorship* to put the words on the screen. (We are simplifying what we do and are having fewer words on the screen; for example, we will listen to the words of The Bible or read along in the church Bibles rather than have the words on the screen.) This week, we will be introducing *iSingWorship* to provide the words and backing tracks to support our sung worship, which should help us to learn some new songs. This is currently just for the first Sunday of the month; Ruth, Nigel and co, and 'Singing at St. B's' will still be leading our worship 'live' on other weeks.

Events in Swanland this weekend: Sunday evening at The Bridge – **Why Bethlehem?** Rediscover the story that changed the world. Join The Bridge on Sunday 7th December, 6:30pm, at Swanland Village Hall for 'Why Bethlehem?' - a service uncovering the profound historical significance of the first Christmas and the place where it began.

NEXT WEEK

Saturday 13th December - Flower Workshop. An introductory practical workshop for putting up flowers for Christmas in St. Barnabas will be held on Saturday, 13th December, from 10am until noon. Lilies and roses will be provided, along with coloured baubles. If you can, please bring along some greenery. If anyone is interested in helping with the flowers and would like to attend the workshop, please ring Louise on (01482) 632800.

Sunday December 14th, 6.30pm Joint Carol Service, with Swanland Churches.

This year, there is a joint Carol Service, with Christ Church, St Barnabas and The Bridge, at St. Barnabas Church. Come and hear the Christmas story and sing traditional carols in our modern setting as we welcome Christians from the other churches in Swanland and those from the community. Music will be provided by Chris from The Bridge, Simon from Christ Church is leading the prayers, and Bishop Eleanor will be speaking.

(We are still meeting at 10am as usual.)

THE WEEK AFTER NEXT

Sunday December 21st 3pm - Carol Singing at Swanland House

This year, we are going to Swanland House to sing some carols for the residents. Please join Ruth and me to share some of the joy and message of Christmas in Swanland. ***Please let me know if you can join us.***

A Reminder of our other Christmas and New Year Events at St. Barnabas

Carols Round the Crib. Christmas Eve, 3pm

For all the family, particularly suitable for primary-aged children. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite Biblical Christmas character or animal as we tell the story of Christmas and sing carols together.

Christmas Day Service. Christmas Day, 10am

Come together to celebrate Christmas with a family-friendly service, including Communion.

Alpha. Starting Tuesday, 13th January 2026.

Unpack the Christian Faith together over a meal, a video presentation on the week's topic and an informal discussion over coffee. Plan to come yourself if you want to know more about what we believe and ask God to bring to mind someone whom you can invite. See Richard for more information.

Church Activities: All our church activities are listed on our website at [Church Calendar for December](#)

You can also find the Worship Rota on our website, listing the passages for each Sunday, as well as who is on the rota for the day - [Notices and Rotas](#)

I hope to see you on Sunday.

Kevin

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