

Next Sunday evening

Next Sunday is Advent Sunday, and in the evening we have a special service of readings and carols for the Advent season. Do come along.



“To Go in Peace” – this afternoon at 3pm

Details of this candle-lighting service, in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Addenbrooke’s Hospital, have appeared on the notice sheet in recent weeks. The service will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome, and especially those who have been bereaved in recent months.



“Come as you are” – venue change to Chesterton Methodist Church

A reminder of the venue change for this course. The next sessions are on Tuesdays 22nd and 29th November (and then it breaks until January).



“Stir Up Sunday” Christmas pudding workshop

This event is taking place this afternoon at 2.30pm at St. Giles’ Church. Learn how to make a pudding, help make a pudding for the church, and take away the recipe and know-how to make your own. There will be a collection to support the Christmas Tree Festival.



Eighth Annual Christmas Tree Festival at St. Giles’ Church

This will be opened on Friday evening (25th November) at 6pm by David Goode FRSA, Deputy Senior Proctor of the University of Cambridge. After the lights have been switched on, there will be mince pies, mulled wine, and music by the Quadriga Quartet. After that, the church will be open from 10am to 4pm every day until Sunday 4th December.



Scandinavian Advent Wreath making workshop at St. Giles’ Church

Make a traditional Advent Wreath (or a Christmas Wreath for the front door) next Saturday afternoon (26th November), starting at 1pm. Basic materials and decorations supplied, for which there is a £12 charge (plus another £2 for candles), but bring secateurs and any favourite decorations and ribbons. Traditional Danish biscuits, “gløgg” (like mulled wine) and soft drinks will be on sale. It’s in aid of the Namuncha Community Schools Project, supporting the secondary education of girls in Kenya.

Advent Carol Service at St. Giles' – “Wake, O Wake”

This is taking place next Sunday afternoon (27th November) at 3pm.



Wanted: poppies

Have you ever wondered what to do with your poppy after Remembrance Sunday? This year we would be really grateful if you would donate them towards a large display planned for 2018 to remember the end of the First World War. There is a shoebox on the side in the foyer to collect them.



Events this week in the circuit – see *Castle View* for details

- “Big Issues” series – Radical Carols: Histon, Thursday 24th at 7.30pm.
- “Faith to Live By” with Mrs. Jane Hellyer-Jones, talking about her life as the wife of Prof. Stephen Hawkin: Haslingfield, Sunday 27th at 6.30pm.



Forthcoming Christmas events in the circuit

- Sixteenth annual Christmas Tree Festival at Orwell Methodist Church on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December: on Saturday it will be open from 12 noon until 6pm, and there will be a cake and gift stall, plus homemade soup, rolls, toasted sandwiches and drinks available; on Sunday it will be open from 2.30pm until around 6pm, with carol singing and mince pies around the fire from 4pm.
- Christmas Market at Histon Methodist Church, Saturday 3rd December from 10am until 2pm, with exciting stalls and delicious refreshments.



Ely Living Nativity – this Friday (25th November)

Churches Together in Ely in conjunction with The Lights Switch On Group are organising this event. There will be processions with choirs, nativity characters, and live camels. It's taking place on Cross Green by Ely Cathedral at 4pm, 4.40pm and 5.40pm.



Free concert at Castle Street – Monday 12th December at 7.30pm

Enjoy a free musical evening with “Singing Allowed”, a choir which practices here each week. Refreshments will be available after the concert, and donations will go the Royal Voluntary Service “Sing Your Heart Out” appeal. Do come along – there's a good chance you'll enjoy the evening!

“BOTGO”: buy one to give one – to the Cambridge Foodbank

A reminder of the non-perishable items you can bring along to donate to the Cambridge Foodbank. Items required urgently (and regularly) are:

tinned meats for eating hot (eg mince, chicken in sauce, etc)			
fruit juice (2 litre long-life)	instant coffee (small jars)		
granulated sugar (500g preferred)	cooking oil (500g preferred)		
small salt	small pepper	pot noodles	shower gel
deodorant (ladies and gents)		toothbrushes and toothpaste	

In addition, the following extras would be appreciated for Christmas:

tinned ham	pickle	chocolate logs
Christmassy biscuits	snacks (nuts, Pringles, dried fruit, etc.)	
children’s selection boxes	cheesy biscuits (or similar)	
sweets for children or adults	strong Christmassy supermarket bags	

Please do not donate mince pies, as they are perishable. Thank you.



Christmas Charity Carol Concert in aid of CCHP and Arthur Rank

The Rotary Club of Cambridge is organising a Christmas Charity Carol Concert on Thursday 8th December, with proceeds being split between the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project and the Arthur Rank Hospice. It will feature King’s Junior Voices, Vox Pop, St. Alban’s Catholic Primary School Choir, Barton Primary School Choir and Windband, and St. Mary’s Junior School Chamber Choir. The venue is Great St. Mary’s Church, and it starts at 7pm. Tickets cost £10 for adults (£5 for under 18s), and can be obtained from the participating choirs, www.billetto.co.uk/charity-concert or on the door.



Come and Sing Carols with John Rutter – Saturday 10th December

A reminder about this charity event, for which advance booking is necessary – see previous notice sheets (available via the church website). Tickets cost £10 (students £8); book via [ccmscomeandsing at gmail dot com](mailto:ccmscomeandsing@gmail.com).

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday’s notice sheet, ideally by Friday evening.

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