

Sunday 1st December 2024
First Sunday AdventReading: *1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36*Psalm: 25: 1-9 YEAR: C Liturgical Colour: **PURPLE****Your services this Sunday****9am Holy Communion: Shalbourne****9.30am Holy Communion: Little Bedwyn & Collingbourne Kingston****10.30am Café Church: Burbage Village Hall****11am Holy Communion: East Grafton****11am Matins: Great Bedwyn****11am Lay Matins: St Katharine's****11am Family Service: Chute****6pm Evensong: Collingbourne Ducis****Will you be alone this Christmas?**

Once again, the kindest invitation is extended by Wendy and Dave Skardon for you to join them for Christmas Lunch in Marten at 3pm. So, if you would like some company instead of being by yourself and can transport yourself to and from their home, please contact Wendy on 07989 228864 or wendy.skardon@outlook.com

No couples please, lone guests will be warmly welcomed.

Burbage Church Centre

The next session of Storytime and Chatter for 0-2-year-olds will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 2.00pm.

We have been fortunate to have the ministry of Canon Patrick Whitworth at some of our services recently, and we very much hope to welcome him back in the new year. If you are looking for some new reading or perhaps a Christmas gift, his new book **'The Empress and the Bishop'** a seminal biography of the life of John Chrysostom, is now available through Sacristy Press and other retailers.

'Coffee club' 10.30am to 12 noon in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall every first and third Wednesday
'Fill the Gap' 12noon to 2.00pm every Tuesday & **'Coffee & Cake'** 10-12pm, every 1st Thursday, in Burbage Church Centre
'Thursday Club' 12-2pm in the South Transept of St Mary's, Great Bedwyn.

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The Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Poetry of the Stars Advent Retreats Online and in person, and 'in a box'.

Online Thursday 5th December <https://StarsOnline.eventbrite.co.uk>

Fullerton Mill Saturday 7th December

<https://PoetryoftheStarsFullertonMill.eventbrite.co.uk>

Pre-orders for Retreat in a Box being taken now.

Contact Revd Vanessa Cole at priestwithoutportfolio@gmail.com

Burbage Christmas Tree Sale and Christmas Fair
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December.

Christmas Wreath Workshop. Thursday 12th December 9.30am

Pewsey Heritage Centre. £40 to include lunch.

www.sttimothy.org.uk or Ann Massey 01980 630256

CANTEMUS NEWBURY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 14th December 6pm for 7pm

St Michael & All Angels, Shalbourne Tickets £15 at Shalbourne Stores or on the door, to include mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Proceeds to church Fabric Fund.

Brass & Carols at The Tipple

Collingbourne Ducis Thursday 19th December 7.30pm.

Enjoy mulled wine with mince pies and the Phoenix Brass Band playing carol requests.

East Grafton Parish Council present Carols on The Green

with refreshments. Sunday 22nd December 4pm

Please note there will be no Thursday Club on 26th December.

Mid - Week Holy Communion

Join us every Wednesday at 12pm in the North Transept of St Mary's, Great Bedwyn,

Thought for the week

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

Bernard Meltzer