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**Sunday 15th December 2024 The Third Sunday of Advent**

**Welcome** **to Buckingham Parish Church.**

**If you are new here, this section is for you!**

**Children and Youth:** We have great provision for children and youth. Scan QR code below for details.

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**Sermons:** These are recorded and available through our website and BPC app. See the QR code above.

**Streaming:** All our services are livestreamed and available to watch on our YouTube channel. See the QR Code above. If you do not wish to be included, please sit at the rear of the church or in the side aisles.

**Giving:** Please use a standing order (forms at the back of church) or the QR code above. We don’t take offerings during services, but you can make donations via ChurchSuite, the card reader at the back of the church or put cash into the wall box by the font.

**Sunday 15th December – Themes and Readings**

**9.00am****:** **Waiting Expectantly**

Phil. 4: 4-7 pg 1180; Luke 3: 7-18 pg 1029

**Preacher**: Canon Max Wigley

**11.00am:** **Nativity Service**

**6.00pm:** **Contemporary Carol Service**

Isaiah 2: 6-7 pg 688

**Preacher**: Rev. Will Pearson-Gee

***Prayer Ministry:*** Available at all Sunday services in the Prayer Chapel. Receiving prayer brings the Lord’s healing and wholeness.

***Pray through the week* for** those who mourn or are unwell, that they may be comforted by God’s presence.

**The Week Ahead:**

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| Monday 16th December | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Tea and Chat, at The Centre, Verney Close |
| Tue 17th December | 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| Wed 18th December | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Thu 19th December | 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| 3.40pm – 5.00pm | Prayer for The World |
| 6.30pm – 8.00pm | Youth Hub |
| 7.15pm – 8.15pm | Choir Practice |
| Fri 20th December | 7.00pm - 7.30pm | Prayer meeting on Zoom - email Paul Wallace for details on [*bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com*](mailto:bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com) |
| Sat 21st December | 10.30am – 12 noon | Coffee Service Café |
| Sun 22nd December | **The Fourth Sunday of Advent** | |
| 9.00am | Traditional Holy Communion Service |
| 11.00am | Altogether Family Service |
| 6.00pm | 9 Lessons and Carols Service |

**Newcomers:** Please fill in a Welcome Card if you are new and want to be a part of the church family.

**Church Choir:** Do you love singing? Then please consider joining our Church Choir and contact our Choirmaster Rob Tucker at: [*choir@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:choir@bpchurch.uk)

**Christmas Lunch:** Are you able to host a Buckingham University Student for lunch on Christmas Day? If so, do please let the Office know: *office@bpchurch.uk* Phone: 01280 830220

**Support Group.** We would like to start a support group in 2025 for couples who are struggling with infertility or who have experienced miscarriages. This is a very personal and sensitive subject, but the aim of this group is to create a space for couples, going through similar painful experiences, where they can find community and understanding. If you are interested to join this group, please contact me, Jo Wigley, via email [*care@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:care@bpchurch.uk)

**Christmas Services Volunteer Sign-Up:** The sign-up sheet for volunteering at all our different Christmas services is now available at the back of the church and on ChurchSuite. If you'd like to help, please sign up, and the teams will be in touch with more details. Thank you!

**Prayer for the World:** Christmas can be a dangerous time for Christians in countries where following Jesus can lead to marginalisation, imprisonment or even death. Please join us on Thursday 19th Dec in church at 4pm to pray for their protection and blessing. Tea and cake from 3.40pm. For further details contact Zena: [*zenagreig@hotmail.co.uk*](mailto:zenagreig@hotmail.co.uk)

**Carol Singing:** This Christmas, join us in spreading joy through carol singing on the local Badgers estate this Thursday, 19th December 6:30pm -7:30pm. Along with carols, we’ll hand out chocolates, mince pies, and invitations to our Christmas services. We will be meeting at The Holt, on the Badgers Estate. Please do join this outreach opportunity this Christmas time.

**MMV this month:** Calling all men. We will be meeting at the Centre 21st Dec at 9.00am, for prayer. We will then be setting up outside Waitrose, sharing the good news of Jesus this Christmas from around 10.30am -1.00pm, handing out mince pies, hot drinks, singing Christmas carols, prayers, and street preaching. We will be inviting men with a faith - to step out and go deeper into their relationship with God - understanding the Reason, Purpose, and Destiny of their lives - and to join the monthly MMV meetings in 2025.

For more information contact: *Paul Burgess – 07956164185*.

Please do pray for, and join, this outreach opportunity this Christmas time.

**Renew and Thrive:** **A Course for Navigating Life After Separation or Divorce.**

Are you or someone you know going through a tough time after a separation or divorce? The Renew & Thrive program is here to help! This supportive, five-session course is designed to help individuals find hope, healing, and connection during a challenging life transition. Through a blend of activities, group discussions, and practical tips, you'll rebuild self-confidence, rediscover your strengths, and embrace new beginnings with a fresh perspective. Join us in a safe, welcoming space where you’ll be supported every step of the way. Please sign up at [*www.bpchurch.uk/renewandthrivecourse*](http://www.bpchurch.uk/renewandthrivecourse)

**Sound and Vision for Church Services:** If you are of a technical turn of mind, the Team that gives us the sound and vision for our Church Services and Livestream still needs more team members. Training will be given. Please contact the Church Office *office@bpchurch.uk* (01280 830220)

**New Year’s Eve Party:** We are planning a fantastic, fun-filled party to welcome in 2025; an extravaganza for all the church family - Quiz, Bingo, Games, Music, Karaoke (if time), plus lots more, with something sparkly and spectacular at midnight! Very light snacks will be provided, but bring your own food & drink as needed. Come on your own or bring your family & friends - this is for everyone. Time to be a big church family.

Sign-up is essential (website or ChurchSuite) - all this for just £5! If you can't afford it, speak to anyone on the church team. It’s your presence and fun we need! If signing up non church members, please indicate that you are their host. Please sign up at [*www.bpchurch.uk/newyearparty*](http://www.bpchurch.uk/newyearparty)

**Bill Mercer Writes:** “Thanks to all those who prepared and helped with my totally unexpected 90th birthday surprise following the 9.00am service last week. Enjoying cakes and other goodies with so many of the congregation, together with greetings, was overwhelming. Thank you all very much indeed.”

**Useful contact details:**

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Prayer Chain: If you need or know of someone who needs prayer,

please call Gill Croxton who heads up the Prayer Chain *(815100)*

Connect Groups: *connect@bpchurch.uk*

Stewardship Co-ordinator: Brian & Tracy Roskell: [*stewardship@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:stewardship@bpchurch.uk)

Women’s Fellowship: Nicky Bereit: [*women@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:women@bpchurch.uk)

**Full-service information:** [***www.bpchurch.uk/services***](http://www.bpchurch.uk/services)

Parish Office: open weekdays 10am–Noon [*office@bpchurch.u*](mailto:office@bpchurch.u)*k (830220)*

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**Notice Sheet:** If you would like to submit an item for the notice sheet, please email the office: [*office@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:office@bpchurch.uk) by 6pm on Wednesday. Any items received after this time will be listed in the following week’s notice sheet.