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**Sunday 22nd December 2024 The Fourth 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.



**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 22nd December – Themes and Readings**

**9.00am****:** **“He has lifted up the humble.”**

Hebrews 10: 5-10 pg 1208; Luke 1: 39-55 pg 1025

**Preacher**: Rev. Jo Wigley

**11.00am:** **Altogether Family Service**

**Preacher:** Rev. Sarah Harrison-Potts

**6.00pm:** **9 Lessons and Carols**

**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.

**The Weeks Ahead:**

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| Mon 23rd December | 11.00am – 1.00pm | Christingle Kit Making at BPC |
| 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Christingle Band Rehearsal |
| Tues 24th December | 3.00pm and 5.00pm | Christingle Services |
| 11.00pm – 12.00am | Midnight Communion |
| Weds 25th December | 10.00am – 10.45am | Christmas Day Family Service, inc. Holy Communion |
| Sun 29th December | **The First Sunday of Christmas** |
| 10.00am | Traditional Holy Communion Service |
| 6.00pm | Contemporary Service |
| Tues 31st December | 8.00pm – 1.15am | New Year’s Eve Party |
| **2025** |
| Weds 1st January | 10.00am  | Holy Communion |
| Sun 5th January  | **The Second Sunday of Christmas** |
| 9.00am | Traditional Holy Communion Service |
| 11.00am | Family Service |
| 6.00pm | Contemporary Service |
| Mon 6th January | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Tea and Chat, at the Centre, Verney Close |
| 7.30pm – 8.30pm | Prayer and Praise |
| Tues 7th January | 10.am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at The Centre, Verney Close |
| 12.00 noon | Community Lunch |
| Weds 8th January | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| 4.00pm – 6.00pm | Lighthouse |
| Thurs 9th January | 9.30am – 11.00am | The Ark Toddler Group |
| 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at The Centre, Verney Close |
| 7.15pm – 8.15pm | Choir Practice |
| Sun 12th January | 9.00am | Traditional Holy Communion Service |
|  | 11.00am  | Family Service |
|  | 6.00pm | Contemporary Service |

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

We are very short of **Christingle Kit-making helpers** for tomorrow (23rd) at 11am. Please do come along. It’s always a lot of fun and a really helpful way of getting involved.

We are also very short of helpers at the 5pm Christingle service on the 24th. If you can help, please arrive at 4pm for a briefing.

**Tea and Chat, & Coffee and Company at The Centre** will not be meeting again until the 6th of January 2025. We wish you a Happy Christmas, a blessed New Year, and see you again on the 6th of January.

**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*

**Christian Aid:** Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Christian Aid Quiz night. We raised a magnificent £540 which will go towards helpingthose around the world who are struggling with poverty, malnutrition or the aftermath of conflict

**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*

**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)

**Useful contact details:**

Rector: Rev. Will Pearson-Gee: *rector@bpchurch.uk (830221)*

Assoc Minister: Rev. Jo Wigley: *care@bpchurch.uk (07512 274423)*

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Worship: *worship@bpchurch.uk (07823494704)*

Youth Leader: Sam Graham: *youth@bpchurch.uk* *(07767 544504)*

Kids and Families Leader: Lucia Pearson-Gee: *kidsand**families@bpchurch.uk*

Sunday Operations: Andrew Gibson: *operations@bpchurch.uk*

Organist & Choirmaster: Robert Tucker: *choir@bpchurch.uk*

Production: *production@bpchurch.uk*

Safeguarding Team: Glynnis Eastwood/Jane Wardale: s*afeguarding@bpchurch.uk*

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*

Women’s Fellowship: Nicky Bereit: *women@bpchurch.uk*

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

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

The Centre: *centre@bpchurch.uk* (*830228)*

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