



Sunday 15th December : Advent 3

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 15th: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Early Eucharist (Winterslow, St John's)
9:15am	Parish Eucharist (Winterslow, All Saints)
11:00am	Parish Eucharist (Farley, All Saints)
11:00am	Methodist Service & Baptism (Pitton, St Peter's)

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd: 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Early Eucharist (Winterslow, St John's)
9:15am	Healing Eucharist (Winterslow, All Saints)
11:00am	Parish Eucharist (Pitton, St Peter's)
4:00pm	Carols by Candlelight (Farley, All Saints)
6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight (Winterslow, All Saints)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Please pray for those who are sick including:

**Max Parker, Amanda Dixon, Lisa Torode,
Dennis Barnes, Natalie Moss, Neil Heyden
& Vanessa Beckett**



And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died

Derek Evans & Harry Stone

Please contact Cynthia or the Office if you would like someone prayed for.



We welcome the family and friends of

Georgia India Rose Smith

to her Baptism today in Pitton St Peter's.

Wedding congratulations to
Thomas Berens and Anya Rodgers

who are all getting married
at All Saint's Farley this Friday.



When is it?

Planning your Christmas?

Here are your key dates and times.

Winterslow

Sun 22 Dec	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight (All Saints)
Tue 24 Dec	3:00pm	Crib Service (All Saints)
Tue 24 Dec	11:30pm	Midnight Mass (All Saints)
Wed 25 Dec	8:00am	Christmas Communion (St John's)
Wed 25 Dec	9:15am	Christmas Communion (All Saints)

Farley

Sun 22 Dec	4:00pm	Carol Service (Church)
Tue 24 Dec	3:00pm	Crib Service (Church)
Wed 25 Dec	11:00am	Christmas Communion (Church)

Pitton

Mon 16 Dec	6:30pm	Carol Singing round village
Thur 19 Dec	7:00pm	Carol Service (Church)
Wed 25 Dec	11:00am	Christmas All Age Worship (Church)

Note: All events in our churches can be seen on our new website:
<http://ClarendonCofE.org> Please Check



If you would like something added to this pewsheet please contact Simon or Jolande in the office.



THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 16th

5:30pm-6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Pitton, St Peter's)
6:30pm-8:00pm	Carol Singing (Start at Pitton, St Peter's)

Tuesday 17th

9:00am	Morning Prayer (Winterslow, All Saints)
9:15am	Informal Prayers (Pitton, St Peter's)
10:15am-11:30am	Tuesday Group Advent Course (Pitton, St Peter's)
2:00pm-4:00pm	Tea and Chatter (Pitton, St Peter's)

Wednesday 18th

9:00am	Morning Prayer (Winterslow, All Saints)
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Thursday 19th

12:00am	Flowers being done in church (Farley, All Saints)
9:00am	Morning Prayer (Winterslow, All Saints)
5:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Farley, All Saints)
7:00pm	Carol Service (Pitton, St Peter's)

Friday 20th

9:00am	Morning Prayer (Winterslow, All Saints)
11:00am	Wedding (Farley, All Saints)
1:15pm	School Carol Service (Winterslow, All Saints)
1:15pm	School Carol Service (Pitton, St Peter's)

Saturday 21st

12:00am	Additional flowers going into church (Farley, All Saints)
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Kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that
when your Christ comes again we may
shine as lights before his face.

From post-Communion Prayer

Advent Reflections



How are you getting on with your advent disciplines? If you are finding it hard to focus on Good News during Advent why not sign up for the diocesan Renewing Hope Advent Calendar? This is an email delivered each day with great stories of hope for you to reflect on.

To subscribe go to <http://eepurl.com/dP1ixD>

Sign-up today; and if you don't like it, you can unsubscribe easily with the link at the bottom of each email.

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The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 35.1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you."
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness.
The unclean will not journey on it;
it will be for those who walk in that Way;
wicked fools will not go about on it.
No lion will be there,
nor will any ferocious beast get up on it;
they will not be found there.
But only the redeemed will walk there,
and the ransomed of the LORD will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Second Reading

James 5.7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!
Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

" 'I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.