

Prayer Group: Everyone is welcome to come and join in spoken or silent prayer any Saturday morning between 9am and 10am.

Pizza and Prayer: Suspended for the time being.

Church Mice: Thursdays at 10.30 am during term time only in the Church. Church Mice is for children under 5 with their parents or carers. It is an informal time with craft activities, songs, stories and time to chat.

Sunday School: 4-11 yrs (Children's group.) 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month 10.00am, meet in the front pews in church.

YAGs: YAGs school years 7-13 (Young adults group) 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 7.00 - 9.00 pm, term time in the Church Hall. The 1st & 3rd Sunday attend *Christian Mix at Six* service. A group which explores the Christian faith and its relevance for every day living.

Beyond Alpha: Suspended for the time being.

Grace Home Group: Mondays at 7.30 pm. A group which meets in friendship, study and prayer. Please Tel Janet Lawrence 240568.

Knitty Stitches: 1st & 3rd Thursday at 1.00 pm. A group of all ages with a creative streak, keen to meet and enjoy each other's company. Meet in the Church Hall.

Phoenix Group: Fortnightly on Monday - 4.00 pm. Tel Ann Lawson 240421.

Bell ringers: Practice Sessions: Monday 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the tower of the church; new ringers are welcome.

A Tea and Talk: 1st Wednesday of the Month 2.00 pm, Clifton Court. A varied programme of guest speakers, fellowship and social gatherings.

Choir: Practices: Wednesday in Church, 7.00 - 8.30 pm for all. New singers welcome.

For further information on any of these groups, please contact the office by phone or email, or see the web site for details.

Deanery Synod

"Would you like to be on the Deanery Synod?" I was asked. "Err, Okay." I replied, not really knowing what it involved, where it met or who was on it. Like many of you reading this I had heard it referred to in the prayers in church but perhaps not been fully aware of how it relates to us here in Olney. I will do my best to explain.

The groups of churches across North Bucks belong to Newport Deanery and their respective PCCs appoint members to the Synod. We meet three times per year in different churches with a Lay Chair taking the meetings. There is always time to meet and chat to the others first over a drink. We then have a focus item, for example, the work of soup kitchens or how to raise funds with 100 Clubs. We then move onto talk about issues affecting the whole Deanery such as Parish Share, clergy vacancies and finally ending with prayer and the grace together.

For me, I find the meetings beneficial and it helps to remind me that we are part of a wider church and how we can support each other as we seek to support God's work here in North Bucks.

There is a vacancy on the Deanery Synod. If you are interested, please talk to me or one of the wardens.

Richard Colson



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly Sheet



December 2017

In friendship together we resolve to worship God, serve the community, and share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Rector: Vacant

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Monday, Tuesday and Friday
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SERVICES

3 December (Sunday) Dickens of a Christmas

8.30 am Holy Communion (said)
No 10am Service, No Mix at Six

6 December (Wednesday)

9.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)

10 December (Sunday)

8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional)
10.00 am Everyone Together and Baptism
6.00 pm Mix at Six (Christmas)

13 December (Wednesday)

9.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)

17 December (Sunday)

10.00 am Holy Communion (said)
6.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

18 December (Monday)

11.00 am Moment on Monday (Christmas)

20 December (Wednesday)

9.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)

24 December (Sunday) Christmas Eve

10.00 am Holy Communion
3.00 pm Nativity/Crib Service
5.00 pm Nativity/Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

25 December (Monday) Christmas Day

10.00 am Christmas Day Service

27 December (Wednesday)

9.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)

31 December (Sunday)

No 8.30am service
10.00 am Holy Communion

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1	Fri	1.30 pm	SoulTime Memory Club	Church Hall
2	Sat	8.30 am	SoulTime Breakfast - all welcome	Church Hall
		2.00 pm	Dickens of a Christmas setup - all help welcomed!	Church Hall
3	Sun	9.00 am	Dickens of a Christmas	Church Hall and Olney Town
5	Tue	9.00 am	Chapter meeting	Haversham
		8.00 pm	Pancake Race Committee Meeting	Church Hall
6	Wed	6.30 pm	Rector candidates meet YAGS	Church Hall
		7.00 pm	Rector candidates buffet supper with congregation	Church Hall
7	Thu	8.30 am	Service with Rector candidates	St Peter and St Paul, Olney
		10.00 am	Rector interviews and town/Rectory tours	Olney various
		1.00 pm	Knitty Stitchers	Church Hall
7	Thu	3.30 pm	SoulTime Cafe	Church Hall
		7.00 pm	Advent Course	Church Hall
9	Sat	7.30 pm	Brass Band Concert	St Peter and St Paul, Olney
11	Mon	1.30 pm	Olney Middle School Concert	St Peter and St Paul, Olney
		6.30 pm	Olney Middle School Concert	St Peter and St Paul, Olney
12	Tue	2.00 pm	Olney Infant Academy Carol Service	St Peter and St Paul, Olney
		8.00 pm	Wardens meeting	Church Hall
13	Wed	7.00 pm	Ousedale School Carol Concert	St Peter and St Paul, Olney
14	Thu	3.30 pm	SoulTime Cafe	Church Hall
		7.00 pm	Advent Course	Church Hall
16	Sat	10.00 am	Bells Peal	St Peter and St Paul, Olney
21	Thu	1.00 pm	Knitty Stitchers	Church Hall
		3.30 pm	SoulTime Cafe	Church Hall
27	Wed	5.00 pm	Wedding rehearsal Alex & Hannah	St Peter and St Paul, Olney
30	Sat	2.00 pm	Wedding Alex & Hannah	St Peter and St Paul, Olney

NOTES:

St Peter and St Paul

Listening Ear is a team of trained volunteers, expressing God's love in action within the community, providing a safe and confidential environment, where you may come in confidence to talk about what is on your mind. Please call tel. 07934 141 025.