



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Today's Services**



8.30am Holy Communion Service  
10.00am **No Service** – Dickens of a Christmas

**Welcome and Notices**

**Reading:** *Isaiah 64: 1-9* pg 704  
*1 Corinthians 1: 3-9* pg 162  
**Gospel:** *Mark 13: 24-end* pg 48

**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. **Amen.**

**Intercessions** ®: O God, keep us awake to you: **and alive to your call.**

**We pray for our community and all our SoulTime mission work.**

**We pray for our church and for those who** serve in the name of Jesus Christ. For our Wardens and ministry team as they lead us through the interregnum and for our PCC members who will support them.

**We pray for our world:** For those who suffer discrimination, live in occupied countries, through natural and man-made disasters, refugees, homeless and the isolated.

**We pray for the sick:** *Chris Hobson, Toby O'Grady, Susan Betts, Kevin, Helen, Sandra, David, George Scott, Lucy Mason, Ivor Pibworth, Jacky, Pat Major, Min, Tim Haskell and Dafydd Lee.*

**Pray for the souls of the recently departed and their families:** *Mickey Geary, Edna Garwood, Edna Daily and Sheila Atkins.*

**We remember and give thanks for those whose Yearsmind is now.**

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There will be a collection during the hymn immediately following the sharing of the peace. If you have already given through some other means or feel you are unable to give, please pass the plate on.

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**Eucharistic Prayer: A**

**Prayer:** O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Listening Ear** – This confidential listening service is offered after the 10am service every Sunday.

Some material included is

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**Christingle Service.** Many thanks to all who came to the service. We raised £153.50 for the Children's Society.

**Interregnum information**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 - 8.30pm.** Parish Buffet Dinner in the Church Hall to meet with the candidates for Rector position. All are welcome.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 8.30 - 9.30am.** Morning service in church when the candidates will be present. Then from **10am – 3.30pm** are candidate interviews, Rectory tour and tour of our town. Volunteers are required for the tours; please speak to David or Tory if you can help.

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**Advent Course Thursdays at 7pm** in the Church Hall. Our three week course uses the booklet produced by the Bishop of Oxford '*Contemplative, Compassionate, Courageous: exploring the Beatitudes*'.

**New Rotas for December** are in the pigeon holes. Please collect yours.

**For information:**

- The horse chestnuts in the Church yard have grown too big with roots likely to affect the Church wall. The disease that they get in the summer makes them unhealthy, shedding leaves and conkers on the road and paths. The Town Council planted two trees three years ago and have ordered six more trees to plant as soon as the chestnuts have gone.

**24 Doors of Christmas.** Please see if you could come along to sing in any of the various venues and dates in the leaflet at the back of the church. The Churches of Olney sing a carol just reminding people of the Christmas story at 24 places around Olney in December. See you there - *Janet.*

**Find the Nativity Family.** This year you need to locate the 10 members of our nativity set in the local shop windows. Note the name of the premises and number and return your completed sheet to the Church Office before 24<sup>th</sup> December to win your prize.

**Thank you** to everyone who bought signed copies of Beryl Lavender's book "The Story of the Torah". All were sold and £150.00 given to the church.