

WHAT'S ON IN THE NORTHLEACH BENEFICE



Wednesday 6th December

Northleach 10.30 am Holy Communion – CW David Ford

Sunday 10th December

Northleach	8.00 am	Holy Communion – BCP	Ilse Ferwerda
Compton Abdale	10.00 am	Holy Communion - CW	Ilse Ferwerda
Northleach	10.30 am	Family Service/Advent Morning Worship	Patsi Rainey
Cold Aston	10.30 am	Café Church – Village Hall	John Hollows
Turkdean	10.30 am	Matins with Holy Communion – BCP	David Ford
Northleach	4.00 pm	Christingle Service	Colin Kelsall & David Ford
Farmington	6.00 pm	Carol Service	Ilse Ferwerda
Northleach	6.30 pm	Evensong	David Ford

Welcome to Advent!

Advent is the season of preparation and patience as we wait for the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives this Christmas. It's a time of longing...longing for the world to be filled with light, hope and joy; longing for justice and peace; longing for liberation for all whose lives are marred by ill-health, anxiety, pain, disadvantage, exploitation and poverty. It's also a season of penitence as we look within ourselves and seek God's cleansing forgiveness so that we may start a new year at Christmas with minds and hearts set alight by God's love for us.

A very warm welcome to everyone who worships here today. May Christ fill you with love and hope this Advent.

Birthdays: Many Happy Returns to anyone with a birthday this week. May God bless you this week, and in the year to come.



For your prayers

In your prayers this week, please pray for the village of Farmington, Northleach residents of The Green. Ruth Cotton, Camilla Trotter, Brian Hartigan, Lizzie Hall, Debbie Davies, Ron Haines, David Cotton, and all others whose needs we know and who have asked for our prayers.



Church News

Christmas is well underway on our high streets and in the media, but for Christians we have the season of Advent to celebrate first, starting today. How might you mark the season of preparation for Christmas this year? Small steps to make these four weeks of anticipation slightly different can be very meaningful. Such as introducing grace before a meal, or lighting a candle at breakfast to mark the start of the day, or taking five minutes to read the Bible of an evening. Small differences can make a big impact on your day and on your soul.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 4th December - Northleach School Governors' meeting at 6pm in school

Tuesday 5th December - Mothers' Union Christmas lunch; 6pm the Experience Christmas team meet in the vicarage

Wednesday 6th December - the Mothers' Union communion service this morning has a particular focus on the issue of Gender Violence.

Friday 8th December - a service of Thanksgiving for the life of Pauline Henderson takes place in Notgrove Church at 11am.

Saturday 9th December - the Brownies prepare the Christingles in church at 2pm

Next Sunday, 10th December, Patsi Rainey leads the Family Service for the last time before taking a well-earned rest. Please do join us next Sunday as we give thanks to Patsi for her inspirational worship leading these past years.

Please sign up on the sheet in church if you can make **Fairy Cakes** for **Christingle Service on Sunday 10th December 4pm**.

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