



What's On in the Northleach Benefice

Wednesday 3rd January

Northleach 10.30 am Holy Communion – CW David Ford

Sunday 7th January

Haselton	9.00 am	Holy Communion - CW	David Ford
Northleach	10.30 am	Holy Communion - CW	Ilse Ferwerda
Cold Aston	10.30 am	BCP Matins	John Hollows
Northleach	6.30 pm	Evensong	+David Jennings

Welcome to Worship

Thank you to the Benefice Choir who are helping to lead this morning's service.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is a shared act of the family of God and so everyone is very welcome to the altar rail either to receive communion or a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing please keep your hands beneath the altar rail or bring a service booklet up with you. This makes it easier for us to understand your intention.

Happy New Year!

The end of a year always presents an opportunity to look back over the past 12 months to recount our successes and joys, frustrations and sadnesses and to prepare afresh for a new year. For some 2017 was a very difficult year and we pray that the new year beckons hopefully. For others 2017 will be remembered for particular moments of joy and celebration. For others still, the year has passed almost without comment.

However you feel about 2017, my prayer is that 2018 will prove a rewarding and fulfilling year in all aspects of your lives, but especially in your relationship with God. As we wait for this year to end later today, may I suggest this prayer:

Lord God:

As the new year dawns, help me to move on from whatever has diminished my life this past year, to embrace the potential of the new;

re-awaken in me the desire to know you, that your creative spirit has planted deep within my heart;

and give me the courage to find in you, and not in my own strength, the resource to live life adventurously, whatever path is unveiled before me in the months to come. Amen.

May you be a blessing to all whose paths you cross throughout 2018.



For your prayers

In your prayers this week, please pray for the village of Turkdean, Northleach residents of Woodland Way. 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

Resolve is a four week course designed to encourage us to take a fresh look at our lives and our priorities as the New Year begins. First meeting is in the Black Cat Cafe on **8th January** at 7.30pm. More details from the Rector.

Could you drop your used Christmas cards into church for recycling please. Laura wants to use them at Christmas Crafts next year. Thank you

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