



WHAT'S ON IN THE NORTHLEACH BENEFICE

Sunday 9th December

Northleach	8.00 am	Holy Communion – BCP	Ilse Ferwerda
Compton Abdale	10.00 am	Holy Communion – CW	David Ford
Northleach	10.30 am	Holy Communion – CW	Ilse Ferwerda
Cold Aston	10.30 am	Café Church – Village Hall	John Hollows
Farmington	4.00 pm	Carol Service	Ilse Ferwerda
Northleach	4.00 pm	Christingle	David Ford
Notgrove	6.00 pm	Carol Service	David Ford
	6.30 pm	Evensong	Ilse Ferwerda

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Welcome to Worship

A very warm welcome to everyone in church today, especially if you are new to this church or visiting the area this weekend. May our time together today bring renewal in our faith, strength to manage the challenges of life and encouragement to live as faithful friends of Jesus.



For your prayers

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



Church News

Although many of our own families are away, there will be a Crib Service this year led by the Rector. But he needs help! Please let David know if you can help organise the children – no acting involved! Thank you.

Messiah! This coming Saturday evening (8th) in Northleach Church performed by the very well regarded North Cotswolds Chamber Choir. Tickets from the Black Cat Café or on the night. See advert in December magazine or posters at back of church and in the porch. Bar with profits to Northleach Church.

Open the Book: If you're excited about sharing Bible stories with school children and want to have fun with a team dressing up in costume to act the part, perhaps you'd like to be a Storyteller and join our team? As volunteers, we have had no stage experience We would really like to hear from anyone who would like to join us! Please speak to the Rector

Northleach PCC has decided to divide the Christmas collections this year 50% to **Northleach Church** and 25% to the homeless charity **Open Door** in Cheltenham and 25% to **Acorns Children's Hospice**.

Advance Notice: Bishop Rachel will be making an Episcopal Visit to Northleach on **Sunday 10th February** and will Preside and Preach at a special benefice service at 10.30am. Please make a note in your diary!

Town Christmas Cards are in church and ready for distribution. Please deliver some so everyone in the town knows of our Christmas services that begin next weekend with **Christingle** at 4pm on Sunday 9th!

Help needed - fairy cakes for the **9th December (Christingle)** and mince pies for the **16th December (9 lessons and carols)**. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church.

Dates for your Diaries

The Trustees of SP and SP Charitable Trust meet at the Hancock's on **Tuesday evening (4th Dec)** at 6pm; at the same time, **Governors of Northleach School** meet in school.

Prayer for the week ahead Lord Jesus, on you the past and the future hinge. You open the door to past wisdom and to future knowledge. You are the kingdom among us and the kingdom yet to come. May this Advent be as a new beginning in my walk of faith. And, inspired by all those who have gone before me, may my steps be bold, faithful and just. I ask this in your name. Amen.

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