

WHAT'S ON IN THE NORTHLEACH BENEFICE



Saturday 15th December

Hampnett 6.00 pm Carol Service David Ford

Sunday 16th December

Northleach 10.30 am Holy Communion – CW Ilse Ferwerda

Cold Aston 10.30 am Holy Communion – BCP David Ford

Northleach 6.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols David Ford

Welcome to Worship

A very warm welcome to everyone in church today as we continue to celebrate Advent. As we prepare once more to celebrate Jesus' birth, may we continue to pray for the strengthening of his presence in our lives and in our communities.



For your prayers

In your prayers this week, please pray for the village of Farmington. 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.

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!

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.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the death of **Joyce Sly** who celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year. May Joyce rest in peace and rise in glory. Funeral details will be announced in due course.

Christmas Cards If you haven't yet distributed yours, please do so this weekend as the first service mentioned in the card take place this afternoon! Thank you.

Christmas Tree Sincere thanks to the Sherborne Estate for again providing us with our Christmas tree this year – and thank you to all the adults and children who decorated it last Sunday.

Dates for your Diaries

Christingle at 4pm on Sunday 9th Northleach Church

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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