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### Christmas Service Times

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm Christingle at St. Mary's  
**FULLY BOOKED**

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm Christingle at All Saints  
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#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm Carol Service at St. Mary's

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm Carol Service at All Saints

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

6.00pm Outdoor Carol Singing Event  
at South Wootton Village Hall  
Car Park

#### Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion  
at St. Mary's

#### Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Holy Communion  
at All Saints

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### Sunday Service Times

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Holy Communion  
St. Mary's Church  
10.30am Praise and Worship  
All Saints Church

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Holy Communion  
St. Mary's Church  
10.30am Holy Communion  
All Saints Church

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am Morning Worship  
St. Mary's Church

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

9.00am Holy Communion  
St. Mary's Church  
10.30am Holy Communion  
All Saints Church

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Holy Communion  
St. Mary's Church  
10.30am Praise and Worship  
All Saints Church

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### A Message from Dan, Beti, Christian and Sera Tansey

Dear friends, Thank you all for such a loving send-off on Sunday and for your kind generosity in the gifts you gave! We are immensely grateful for the loving kindness we have received from you all in the Woottons. You are a really special bunch of people and we will miss you dearly. We will be living in the area for at least a few more months, so hopefully we will see you around. And please do stay in touch! I'm on Facebook and both my phone numbers 01553 390615 / 07928825060 remain active. Love and best wishes,  
The Tanseys

### The Church in the Woottons Dropin – every Wednesday 9 – 11.45 am North Wootton Village Hall

We meet in North Wootton Village Hall each Wednesday between 9.00 and 11.45am. For a reasonable, voluntary cost of £3.00, we provide hot and cold drinks with homemade cakes, games, jigsaws, colouring and toys for small children. We always endeavour to make everyone feel welcome. We now have a good number of volunteers to make the Dropin work well, but we can always find space on the rotas for more. If anyone is interested in becoming part of the team please speak to Linda – phone her on 673742 or email Linda on: [lindanash3@googlemail.com](mailto:lindanash3@googlemail.com)

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### From the Diocese of Norwich – the new Vision: Transformed by Christ

**Prayerful Pastoral Prophetic**

*“As we envision our first year of being Transformed by Christ, the newly-adapted Covenant prayer helps us in the Diocese of Norwich to focus our commitment on deepening our life of prayer”.*

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to prayer.  
Put me to deepening my life with you by deepening my life of prayer.  
Put me to the faithful setting aside of time;  
put me to listening;  
put me to wonder;  
put me to holding a broken world in your love;  
put me to trusting.  
I willingly expect to be changed by prayer: I freely and wholeheartedly yield to being transformed by Christ. Let me be changed by you and so change the world for you. Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And this covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen

**Question: Should we use this prayer together in services as 2022 begins?**

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### Current information regarding Covid 19

There is still no need to reserve seats for Sunday and other services. Simply turn up to church. However, please will all adults wear a face covering in whilst you are in church for services. We recognise that some of you are medically exempt from wearing face coverings and you have our support and understanding. We will continue to sing in church and receive communion in one kind – the bread.

### Gathered Holy Communion held at 11.00am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month.

Gathered Holy Communion is for people who cannot easily get to church for our Sunday services. We arrange lifts and gather for Holy Communion at the home of David and Stephanie Lake once a month. From now on we meeting on Wednesdays at 11.00am. **However, our next one will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.** If you would like to come along, or if you know someone who might be interested, please get in touch with James.

### A new mid-week Holy Communion

We are aware that some people who prefer to attend St. Mary's Church find the 9.00am services to be too early. To meet this need, and for others who would appreciate a mid-week service, we are starting a weekly 10.30am Holy Communion on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January – The Feast of Epiphany.

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### A prayer course

I mentioned to you all in church a couple of Sundays ago, my hope that we would run a new course on prayer early in the new year. I would like to do this collectively, either in person or on Zoom depending on the Covid situation. My hope then is to establish new house groups following on from the course.

### The Prayer Chain

As part of our “coming out of lockdown” review, we are looking at how the prayer chain is working. The prayer chain has run in its current form for over 20 years by a few faithful people to whom we are very grateful.

It feels like it is time to step back, pray and ask God how it should be taken forward, and to that end we are taking a short sabbatical and will be praying separately and together to seek God's will about how the prayer chain could be reorganised to make it lighter work for those involved. We hope to be reformed and in working order by January.

We would ask you all to join in prayer with us, and also seek God to see if he may be calling you to pray in this way.

In the meantime, if you have prayer needs please contact the rectory office, or ask fellow church members to pray for you. Those of you already on the list will not be forgotten, and we will contact you again in January. From the Prayer Chain pray-ers.

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