



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Committed to God** - through worship, prayer and learning

**Committed to Growth** - through knowing God and one another

**Committed to Community** - through serving and support

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Advent 3

10.30am Morning Worship

Psalm 146.4–end

Philippians 4.4–7

Luke 3.7–18

St Mary's Church

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Advent 4

9.00am Breakfast Church

10.30am Holy Communion

Hebrews 10.5–10

Luke 1.39–45 [46–55]

All Saints

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### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas 1

10.30am Carols and Prayers

Colossians 3.12–17

Luke 2.41–end

St Mary's Church

### The Prayer for the Week

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Holy Communion with The Church in the Woottons

During Holy Communion we offer bread in the form of wafers and wine by the chalice. For reasons of hygiene we do not allow wafers to be dipped into the chalice. If you are concerned about drinking from the chalice, please receive only the wafer.

## Diary

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am 2.00pm	Monday Morning House Group South Wootton Infants School Christmas Service
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Christingle Service All Saints Church
	2.00pm	South Wootton Infants School Christmas Service
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	NW Primary School Christmas Service
	9.00am to 12 noon 2.00pm	All Saints Church Dropin at NW Village Hall South Wootton Infants School Christmas Service
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	NW school Yr 1&2 christmas service, All Saints Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion St Mary's Church
	5.00pm	Christingle Service St Mary's Church
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Carol Singing St Mary's Church
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Midnight Mass St Mary's Church
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion Christmas Service All Saints Church
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Please note</b> <b>Please note</b>	<b>No Drop in today, 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>No midweek Holy Communion today or Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>

## Welcome

If you are visiting us for the first time, we hope you enjoy the service and feel welcome. As Christians we believe that everyone can enjoy a relationship with God the Father through knowing Jesus Christ and by the activity of the Holy Spirit. In practice we come to know Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, reading and spending time together. We believe that God is passionately concerned about every aspect of our lives and that he longs for each one of us to live our lives in a way that honours him and in a way that shows love and respect for other people and for the world he has created. We believe that the Christian Church has a vital role to play, acting in partnership with God to see his kingdom established on earth. The word "church" here refers to a gathering of believers who wish to grow in their relationship with God and one another, and also grow in their understanding of how they should serve him. At The Church in the Woottons we are here for anyone who wants to explore his or her relationship with God. The Church is here to for anyone who is looking for support, friendship, or advice. The Church is here too, to serve the local community in the name of Jesus Christ. If you would like to find out more about The Church in the Woottons, please ask anyone in church or contact us by phone 01553 673742 or email [rectoryoffice@churchinthewoottons.net](mailto:rectoryoffice@churchinthewoottons.net).

**FRIENDSHIP COFFEE MORNING – 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY** At our meeting last week, sherry, mince pies, sausage rolls and a log fire greeted us at the home of Penny and Jonathan Dossetor. It set the scene for a very enjoyable morning. These get togethers are an opportunity to meet up with old friends and to make new ones. On Thursday 9th January I would like to welcome you to 35 Grimston Road, South Wootton, PE30 3NR at 10.30. Please come along if you would like some friendly company. Alternatively, if you know of someone who might benefit from coming, please let me know. We always meet on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30 until noon. If you would like to know more, have a lift or someone to go with, please contact me – Gloria Pantling, 01553 671912 / 07570262766 / or email [gloriapantling@btinternet.com](mailto:gloriapantling@btinternet.com)

**HOUSE GROUPS** - if you are interested in joining a housegroup, you would be very welcome. Please speak to Margaret Ojelade for the Monday Morning housegroup, Nigel Day or Cathy Fielding for the Monday evening housegroup, or Keith Cakebread for the housegroup held on a Tuesday afternoon.

**VACANCY** – On Saturday, 11th January, Archdeacon Catherine will hold a 'Vision Meeting' from 10 am to 1pm in South Wootton Village Hall and it is hoped that as many as possible from the congregation and wider worshipping community will be able to attend in order to talk through and agree our vision for the Church in the Woottons going forward.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** – Jennifer Watts has made a large Christmas Card for each church which you can sign as an alternative to sending individual cards. You may like to make a donation in lieu of buying cards.

**OFFICE EQUIPMENT** – If anyone has a keyboard they no longer need we would be very grateful if it could be donated for use in the office.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Sunday 15th 7.00pm Carol Service All Saints

Monday 16th 5.00pm Christingle All Saints Church

Thurs 19th 5.00pm Christingle St. Mary's Church

Saturday 21st 6.00pm Carol Singing St. Mary's Church

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass St. Mary's Church

Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Holy Communion All Saints Church

**TCITW BANK ACCOUNT** – For any donations or payments you may wish to make to Thate Church in the Woottons you can pay by BACS. We bank with Santander, sort code 09-01-29 acc. no. 41920596. For cheques, our account name is “The Church in the Woottons PCC”.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Peace and healing in Syria.
- The people of Ukraine, Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Yemen, Sudan, South Sudan and Burkino Faso.
- For those affected by catastrophic floods, including in Spain.
- Our Churchwardens Jonathan, Angela, Janet and Julian, together with our Ministers Linda Ashby, Margaret Ojelade and Nigel as they carry more responsibility for the Parish during the Vacancy.
- Our Treasurers, Glenys and David.
- Cathy Fielding who is recovering from a fall.
- That God will be preparing the heart of the person who will be our next incumbent, and that TCITWs will be guided by God in the appointment process.
- For King's Lynn Foodbank, the Winter Night Shelter and all those who are struggling, lonely, or sick this Christmas

<b>Rector</b>	<i>The Church in the Woottons is in Vacancy</i> Please contact us by phone 01553 673742 email <a href="mailto:rectoryoffice@churchinthewoottons.net">rectoryoffice@churchinthewoottons.net</a>
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<b>Secretary</b>	Catherine Knox: 01553 673742 <a href="mailto:rectoryoffice@churchinthewoottons.net">rectoryoffice@churchinthewoottons.net</a> Catherine works on Thursdays 8.30am to 2.30pm
<b>Church website</b>	<a href="http://www.churchinthewoottons.net">www.churchinthewoottons.net</a>
<b>All Saints Church</b>	Manor Road, North Wootton PE30 3PZ
<b>St Mary's Church</b>	Church Lane, South Wootton, PE30 3LJ