

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

SUNDAY, 23RD DECEMBER

6.30PM CAROLS AND CANDLES
AT PRESTON BAGOT

CHRISTMAS EVE 24TH DECEMBER

3.00PM CRIB SERVICE AT WOOTTON WAWEN

4.00PM CRIB SERVICE AT CLAVERDON

11.00PM MIDNIGHT COMMUNION AT WOOTTON WAWEN

11.00PM MIDNIGHT COMMUNION AT CLAVERDON

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION AT PRESTON BAGOT

11.00AM HOLY COMMUNION AT WOOTTON WAWEN

11.00AM FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION AT CLAVERDON

SUNDAY, 6TH JANUARY

11.00AM CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT WOOTTON WAWEN

TRUSSELL TRUST FOOD BANK APPEAL

The donations of non-perishable food items are urgently needed, particularly at this time of year. Donations from both Wootton Wawen and Preston Bagot are managed through

The Trussell Trust. Collection of tea, coffee, sugar, UHT milk, cereal bars, crisps, baked beans, pot noodles, small boxes of cereals along with toiletries, toilet rolls and shower gel is still ongoing. If you would like more information, please do speak to the churchwardens who will be pleased to tell you what is needed.

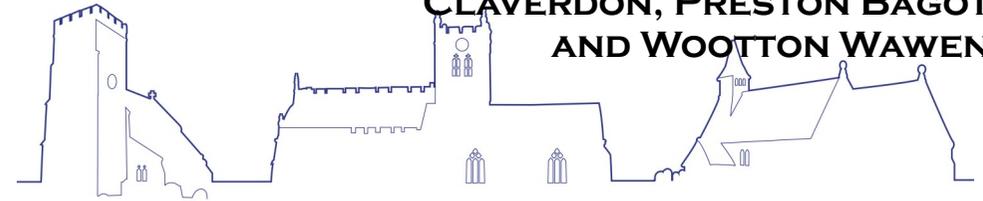


If you don't want your nearest and dearest to buy you presents of things you don't need (or want!) why not ask them to donate your gift in food to the Trussell Trust?



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**CLAVERDON, PRESTON BAGOT
AND WOOTTON WAWEN**



Sunday 16th December 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

SERVICES TODAY

- 8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP) at Claverdon with Revd. Andy
9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Preston Bagot with Revd. James
11.00am Holy Communion (CW) at Wootton Wawen with Revd. Andy
4.00pm Ecumenical Carol Service at Wootton Wawen with St. Benedict's Church
6.30pm Claverdon Church's Carol Service at the Church
(CW) Common Worship 2000 (BCP) Book of Common Prayer 1662

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who have worked so tirelessly decorating the churches, made Christingles, enthusiastically devised and led services for children (and for the childlike at heart). At such a busy time of year for everyone, it is a triumph of faith.



Please be aware that there will be NO newsletter next weekend.

WEDNESDAY, 19th December

10.00am Holy Communion in the Chancel at Wootton Wawen. If you are unable to come on Sunday, come and refresh your soul.

(There is no Wednesday Communion on Wednesday, 26th December)

THURSDAY, 20th December

6.30pm Claverdon Youth Club at the Church Centre.

SUNDAY, 23rd December

6.30pm Carols and Candles at Preston Bagot, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Please remember that there are **NO** services in either Claverdon or Wootton Churches next Sunday. Everyone will receive a warm welcome at All Saints, Preston Bagot.

SUNDAY, 30th December

11.00am Three Parish Holy Communion at Claverdon with Revd. Alan Davies



COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: *Philippians 4: 1-7*

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SECOND READING: *Luke 3: 7-18*

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.'

¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

WHAT'S ON AT CHRISTMAS AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

23rd December 4.00pm *Handel's Messiah* at Coventry Cathedral.

Handel's great work returns to the Cathedral for the festive season. With music well-known to all, including the Hallelujah Chorus, I know that My Redeemer liveth, Glory to God and the powerful final Worthy is the Lamb, Amen, the Messiah is a work that never tires but always inspires. Doors open 3.30pm, tickets £7.50 - £22.00 from www.ticketweb.uk/event/messiah-by-candlelight.

Journey to Bethlehem

Christmas Eve, 24th December 3.00pm For all the family – come dressed as a nativity character if you like! Explore the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem



Form of a Servant

Christmas Eve 24th December 7:00pm. This is a Coventry Cathedral 'classic', unique to Coventry, and offered for sixty years, culminating with the amazing 'God with Us' by John Tavener, sung by the Cathedral choir.

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER OR A VISITOR? PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN!

At any **Communion Service** you are welcome to come forward to the altar, either to receive bread and wine if you are a Communicant member of any Christian Church, or to receive a blessing. (In the latter case, please keep your hands by your side to signal this intention.)

Family Services are especially designed to accommodate all ages. They are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11am both at Claverdon and Wootton, the service at Wootton being a family-friendly Café Church. There is an All-Age service at 11am in Claverdon Church Centre on the third Sunday of each month.

Children are always welcome at worship, and parents are encouraged to walk around as they wish. There are additional areas where children can play during the service, please ask a warden for details.

Home-groups welcome new members, please contact the clergy for information.

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