### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

# **THIS WEEK**

Sunday 19 November Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am BCP Communion Service at St Catherine

10.00am Eucharist

Mon 20 Nov 6.45-7.30 Children ) Choir Practice

7.30-8.30pm Adults ) in St John's

Wed 22 Nov 7.00pm Rehearsal for Confirmation Service

Thurs 23 Nov7.00pm Confirmation Service in St John's

## Sunday 26 November CHRIST THE KING (Sunday next before Advent)

10.00am Family Service11.30am BCP Communion

6.30pm United Service at St Swithun's Church, Bathford

Mon 27 Nov 6.45-7.30 Children ) Choir Practice

7.30-8.30pm Adults ) in St John's

Wed 29 Nov10.30am Advent Study Series in the Methodist Centre

Fri 1 Dec 10.30am Toddlers' meeting moved to 15 December

#### Sunday 3 December ADVENT SUNDAY

10.00am Eucharist with the Choir 3.00pm Evensong at St Catherine

Mon 4 Dec 6.45-7.30 Children ) Choir Practice \*\* Extra practice

7.30-8.30pm Adults ) in St John's Standing Committee Meeting

Wed 6 Dec 10.30am Advent Study Series in the Methodist Centre

# Sunday 10 December Second Sunday of Advent

10.00am Eucharist

Mon 11 Dec 6.45-7.30 Children ) Choir Practice 7.30-8.30pm Adults ) in St John's

Tue 12 Dec 10.30am 'Coffee Catch-up' in the Methodist Centre

Wed 13 Dec10.30am Advent Study Series in the Methodist Centre

Fri 15 Dec 10.30am Toddlers in St John's - Christmas Party

# Sunday 17 December Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am BCP Communion at St Catherine

10.00am Eucharist

3.00pm VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

Wed 20 Dec10.30am Advent Study Series in the Methodist Centre

# Notice Sheet

Sunday 19 November 2017

St John the Baptist Batheaston with St Catherine

Second Sunday before Advent

Do take this sheet home to use in your Prayers and for your diary.

# Welcome!

A warm welcome to anyone visiting us today. Do stay for coffee after the 10.00am service

To check dates and times of services please see www.batheastonchurches.uk

# At Today's Services:

## Collect for the Day

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess,
and revive in us new hope,
that all creation will one day be healed,
in Jesus Christ our Lord

# Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope;
bring us at the last
to that fulness of life to which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

#### Readings:

Page Nos. refer to the Church Bibles OT = Old Testament (to front of Bible) NT = New Testament (to back of Bible)

#### First Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 (NT page 220)

#### Gospel:

Matthew 25: 14-30 (NT page 30)

Readings for next Sunday (26 November)
CHRIST THE KING

Ist Reading: ---

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-end

# Prayers for those in special need

Sometimes we receive requests for prayerful support for those who are ill, or at some particular crisis in their lives. I do pray for these, privately, out loud at Morning Prayer, and in the Intercessions on Sunday mornings.

I would like to be sure that I know who needs this support. There may be people who would prefer not to be named publicly, and I would pray for these in silence. Others will prefer to know that they are supported by the community, and will be happy to be named in the services. Even in this case, we will not use surnames unless we have permission to do that. As a community we also like to remember those recently deceased on the anniversary of their death, or their birthday. So if you have anyone you would like to hear mentioned in this way, again please let me know. Please pray for Philip Bryant at the time of the anniversary of his death. Also for Felicity, Laurence, Rachel and Howard and all the Bryant family and all Philip's friends.

The list may include those who have recently died. Here we remember Jenny Walker and Ruth Coombe, their families and friends.

We are asked to pray for Thelma, Jack, Mary, Brenda, Betty, Neil, Anne, Ronnie, Gracie, Judith, Andrew, and those supporting them.

These will be named in the notice sheet each week. Please pray for these, and let me know of others

Please pray for those being Confirmed on 23 November: Nicola O'Hanlon, Joanne Rheinberg, Shafaq Histon-Davies, Laurence Histon-Davies, Gina Stone, Rebecca McCormack, Jack Burcombe, Jamie Burcombe, Steven Bath, Harry Dawson, Alan Smith, Kimberley Russell, Joseph Russell, Chelsi Rogers, Matthew Bath, Beverley Haines, Abigail Roilaston and Lucy Hunter.

Isobel (01225 858677, 07775 656257, rev@sjbatheaston.co.uk).

# **Future Dates for your Diary:**

Sunday 17 December - 3.00pm - Village Carol Service in St John's

Wednesday 20 December - 7.00pm - Carols by Candlelight at St Catherine

Sunday 24 December - 4.00pm - Crib Service in St John's

Details of all Christmas services will be noted on the Christmas Card

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# Teatime Concert in St John's

**TODAY** 

There will be a concert of easy-listening music given by a group of people from Bathford and the surrounding area at **3.00pm on SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER and finishing at 5.00pm**.

Afternoon tea will be served during the interval. No charge but donations welcomed in aid of the church heating fund.

# Confirmation in St John's

#### **THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER at 7.00pm**

You will see from the prayer list that we have a large number of confirmation candidates to be confirmed during this coming week. Three of them are from other parishes but the rest are "home grown", some of them you will know; some of them are not currently part of our Sunday congregation.

Please first of all pray for them as they reach this important stage in their Christian journey. But please do also come to the service to greet the Bishop, and to show your support for the newly-confirmed. Although they are all involved in the church in various different ways, they need to know that they are joining a supportive Christian community, so that they can develop their faith and their commitment to God, and it is only by contact with other members that they will be able to do that. We need a congregation on 23 November.

Please come and be part of it.

# Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held in St John's Church each Monday evening: **20 & 27 November**; **4\* & 11th December**. Children will meet from 6.45 to 7.30pm and adults from 7.30 to 8.30pm. The choir will sing at the Advent Service in St John's on Sunday 3 December.

\* Please note this extra practice

# Come and Sing Carols

All singers of whatever skill level are invited to come and sing alongside the Batheaston church choir for the two carol services, the VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE in St John's on SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER at 3.00pm and CAROLS BY CANDLELGHT in the magical setting of St Catherine's on WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER at 7.00pm.

Practices **Mondays 4 and 11 December** in St John's, *6.45 - 7.30pm for children* and *7.30 - 8.30pm for adults*. Do come and bring your friends. Experience not necessary, though you would need to come to the practices!

# Advent Study Series

Isobel will be leading a series of four reflection sessions, using material from the Methodist Collection of Modern Art, at 10.30am on WEDNESDAYS 29 November and 6. 13 and 20 December in the Methodist Centre. All are welcome.

# Open Christmas in Bath

As usual, the Open Christmas team is hosting a Christmas Day party, particularly for those who would otherwise be alone at Christmas. Transport can be arranged. Please will you bring this to the attention of anyone who might like to go, and note that the numbers to call for your free ticket are 07392 974405, or 01225 858488.

For further details contact Sarah Sheppard on 01225 684649