

Welcome to the Bicester Area Team Ministry 23rd November 2025

*We welcome you to our churches today
Please take this leaflet home with you*



Prayer List

For those with long term health problems:

Maria & Anthony Ratsey - Amelia Woodgate - Joyce Rothera - Alan Howling
Sheila Howling - Colin Duckworth - Joan Brown - Scarlotte Roberts
Brian Page - Hannah Cormack - Wilson Oluoch - Fr John Hudson
Luke Simonds - Karen - Lucy - Lizzie - Chris Evans - Sue Morrice - Karen
Sarah-Jane Douglas - Barbara Buckle - Malcolm Nixon - Faith - Kate
Janet Campbell - Barbara - John Kightley - Shirley

Too be Baptised:

Finley Salter

A Year's mind:

Alan Everitt - Michael Desborough - Brian Grant

Who recently passed away:

Winifred Sweetland - Mary Hilton - Christopher Udell
Ian Brown - Baby Theodore Boshier

World: .we pray for just and fair ends to conflicts across the world and particularly for a peace settlement in the Ukraine which respects the rights of the people of Ukraine. We pray too for a successful outcome to the COP 30 meeting in Belem and that the rich nations of the world support poorer countries as they transition to clean energy.

Church: . we pray that Bishop Stephen may have a long and fruitful retirement and give thanks for what he has done in his time as our Bishop. We pray for Bishop Gavin as he prepares to become Acting Bishop and that God may guide for the Vacancy-in-See Committee and all others involved in choosing our new Bishop.

Local Community: we pray for all those in need, particularly those who cannot afford food and heat; we give thanks for the work of the Bicester Food Bank and pray that those who can provide it with support.

Services for Sunday 30th November

9.15am - Stir Up Sunday, Morning Worship, St Peter's, Bucknell
10.30am - Holy Communion for Advent, St Edburg's, Bicester
10.30am - Hope Church, Elmsbrook, Bicester
10.30am - Emmanuel Church, Bure Place, Bicester
11.00am - Family Communion, St Mary's, Launton
3.00pm - Christingle Service, St Laurence's, Caversfield
4.00pm - Encounter@Kingsmere, St Edburg's Upper School, Pioneer Way
6.00pm - Advent Carols, St Edburg's, Bicester

Services for Sunday 7th December

8.00am - BCP Holy Communion, St Mary's, Launton
10.30am - Sung Eucharist & Toy Sunday, St Edburg's, Bicester
10.30am - Hope Church, Elmsbrook, Bicester
10.30am - Emmanuel Church, Bure Place, Bicester
11.00am - Christingle Family Service, St Mary's, Launton
4.00pm - Christingle Service, St Peter's, Bucknell
4.00pm - Christingle Service at Encounter@Kingsmere, St Edburg's Upper School, Pioneer Way

Encounter@Kingsmere

Weekly prayer at Kingsmere every Wednesday, 5pm in The Round, St Edburg's Upper School, Pioneer Way, OX26 1BF. All welcome.

Community Choir's Christmas Concert Saturday 6th December 4pm

The Community Christmas Choir Concert "Rockin' around the Christmas Tree" will take place in St Mary's Church. Tickets cost £10 adult, accompanied children free. Available from Costcutters in Launton. Mulled wine, mince pies, biscuits and squash included in ticket price. Come and enjoy festive songs and join in with favourite carols - children will also be asked to join in for example, by playing Instruments. Further information from Celia Evans 07884135994.

Toy Sunday 7th December

Please bring any NEW toys, unwrapped to church on that day for families struggling with finances this Christmas. Wrapping paper and stocking fillers also gratefully received. No cuddly toys please unless in original packaging. Thank you. Jane Clements

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers for the following roles. St Edburg's flower arrangers and St Edburg's & St Laurence DBS document verifier. For further information or to volunteer contact either of the church wardens or the church office. Please hold these vacancies in your prayers that God may help those with the skills and gifts we seek to come forward.

Christmas Tree Festival - Hamper Raffle - Donations Needed

Donations of items or money to buy items needed for the hamper raffle at the Christmas tree festival. Please give to Janette Hathaway or ask for further details.

Our Christmas Tree Festival needs YOU!

We are looking for lots of volunteers to help all week: with setting up the trees on Wednesday 10th December; with welcoming decorators on Thursday 11th; with acting as stewards or serving refreshments on Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th; and with helping to clear up and reset the church on Monday 15th. Whether you can give one hour or many, we really need you and can promise it's rewarding. Please contact Julie in the office to offer your time or email volunteers@stedburgschurch.org

What's On Around the Bicester & Islip Deanery This November

There's so much happening across our churches this month — from services and coffee mornings to Christmas fairs and Advent preparations! Join us for worship, fellowship, and community events throughout November. Check out our 'What's On' page or visit our Facebook page for full details and updates. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574834200152>
<https://www.bicesterandislipdeanery.co.uk/what-s-on>