

December Events

- Sat 2nd 7.30pm Kirtlington, Cantores Chamber Choir concert
- Sun 3rd 9am Middleton Stoney, short informal Advent service followed by Big Breakfast from 9.30am
- 11am Chesterton Young Families' service is an Advent service
- 4pm Kirtlington, Sing With Joy, children's musical workshop
- Fri 8th 7.30pm Wendlebury Community Choir Christmas Concert in Church
- Sat 9th 9am - 12pm Weston Big Breakfast in the village hall, raffle with magnificent prizes
- 7.30pm Wendlebury Community Choir Christmas Concert in Church
- Tue 12th 12.30pm Weston Golden Leaves Lunch in village hall
- Wed 13th 9.30am Kirtlington Rise and Shine Christmas party
- Sun 17th 6pm Weston Carol Service, collections and gifts laid at the crib will be donated to the Bicester Food Bank
- Thur 21st 6-8pm Chesterton Winter Wonderland at Bignell Garden House
- Sun 24th crib services in Chesterton, Kirtlington and Wendlebury

Then have a happy and peace-filled Christmas, one and all!

Cantores Concert

This will take place at 1930 on Saturday 2 December at Kirtlington Church. This well-known *a cappella* choir is offering us an evening of first-class music, polyphony, jazz, contemporary, choral. Previous local concerts have been very well received. Suggested donation of £10 for church restoration fund. With mulled wine and mince pies.

Calling musicians

We are hoping to organise a small band to help with some of our Christmas services. If you play an instrument and would like to join in please contact Juliet Neal on Juliet.earp@gmail.com



Kirtlington Christmas Food Bank Collection

Monday 4th – Monday 11th December

We have been asked for

- Everyday food items (dried, packet or tinned)
- Christmas treats
- Childrens toys and books
- Toiletry items

Your help will be much appreciated
by needy families
Thank you



Donations to St Mary's the Virgin church
Kirtlington 9am - 4.30pm



It's Winter Wonderland Time
in Chesterton
Thursday 21st December, 6-8pm

Join Russell Jones Jr (X Factor) from 6.30-7.30pm
for Christmas songs and carols in this magical
illuminated garden

Location: Bignell Garden House, Chesterton OX26 1UF

NO PARKING AVAILABLE ON SITE—please park in the village
(with consideration for residents) and follow signs to the venue

Entrance: £6 per person or £12.50 per family—includes
festive drinks, mince pies and Christmas cookies

Tickets available in advance from:

Jill Peck (jill@chesterton1.plus.com; 07926 497300)

Hilary Walbank (01869 242109; 07808 249549)

or on the night - cash or card accepted

Our hosts, Maggie and Stephen Webster, wish all proceeds to
go towards the modernisation of St Mary's Church, Chesterton,
for the 21st century

Sing with Joy at Christmas!

Festive singing event for children

Do you enjoy singing?
Come and join us for some festive singing
at St Mary's Church, Kirtlington
on Saturday 2nd December
from 4.00 to 5.00pm
to sing Christmassy rounds, jolly part-songs and
some beautiful carols.

We will then perform our music at a
special event on Sunday 3rd December
(4.00pm)...and perhaps even teach
our audience a song or two!

Children need to be accompanied.
Refreshments will be provided.
Enquiries to: enquiries.akeman@gmail.com

Contact details

Do feel free to contact a member of the Ministry team if you would like to chat over anything, or a churchwarden if you would like information

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Services

Sunday 3rd December Advent 1
0800 Chesterton Holy Communion* (said)
0900 Middleton Stoney Breakfast Church
0930 Bletchington Morning Worship
0930 Wendlebury Holy Communion
1100 Chesterton Family Service
1600 Kirtlington Advent Children's Service

Sunday 10th December Advent 2
0930 Kirtlington Holy Communion* (said)
1100 Chesterton Holy Communion
1100 Weston Morning Worship
1515 Hampton Gay Carol Service
1600 Evensong Kirtlington*

Sunday 17th December Advent 3
0930 Bletchington Holy Communion
1600 Bletchington Carol Service
1600 Middleton Stoney Carol Service
1800 Chesterton Carol Service
1800 Kirtlington Carol Service
1800 Weston Carol Service

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve
1600 Chesterton Crib Service
1600 Kirtlington Crib Service
1700 Wendlebury Crib Service
2100 Middleton Stoney Midnight Mass
2200 Bletchington Midnight Mass
2200 Weston Midnight Mass
2300 Chesterton Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December Christmas Day
0900 Wendlebury Holy Communion
1030 Kirtlington Holy Communion
1030 Weston Morning Worship

Sunday 31st December
1000 Weston Holy Communion

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*Indicates 1662 Service

All services in M-S are in the village hall