

Something to think about...

Wendlebury had a churchyard care workshop recently, with lots of advice and help from the Kirtlington Wildlife and Conservation Society. Charles Darby explains: "scything has many advantages over mowing, being quieter and less polluting, but also being better for micro-habitats and wildflower management." The Benefice Eco group is working to raise the funds to buy some benefice scythes and rakes; watch out for developments!

For the joint Chesterton/Wendlebury Remembrance service Olivia and the "Little Makers" made a special display, right. The Little Makers will be taking part in the Wendlebury Christmas Eve Crib Service, too.



Bletchingdon Church have once again sent shoeboxes packed with Christmas gifts to go to children across the world who wouldn't otherwise have presents.



There will be a **BIG BREAKFAST** on Saturday 6 December, at Weston Village Hall, 0930-1230

RISE AND SHINE continues until 17th December when it finishes with a Christmas party. All welcome to join in the fun and share the cakes. Kirtlington Church 9.15 - 10.45.

The Green Corner

Chesterton Church's Eco Mission Statement on display in the newly-painted and shining church, (for which see above):

We recognise the goodness of creation; we acknowledge and lament our part in the environmental crisis of the world in which we live. We recognise that action to address this is integral to Christian faith, life and worship. We commit to working towards safeguarding the integrity of creation sustaining the life of the earth.

Christmas Songs and Festive Refreshments



Thursday 4th December
6:15pm door, 6:30pm concert
St Mary's Church, Chesterton

Come and enjoy a social evening in our newly-decorated church, with singing by the choir of Bruern Abbey School, followed by drinks and nibbles

£7 per adult
£3 per child under 10 yrs
No need to book in advance
Payment by cash or card on the door

WENDLEBURY COMMUNITY CHOIR PRESENTS



10th Anniversary Christmas Concert

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 5TH & SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
7:30PM

ST GILES CHURCH, WENDLEBURY
TICKETS: ADULTS £10 CHILDREN £5

For tickets email: wendleburycommunitychoir@gmail.com

Proudly supporting - The Fire Fighters Charity

Art Week: Middleton Stoney Church will take part in Oxfordshire Art Weeks next year. Watch this space to exhibit or view.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Festive Music and Cheer



Saturday, December 6th at 7pm
Join us in the lovely setting of
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MIDDLETON STONEY
for an evening of festive music with the choir 'Cantus Amicis'.

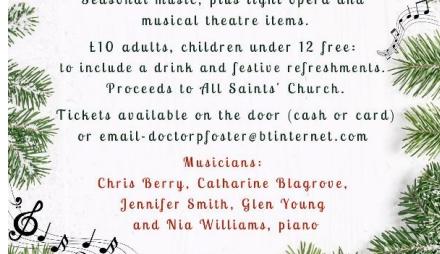
Seasonal music, plus light opera and musical theatre items.

£10 adults, children under 12 free: to include a drink and festive refreshments.

Proceeds to All Saints' Church.

Tickets available on the door (cash or card) or email- doctorpfoster@btinternet.com

Musicians:
Chris Berry, Catharine Blagrove, Jennifer Smith, Glen Young and Nic Williams, piano



In Kirtlington:



ST MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Sunday 7th - Sunday 14th December
St Mary's Church

Bicester Food Bank would be very grateful for:

- Small Christmas gifts
- Chocolate & selection boxes
- Tins of sweets & biscuits
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat & fish (especially tuna)
- Jams & peanut butter
- Tinned soup
- Hygiene products: shampoo, body wash, handwash, soap, shower gel

Please note: They do not need pasta, rice, cereals, tea, or pasta sauces at this time.

All donations will help local families have a brighter Christmas.

Bicester Food Bank will collect donations on **Monday 15th December**

Thank you for your generosity!



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December 2025

Services

Advent 2

0800 Chesterton
0930 Bletchingdon
0930 Middleton Stoney
0930 Wendlebury
1100 Chesterton
1100 Kirtlington
1100 Weston

Advent 3

0930 Kirtlington
1100 Chesterton
1515 Hampton Gay

Advent 4

0930 Bletchingdon
0930 Wendlebury
1600 Bletchingdon
1600 Middleton Stoney
1800 Chesterton
1800 Kirtlington
1800 Weston

Christmas Eve

1600 Chesterton
1600 Kirtlington
1700 Wendlebury
2200 Bletchingdon
2200 Middleton Stoney
2200 Weston
2300 Chesterton

Christmas Day

0900 Wendlebury
1030 Kirtlington
1030 Weston

Holy Innocents

Holy Communion

*Indicates Prayer Book service

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