

Christmas cheer across the Benefice



In Chesterton an evening of singing by Bruern Abbey School choir and then by their congregation, whose whistles had been wetted by good refreshments, raised £297 for church funds



Young and old(er) entered into the spirit at the Rise and Shine Christmas party in Kirtlington



Chesterton Church had a smart new crib made by Andy Johnson

HOPE for the year ahead: numbers at our Christmas services are up on last year - is this a sign of a return to church in troubling times?

New Year's Resolutions to SAVE THE WORLD AND HAVE FUN

- Go Veggie (er) and have a recipe-sharing party
- Plan the garden to encourage a surge of wildlife
- Holidays - try an adventure by train
- Turn the thermostat down one notch and cuddle a good friend

Why don't readers send in their Resolution Suggestions?



At a packed Crib Service in Wendlebury Church Olivia's "Little Makers" ably assisted Gareth in a charming Nativity play



The crib at Wendlebury

Kirtlington Carol Service had the benefit of a full choir



Bletchington Carol Service saw a record-setting 129 present, 26 of them children.

The Christmas tree welcomed them in.



To look forward to in 2026

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

RISE AND SHINE starts again on Wednesday 7th January in Kirtlington Church 9.15 - 10.45

COMMUNITY

All Ages Welcome TEA TOO!

Wednesday 21st January
10:30am ~ 12:00pm

in St Giles' Church
Church Lane, Wendlebury

Including: Gluten / Dairy / Egg Free Cake
Level Access & Accessible WC

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January 2026

Services

Sunday 4th January

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

Sunday 11th January

0930 Kirtlington
1100 Chesterton

Sunday 18th January

0930 Bletchington
0930 Middleton Stoney
0930 Wendlebury
1100 Chesterton
1100 Weston
1500 Bletchington
1600 Kirtlington

Sunday 25th January

1000 Weston

Christmas 2

Holy Communion*
Morning Worship
Morning Worship
Holy Communion
Family Service
Holy Communion
Morning Worship

Baptism of Christ

Breakfast Church
Holy Communion

Epiphany 2

Holy Communion*
Holy Communion
Breakfast Church
Café Church at Community Centre
Holy Communion
3rd at 3 Family Service
Evensong*

Conversion of St Paul

Benefice Communion

*Indicates Prayer Book service