

Lord, As we hear of those experiencing storms buffeting coasts and lands, typhoons and flooding, earthquakes and hurricanes, we pray for: those who feel there is little hope in their lives and whose hearts feel broken and empty; those overwhelmed by their inner storms and those buffeted by the incessant demands of daily life; those burdened by too much responsibility and those afraid of how tired they are.

We pray too for those coping with the aftermath of Storm Bram especially those whose homes and premises have been flooded and for all those in the emergency services, constantly facing difficult and dangerous situations. We pray for those who live in places of conflict and violence:

We remember especially the people of Thailand and Cambodia; the people of Ukraine surrounded by so much uncertainty; and the European leaders seeking unity and initiatives to end the suffering of so many. We pray for the people of Sudan amidst so much brutality; for the people of Gaza and all those in refugee camps around the world desperate for aid .

We pray for young people coming to the end of another university, college or school term: For those trying to cope with the pressure of assignments and work; For those struggling emotionally and mentally with environments they find difficult; For those endangered by social media; For those being bullied or exploited; and for those who go home to places of tension or sadness or hardship.

We pray our churches will be places of warmth and welcome for those whose journey through Advent is marred by ill health; for those struggling on the streets of our towns and cities; for those who are in debt or plagued by addiction; or those who are alone or dreading Christmas Day.

We give thanks for our neighbours and friends and all that goes on in this village to bring people together, the shop, church, chapel, village hall, clubs and groups

And we pray for one another and for ourselves That we may be open to the needs of others; Aware of the needs of our own hearts; And follow in the footsteps of those who have journeyed to the crib before us With integrity, humility and joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **Pictures or news clippings of Wigginton in the past**

If you have any pictures or cuttings you would like to send in to the Parish Newsletter that goes out to around 200 people, so that all our readers can see and perhaps reminisce too, please send them by email to

### **Weekly Notices**

*Rector: Rev. Canon Jonathan Gordon 01442 871547*

*Priest: Rev. Michael Eggleton 01442 823273*

*Readers: Peggy Sear and David White*

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Services for December 14th  
3rd. Sunday of Advent  
8am Holy Communion BCP

**10am** Parish Eucharist  
Hymns: 307, 328, 62, 358,

#### **Readings**

Isaiah 35: 1-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

6pm Nine lessons and Carols by  
candlelight.  
Mince pies and drinks after

Services for December 21st  
4th. Sunday of Advent  
**8am** Holy Communion BCP

**10 00am** Parish Eucharist  
Hymns: 358, 137, 196, 295

#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Romans 1; 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-end

**4pm** Evening Prayer  
Psalm 113  
1 Samuel 1: 1-20  
Luke 1: 39-45

#### **Prayer for today**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Prayer for Peace**

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### **St. Barts Book Swap and Library**

IS OPEN for swapping books. Please feel free to borrow books from the library or bring books in for others to share.

### **Weekly Updates to the Notices**

The Notices are printed out every Friday. If there is anything that you would like added to these notices, please get in touch either by email; revmike1@outlook.com or phone 07585600408

### **Church Room bookings**

If you would like to book the church room, please get in touch 07585600408

### **Need a plumber?**

Give Mel Price a ring 07789324922

### **Need a Window Cleaner?**

Give Scott a ring on 07875534780

### **Coming up in the church**

#### **December 14th. 6pm**

Service of lessons and carols by candlelight

### **Dacorum Night Shelter DENS**

DENS is short for the Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter, as originally it just was. Founded in 1998, it has developed in many directions, aspiring to be the first port of call in Dacorum for residents facing poverty, social isolation or homelessness.

On the piano in Church there is a home crafted red post box. It stands there all the year but is now empty awaiting any used postage stamps you put in it, foreign or U.K.

from Christmas mail.

To facilitate sorting, please leave a cm margin around each one, and if possible, separate foreign from U.K. stamps.

DENS can make some money from all these by weight. (There are also collecting post boxes in our Village Shop and outside Cholesbury Village Hall)

Thanks very much yet again, Gill Fleckney

