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Sunday 24th November 2024

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- 10:30 Morning Service**
(Including children's activities)
John 18:33-37
- 17:00 BCP Evening Service**
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14
John 18:33-37

Sunday 1st December 2024 (Advent 1)

- 10:30 Morning Service**
(Including children's activities)
Jer 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-36
- 17:00 BCP Evening Service**
Psalm 9
Joel 3.9 - end
Rev 14:13 - 15:4

Our prayer team will be available each Sunday after the morning service if you would like somebody to pray with you or for you.



Prayer of the Week

The prayer calendar is on the back page... don't miss it!

Prayer for 24th November 2024

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayer for 1st December 2024

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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A Word from Revd Claire



This news sheet covers two weeks. The next one will not be issued until 5th December when we will be into the new Church year and the season of Advent.

Advent is a time of preparation and expectation as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ in his incarnation and looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time.

The church building is not adorned with flowers during advent, the readings and our services direct us towards Christ's birth, but they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement. Advent falls for us at the darkest time of the year, the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas.

We must prepare ourselves during Advent for the joy that is to come. This requires some effort as already it seems that Christmas has arrived for some people! Irrespective of when you put your Christmas decorations up or have a taste of your first mince pie – I do encourage you to engage in the season of Advent. Try to find some space and quiet time to reflect on the big themes of the advent season, remember always that it is not gifts or food or decorations that make Christmas special – it is love. The love that we share with our families, friends and neighbours, the laughter we share, the time spent together - these are the things I encourage you to hold on to.

With every blessing for a peaceful Advent. Revd Claire.

Christmas Events & Services held in Church 2024

Advent Group

An Advent group will meet on 4th, 11th and 18th December in church at 3pm for one hour to delve deeper into the meaning of Christmas by looking at hymns and songs we sing
Everyone welcome

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Carol Singing

There may be Carol Singing around Amington. Please see the notice board or website for further information

Saturday 14 December

Christmas Fayre 12pm - 4pm
Lots to do and buy for Christmas

Sunday 22 December

Carols by Candlelight 5pm
A traditional service of readings and carols, including music led by our Organist and Amington Band

Tuesday 24 December

Christingle Service 2pm
Come and discover what a Christingle is and the meaning behind it (suitable for all ages)

Tuesday 24 December

Nativity Service 4pm
Come along and join in, dress up as your favourite nativity character and sing some carols

Tuesday 24 December

Midnight Mass 11.30pm
A reflective look at Christmas

Christmas Day

It's Christmas!
Christmas Gathering 10.00am
Bring one of your presents to show the congregation



Please contact the church office (hello@amington.church) if you have questions regarding any of the above events

"Today, in the town of David, a Saviour has been born; he is Christ, the Lord!
Luke 2.11 (NIV)



This Week

Mo	25/11	19:00	Home Group – Mandy
Tu	26/11	19:00	NO Home Group – Geoff
Tu	26/11	20:00	Home Group – Allan
We	27/11	14:00	Mid-week Communion (Church)
Th	28/11	14:00	Baby Ark (Church)
Th	28/11	14:00	Place of Welcome (Church)
Fr	29/11	11:00	MST Meeting (Vicarage)
Su	01/12	10:30	Morning Service (Church)
Su	01/12	17:00	BCP Evening Service (Church)
Mo	02/12	19:30	Home Group – Mandy
Tu	03/12	19:00	Home Group – Geoff
Tu	03/12	20:00	Home Group – Allan
We	04/12	14:00	Mid-week Communion (Church)
We	04/12	15:00	Advent Group (Church)
Th	05/12	14:00	Baby Ark
Th	05/12	14:00	Place of Welcome (Church)
Sa	07/12	10:30	TCHA Prayer Group (School Hall, OSH)
Su	08/12	10:30	Morning Service (Church)
Su	08/12	17:00	BCP Evening Service (Church)

Date For Your Diary

We	27/11	14:00	Midweek Communion (Church)
We	04/12	14:00	Midweek Communion (Church)
We	04/12	15:00	Advent Group (Church)
We	11/12	14:00	Midweek Communion (Church)
We	11/12	15:00	Advent Group (Church)
Sa	14/12	12:00	Christmas Fayre (Church)
We	18/12	14:00	Midweek Communion (Church)
We	18/12	15:00	Advent Group (Church)

Noticeboard

Christmas Fayre

Please may we have donations of small items suitable for the tombola stall and the promise of cakes for the refreshment stall at the Christmas Fayre. Please contact Jan Hine-Thompson.

Angels

I am delighted by the response to making Angels. Can I just clarify that the colour of the angel can be whatever you would like to make. It does not need to be white. You can use your own pattern, take one from the back of church or contact the church office (office@amington.church) for an emailed copy of patterns.

Book Club

We will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm. The first meeting will be held at the Vicarage on 11th December to discuss the book The Women of the Nativity.

Church of England Christmas Theme

I know we are not yet in Advent, but I wondered if there would be anyone willing to take part in a 'fun' video that I will post on our new Youtube channel.

This year the CofE have the theme of Calm and Bright, from the well known Carol Silent Night. I thought it would be fun if we could have people willing to sing a line or just a few words from Silent night followed by a clip of as many people as possible to say come and join us this Christmas, we can post the video together with our services early December. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the flowers in church for Christmas, there will be a box on the font for your donations.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

If your Christmas flowers are in memory of a loved one, there will be a list on the table at the back of church for you to add the names to be included on the memorial list.

Volunteers Required

The church is looking for volunteers to assist with a variety of different activities. Most of the roles will be on a rota system and will not require a weekly commitment.

If you have a bit of spare time and would like to help the church, please contact or speak to Revd Claire Mitchell (revclaire@amington.church) who will be happy to talk to you about the roles we have.

Knit and Natter

The next Knit & Natter meeting in the Coffee Shop, OSH will be on **Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

Advent Group

On the first three Wednesday of Advent, which are 4th, 11th and 18th of December, there will be an Advent group in Church after the Communion Service, starting at 3pm for an hour. Rev Claire will be leading it and it will be a discussion-based group, encouraging us to really thinking about the words we sing. We will look at be some traditional Advent Carols and some worship songs to help us prepare for our Christmas celebration and to reflect upon the words we sing and what they mean to us.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH 2025

The list for those who wish to provide flowers in church to remember a special date is ready and at the back of church.

Thank you to all who have supplied or donated flowers during 2024. They bring a welcoming pleasure on entering church.

Open Prayer

At: **Amington Church**
On: **9th December 2024**
Start: **7.30 pm**

Amington Parish Church will be open for Open Prayer on the second Monday of each month from 7.30pm.

For your Prayers

Please pray for:

- † All those recently bereaved, especially the family and friends of the late Eric Simmonds, Sylvia Archer and Mary Wilson
- † TCHA: for the welfare of staff and residents
- † Rough sleepers, and those who are isolated
- † Political leaders, for wise decisions
- † Christians who face persecution throughout the world
- † The Ministry and Outreach of our Church
- † All those on both sides of conflicts in this world and that sense will prevail

Prayer Calendar

Even if you do not know someone, you can still ask God to bless them by name!

SUN	24/11	Ray & Jane Skarratt, Tracey Smith	Youth Work - something new Alstonfield Close
MON	25/11	Brown Family (Abbey, Josh, Mike, Sue)	Wholeness & Healing Team Alton Close
TUE	26/11	Sue Joyce, Robert Birbeck, Helen Thompson	Pre-Schools in Amington Arden Close
WED	27/11	Alex Robbins, Joyce Madeley, Vicky Moss	Prayer Meetings Barlaston Way
THU	28/11	Carol Chadwick, Joyce Moore, Wendy Ruff	Couples Getting Married Beechwood Crescent
FRI	29/11	Deanery Churches	Coleshill & Polesworth Deanery Bexhill Drive
SAT	30/11	Archdeacon Phelim	Church of England Birmingham Blithbury Close
SUN	01/12	Alan & Joan Dewhurst, Helen Slim, Judith Walker	Ministry Support Team Boundary Drive
MON	02/12	Allan & Anne Baldwin, Julia Pinner	Local Health, Police & Fire Services Bracklesham Way
TUE	03/12	Catriona Paton, Irene Davies, Kath Hastilow	Evangelism & Outreach Brancaster
WED	04/12	Widdas Family (Mandy, Mark, Sam)	Marriages & Family Life Bridge Street
THU	05/12	Dot Betts, Lesley Willers, Janet Hine-Thompson	Primary Schools in Amington Broomyslaw Close
FRI	06/12	Dave & Iris Morris, Linda Dearne	Poverty & Deprivation in Amington Caister
SAT	07/12	Bibbey Family (Craig, Zachary, Jonathan, Shaunnagha)	Home Groups Carnoustie
SUN	08/12	Joshi Family (Alan, Jess, Paul)	Local Secondary Schools & Colleges Chandlers Drive