

LAMPS Theatre presents

Babs of Bethlehem

a wonderful hybrid of the classic Nativity story and the old Russian folk-tale Babushka, with a bit of Fawlty Towers thrown in!

For more information, please see their website:
<http://lampscollective.com/>

Now that Pam has retired, all church communications should be sent to rsk.benefice@gmail.com. Church emails will be dealt with by Katie and sent to whoever is appropriate.

Church Flowers

Maureen Cook has decided to stop doing the church flowers at year end. We would like to express our enormous gratitude to Maureen for the beautiful way she has consistently brightened up our church over so many years – and ask for anyone who could help with the flowers in 2017 to contact Linda Caldicott or Iain Winton.

There is no Cafe Radley on Fri 30th Dec. It will reopen on Fri 6th Jan 2017.

OUR WEBSITE

All events will be on our website where you will find up-to-date information. If you have any notices that people need to know about, Iain can upload the information on the website. Please email him on iain.winton@gmail.com

If you have any items for the **January Newsheet**, please could you make sure that you get the information to Emma Moore (e39moore@virginmedia.com or 01235 550885) by **Monday 19th December**.

Due to illness there are now two gaps on the Church Room cleaning rota. If you could consider sparing an hour or two 4 times a year to help - on-the-job training provided! - please contact Catherine (07442 018284 or mcrgray@hotmail.com)

Men's (Christmas) Breakfast will be on Sat 10th December at 8am in Church Room. Please let Charlie, Phil or Tony know if you would like to come. *Please note change of date.*

Church Room Bookings

If you would like to book the Church Room for an event, please contact Gill Dean preferably by email on gilldean50@gmail.com. If you can only phone please do so between **9 am and 5pm** on 01235 202973.

Bible Reading Fellowship

BRF is creating its first focused Major Donor fundraising team to support the significant growth in its charitable activities. This is an exciting time to be joining BRF and to play a key role in raising the income needed to support our vision to see lives and communities transformed through our creative programmes and resources for individuals, churches and schools. Details about the three roles – Senior Key Relationships Executive, Key Relationships Executive and Key Relationships Team Coordinator – can be found at: www.brf.org.uk/current-vacancies.

Useful phone numbers:

The Vicarage - 01235 554739

Wardens:

Iain Winton 01235 200915 / 0787 6713842

Linda Caldicott 01235 527728 / 07846 301788



St James the Great, Radley DECEMBER 2016 (includes 1st Jan)



DECEMBER SERVICES AND READINGS

Sun 4th Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Matt 3: 1-12
Sun 11th Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Matt 11: 2-11
Sun 18th Dec	4th Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Matt 1:18-end
Sat 24th Dec	Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9.2-7 Luke 2.1-14
Sun 25th Dec	Christmas Day	Isaiah 52.7-10 John 1.1-14
Sun 1st Jan 2017	New Year's Day	Isaiah 63. 7-9 Matt 2.13-end

Happy Christmas...

Come and join in the celebrations of Christmas – and maybe find the very special love, joy and peace of God as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the King of love and the Prince of Peace.

Reverse Advent

You might like to take part in a 'reverse advent' calendar this year. From 1st Dec to Christmas Day put an item of non-perishable food in a box for our food bank and bring along as normal for the next collection which will be Jan 15th 2017. No bar to having the chocolate one as well!

'MESSY CHRISTMAS'



RADLEY
On the first Sunday of the month
11.00am

Please join us for coffee in the
Church Room after the
11am service.

CRECHE for the 11am service

Just come along or contact Katie
North on 532203

If in our communion service you would like to receive:

Non-alcoholic wine, Gluten free wafers or in your seat rather than coming forward.

Please inform one of the sidespeople.

Please Pray as we start to think about a new incumbent

Guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new incumbent for this benefice, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people; ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, Jesus. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS:



Please pray for the many people persecuted for their faith. This year we have prayed for Christians in Nepal, Sudan, China, and Cuba, and for the family of a Muslim man murdered in Glasgow. See the CSW website:

<http://www.csw.org.uk/>



Please pray for Nicolas and Marjorie Fuentes and their young son planting a new church at Puento Alto, Chile. They are new local Partners of CMS and are sharing the Gospel in friendship with their neighbours in house-groups, now starting Sunday services and serving needy people in their community.

Whether it is due to the terrible ongoing conflict in the Sudan or the worsening food crisis in Malawi, there are constantly hungry and vulnerable children in need of a nutritious meal. Please pray that those who are able, will donate generously to support the global feeding programme run by Mary's Meals.

Please remember in your prayers:

Gill Breeze, John Eddy,
Rosemary Hardwick, Margaret Higgs,
Nancy Homewood, Sue Kiff,
Betty Lee, Harry Price, Doug Rawlinson, and Cynthia Rogers.



In our Year's Mind - December	
4	Kenneth Hollis
8	Vera Torrie
16	Pamela Newport
21	Jean Deller
21	Beryl Buckle
31	Maureen Hill

Pam will be leaving Radley at the beginning of December. Her new details are on a printed card at the back of Church.

Please include her in your prayers as she moves away from us.

E-Advent

If you would still like to join our benefice-wide E-Advent calendar for 2016 and read the contributions made, please let Glynis Beckett know as soon as possible.

Email glynisbeckett@btinternet.com.

NEW BOOK!

**St James the Great:
The Story of a Village Church**

How old is the font? What do we know about the clergy, the bells, the organ and the churchyard? Find the answers plus many more in this book from Radley History Club. £12.00. Available from Radley Village Shop or from Joyce Huddleston (01235 524866)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In Church:

Every Tues 8.50am - Morning Prayer - Please note change of DAY.

Every Sat 8.45 - 9.15am - A Time for Prayer

Sun 18th Dec 11am - Foodbank collection

In the Church Room:

Every Friday 10am - Noon - Café Radley. (except Fri 30th Dec)

Wed 7th Dec Midday - Luncheon Club

Sat 10th Dec 8am - Men's Christmas Breakfast (please note change of date)

Wed 21st Dec 7.30pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Future Dates:

Sun 8th Jan 2017 6pm - Reflect@6. Mary's Meals.

Specific Christmas Services at Radley

Sun 11th Dec	6pm	Lantern Walk
Sun 18th Dec	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Nativity Service with Communion
	6pm	Carols by Candlelight followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Sat 24th Dec	6pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Holy Communion
Sun 25th Dec	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Holy Communion
	6pm	No Service
Sun 1st Jan	8am	No Service
	11am	Holy Communion
	6pm	No Service

January reflect@6
Mary Kydd
talking about
Mary's meals,
Sun 8th Jan 2017
At 6pm
5.30 tea/coffee and
cake

Can you help with any of the following as we prepare for Christmas at St James'?

There are lists at the back of Church to sign up on.

Sun 11th Dec 6pm - Lantern Walk

This will start at Peachcroft Farm and end at Church. We are looking for people to help set up, marshalling on the night or providing mince pies / stollen at Church.

Sat 17th Dec 10am - Please come and help us to decorate the Church, Christmas Tree and to sort out the crib.

Sun 18th Dec 6pm - Can you make some mince pies for after the Carol Service?