



Week beginning 26 November 2023

10.00am Confirmation with Holy Baptism at the Eucharist

Hymns 81 Christ triumphant
103 Crown him with many crowns
206 He's got the whole world in his hands
321 Love divine, all love excelling
188 Guide me O thou great redeemer

Choir Turn thy face - Attwood
Christ is the world's true light - Stanton

WHAT'S ON IN CHURCH THIS WEEK
The church is open daily for private prayer and reflection from around 8.30am

Mon 27 Nov

9am-4pm Tree festival preparation
9.45-11.30am Stepping Stones

Tues 28 Nov

9am-4pm Tree festival preparation
3.15pm Funeral at Mintlyn – Cyril Toplis

Weds 29 Nov

8.30am Morning Prayer in the Side Chapel
9am-4pm Tree festival preparation
7pm Light switch on for Tree Festival

Thurs 30 Nov

9.30am Holy Communion
10.00am-8pm Tree Festival open with Café (until 7pm), Stalls, Tombola
5.15pm Choir Practice in the Side Chapel

Fri 1 Dec

10.00am-8pm Tree Festival open with Café (until 7pm), Stalls, Tombola

Sat 2 Dec

10.00am-8pm Tree Festival open with Café (until 7pm), Stalls, Tombola
6.00pm Town Light Switch On

Sun 3 Dec

8.00am Holy Communion on Advent Sunday
10.00am Christ Tree Festival Service
12noon-7.30pm Tree Festival open with Café (until 7pm), Stalls, Tombola
7.30pm Sung Compline

DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN IS 12 NOON ON WEDS.

*Please send items for inclusion to
admin@fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† Bishops Graham, Jane and Ian.

† Archdeacons Catherine, Keith and especially Steven. Steven has been diagnosed with a treatable leukaemia and is facing a long journey of treatment.

† In the Diocesan Prayer Diary: Transformed by Christ – Prophetic. Lord, spur our hearts and minds to action in our short time on this earth, to become wise and careful stewards of creation. Fill us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, to see injustice and have the strength to challenge it. May others hear your voice through us.

† In the Deanery Prayer Diary: Clergy in Post Retiral Ministry, especially Andrew, Christine and Joy who minister with us.

† In the Parish Diary: the business communities using the industrial estates in the greater Fakenham area.

† For all the volunteers who will be with us over Tree Festival in support of so many charities.

† For peace with justice throughout the world.

† Those who have asked for our prayers, including; Jane, Debbs, Esther Hubbard, Stephen Watson, Lesley, Robert, Glenda Boley, George, June Urry, Wendy Stephen, Peter, Maurice, Andy, Diana, Matthew, Duncan, Mary, Eunice and Lawrence.

† Those who died recently: Doreen Clarke, Gertrude Chapman, Yvonne Davidson, Janet Falconbridge, Carl Wright, Norma Evans, George Burton, Kenneth Bridges, Ted Hammond, Daisy Flowerdew, Jonathan Hollings, Mary Stoddart, Roy Dodman and Cyril Toplis.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs 30 Nov-7 Dec Christmas Tree Festival
Sat 2 Dec Christmas Light Switch-On in Town
Sun 17 Dec at 6.30pm Carols by candlelight
Wed 20 Dec at 4pm Christingle
Sun 24 Dec at 4pm Crib Service
Sun 24 Dec at 11pm Midnight Communion
Mon 25 Dec 9.30am Family Christmas Communion

Advent begins next Sunday, and it marks the beginning of the church year. It is a time for reflection in darkness, for renewal of hope and for a movement towards a beginning.

The Diocese of Norwich Digital Advent Calendar 2023 will commence on Sunday 3 December!

Make sure you don't miss out by signing up here:
<https://dofn.org/advent>

**CAROLS AT CRANMER HOUSE
Tues 12 December at 10am**

Can you help make up a small 'choir' to sing at Cranmer House, have a cup of tea and enjoy a time of fellowship with the residents?

Please let Revd Tracy if know you can come along.

BREAKING NEWS!

THE ENTRANCE PROJECT START DATE CONFIRMED

Monday 8 January 2024 marks the day work is expected to commence on our new entrance, making the church building more accessible and welcoming for all.

This is a major piece of work and will cause us some short-term disruption. We will be making plans in advance with our builders, King & Co. to keep any inconvenience to a minimum, and to ensure we can keep church activities running smoothly.

There will be regular updates and information shared as we progress with the planning.

The first stage of the work is scheduled to take 9 weeks. Plans are on display at the back of the church.

Help is needed at all of our main Christmas services.

If you are able to offer to help at any of these services by being a welcomer/steward, please drop an email to admin@fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk

Sun 17 Dec at 6.30pm Carols by candlelight

Wed 20 Dec at 4pm Christingle

Sun 24 Dec at 4pm Crib Service

Sun 24 Dec at 11pm Midnight Communion

Thank you.

ECO TIP

Climate injustice is a worldwide issue. Buying a virtual gift this Christmas from charities working to protect the planet helps provide funds for vital work in the environment & raises awareness among our friends & family.

These are some of the many charities:

- For £15 Christian Aid provides fruit tree saplings for families in Sierra Leone.
- Save The Children have a Garden Kit containing seeds and tools for £29 for families in Sri Lanka.
- Red Cross Protect Our Planet sends your donation to people living through climate change.
- Tree Aid have a range of Trees for planting in Africa for £10 each.

****UPDATE ON HEATING IN CHURCH****

Temporary heaters are now in church and we will see how they work out in the next few weeks. Please continue to wrap up warm.

We will be working to find a long-term solution in the new year and will keep you updated with developments.

Christmas Tree Festival

Final call for volunteers

Rotas are available to see after church on Sunday. If you can help, please see one of the team a.s.a.p. Thank you.

Christmas Cakes: Thank you to everyone who made a cake and/or helped wrapped them.

Help please.

Could you please spare some time on Monday 27 November between 9:00am & 12 noon to prepare the church? Not all jobs involve heavy lifting.

And pencil-in Friday 8 December between 9:00am & 12 noon to restore the church, if you are available.

Any time you can spare will be much appreciated.
Thank you.
Roger

Foodbank list of items most needed ...

- **INSTANT MASH**
- **LONGLIFE/UHT FRUIT JUICE**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES (NOT BAKED BEANS)**
- **SAVOURY BISCUITS/CRACKERS**
- **CHRISTMAS PUDS/CAKE/SELECTION BOXES**

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the donations point in church.

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