

FROM REV TERESA STEWART-SYKES

As I write the sun is streaming through the Vicarage study windows, the temperature outside is a balmy 17 degrees and you wouldn't believe there are only seven weeks until Christmas Day! However, when I walk around the shops and supermarkets, I'm made to feel completely unprepared for the festive season! All the Christmas goodies are on display and Christmas tunes are playing cheerfully in the background subliminally encouraging me to buy, buy!

In truth I'm a bit of a 'bah-humbug' at this time of year. I struggle with the dark nights and mornings and all the razzamatazz of Christmas making me feel I should be jolly when really I want to crawl under the duvet! I'm sure I'm not alone in this. November is an odd month, a bit of a poor relation to spectacular December with its Christmas lights, it's parties and the BIG DAY itself!

The one thing November has going for it is the big reveal of all the Christmas adverts on TV- don't we just love looking forward them! The lavish minute and a half of feel good music, the story that tugs at the heart strings or which reminds us of all the good things we could have in our lives.

It made me ponder the very first Christmas 'advert', the oral tradition of the nativity story, told to families and communities gathered in homes and churches long before it was written down and published in the form of the Bible. In this Christmas advert you have the migrant Holy Family, looking for shelter in a busy city; the worries of Mary and Joseph; the strangers who come with smiles and wonder and gifts; the angel choirs singing quietly joyful songs and finally the happy ending, a baby and a family full of hope for the future.

These elements are all reflected in the Christmas adverts you will see on TV this year, from the M&S strapline 'Gifts that give', the Boot's 'Bring joy to all this Christmas' to the John Lewis advert on a theme of loneliness and the happy ending of the kitten sharing Christmas lunch.

In the dark winter months we are all living through, I hope you will be able to hear again the Christmas story and be encouraged by its message of hope. And as you enjoy the Christmas adverts on your TVs, see if you can look beneath the commercialism and discover the ancient truths of generosity of heart, faithful companionship, and hope for the future.

I wish you all a very blessed Christmas

Rev Teresa

NEW RECTOR FOR DORCHESTER ABBEY

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Jane Willis as our new Team Rector (subject to formalities). Jane will be licensed on Monday 13th February, 2023, at 7.30 p.m. at Dorchester Abbey. She has written this to introduce herself to us all:

Greetings to everyone in the Dorchester Team! It was great to meet some of you on the interview day and I'm really looking forward to serving as your new Team Rector. Nothing quite beats meeting face to face, but for now a few words of introduction...

I'm presently Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint – a large Sussex village just beneath the South Downs and north of Brighton. I've served here for 8 years during which time the church has experienced new life and growth – as well as navigating covid times. Having felt the time had now come to move on, I'm delighted to have a deep sense of call to serve the Dorchester Team.

I'm married to Gerry and we have three adult daughters, four grandchildren – and we're presently 'between dogs'. I was born in Canada, spent my childhood in Hampshire, teenage years in Cheshire and moved to Sussex when I was 17. That was where I came to faith, met and married Gerry, had babies – and where my call to ordination began. Since then we've been on God's great tour of England – moving first to Northampton to a full time lay ministry post in a town centre church, then to Oxford for two years ordination training (we love Oxford!), curacy at Shrewsbury Abbey, first incumbency with a group of rural churches in North Devon along with being chaplain to the children's hospice, before being called back to Sussex. Gerry runs his own property maintenance business, which he's restarted every time we've moved! He is also a Reader (LLM/Licensed Lay Minister in Oxford terms).

In our free time we enjoy walking, exploring new places and landscapes – and I'm a keen photographer. Family time is also precious to us – a real bonus for us is that in Dorchester we will be nearer to them all. I have a feeling the next few months will fly by and we will soon be with you – in the mean time we will be praying for you, and would really value your prayers for good endings here and good beginnings with you all.

Every blessing

The Revd Teresa Stewart-Sykes is Team vicar for The Baldons with Nuneham Courtenay, Berinsfield and Drayton St Leonard.

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The Revd Jennifer Morton is Associate Team Vicar and lives in Toot Baldon: jennifer@morton8.co.uk.

Our current curate is **The Revd Sorrel Shamel-Wood** who lives in Berinsfield. Our safeguarding officer is Sara McDouall: saramcdouall@gmail.com

A clergy person can always be reached in a pastoral emergency by ringing the Dorchester Team Office 01865 340007

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Election of Toot Baldon Councillor

Dawn McGiveron of Owls Barn, Toot Baldon has been co-opted to replace John Maskell on the Parish Council. Dawn's email when set up is expected to be Dawn.McGiveron@baldonspc.org

Southern Track

Now that the southern track has been completed some concern is being expressed to the council that it is starting to be used as a circular route round the green. It is important that we all understand that this should not become the case. The southern track from the Seven Stars to Blenheim Corner is an access track only to properties. From Parsonage farm the short stretch of track to the junction with the southern track is an unadopted part of the bridleway which goes down to the fields. The bridleway's use by vehicles over the short stretch is restricted to provide access to fields for the farmers and for car owners to access their properties. Whilst the council cannot stop cars driving round the green for convenience, we hope that with better understanding drivers will respect the rules.

Driving and Walking Safely in Baldon Lane

Concern has been expressed by a resident that walking on Baldon Lane when cars are travelling too fast, or light conditions not very good, that pedestrians can feel unsafe when there is no footpath or verge to step on. This was discussed at our meeting with our County Councillor, and it has been agreed that we will seek a meeting with the highways team to see what can be done. We understand our application for a 20-mph speed limit is in the County Council priority list for attention in 2023 and a discussion with the highways team will help us to plan ahead to consider what traffic calming measures may be possible.

In the meantime, we would urge pedestrians to be sensible and remember to wear something bright and reflective in these dark winter days.

Solar Farm Nuneham Courtenay

The promotors of the solar farm on land west of the A4074 are currently pursuing a scoping study with SODC and have held a public information / briefing day. We can anticipate a full planning application will be submitted in due course. It's clear the outline proposals will extend the visual impact and problems on the landscape and in the Green Belt as identified in the development of the Nineveh Farm application which, despite strong objections, has been approved by SODC. Baldons Councillors have strongly argued to our District Councillor that SODC should be developing a clear strategy to manage the proliferation of applications to protect the Green Belt and farmland and CPRE are also being very active on this front.

Coronation Celebrations

A preliminary discussion was held on how the village might celebrate the King's Coronation in May 2023.

Initially the council has agreed in principle to provide a tree for the village green to replace the one that came down recently. It would be useful to have feedback/ideas of how villagers would like to celebrate and/or help organize something as we will return to discuss this at the January meeting.

Jubilee trees

In addition to the tree approved for the village green there is now agreement with the PCC that a Yew tree will be planted in the churchyard at St Lawrence's Toot Baldon. Both trees will be obtained and planted during the winter months.

Grant for repairing hedges

Following the approach from a villager there is a possibility of securing a grant to help to replace some lost hedging on Parsonage farmland. This has the support of the council, the farmer and the land agents. The council is very grateful for the offer to help and hope it is successful.

Planning Applications

Hornbeam Cottage, Marsh Baldon. P22/S3843/HH. An application for the creation of an off-road parking space and minor property alterations. The council has indicated its support to SODC.

Manor House, Toot Baldon. P22/S355/HH & P22/S3558/LB. An application for internal improvements and external developments including a garden room, garage, studio and porch at this important listed house in Toot Baldon. The council has indicated its concerns and objections at the external proposals to SODC.

Date of next meeting

January 9th, 2023, Village Hall 7.30 pm

We would be grateful for help decorating the churches for Christmas.

If you are interested in helping do please get in touch with Veronica Sandilands vsandilands@btinternet.com or 01865 343367.

We would also be delighted to have contributions of holly.

St Peter's will be decorated for the Carol Service on Friday 16 December.

10TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE BALDON RUNNERS

group's running journey started as a short 10 week 'couch to 5k' course, 10 years later the runners are still going strong. The first Baldon runners session started at 8 am on a sunny but cold Saturday morning November 2012. The initiative was part of the legacy programme for the 2012 Olympic games. Nic Defilion, our captain for



many years, had just completed a run leaders course and decided it would be a great idea to form a group of villagers who wanted to start running. The runners collective have been meeting at the cricket pavilion every Saturday morning since (except for Covid lockdowns).

Each Saturday morning we run a loosely structured and inclusive session for everyone who is available. Over the last 10 years we have had over 60 members from casual runners, ultra-marathon runners and everything in between.

In order to celebrate our 10th anniversary, a group of 20 of us had an amazing weekend in the Lake District trail-running, walking and most importantly getting very, very wet! Thanks to Jon, Katia and Almond Lodge for their incredible hospitality.



As part of our commitment to the Olympic legacy programme we will be holding a 12 week 'couch to 5k' course for anyone who is new to running or wants to get back into running after some time away.

The course will start at 9am on Saturday 7th

January and will run until the 25th March. If you would like to take part in the couch to 5k or join the main group please email mark.tidmarsh@outlook.com for more information.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Solar Farm

Since the last Newsletter some of you may have attended the drop-in session at the Village Hall on 8th November arranged by Renewable Energy Systems Ltd (RES), the developers of the proposed solar farm on the western side of the main road on the fields between Upper Farm and Lower Farm. RES told the Council they will come back to a further meeting in a few months' time when they have considered the feedback they have received.

Housing Infrastructure Fund 1 road scheme

The County Council published a huge amount of further information on 16th November about the road scheme connected with the Didcot Garden Town development which involves various new bridges and stretches of road between the A34 at Milton and the Golden Balls roundabout. There is a new consultation exercise with a deadline of Christmas Eve. You can find the new materials on the County Council's website: the planning reference is R3.0138/21. The parish council is continuing to work with four other parish councils to challenge the proposals: Appleford; Burcot & Clifton Hampden; Culham; and Sutton Courtenay.

Gravel site

The parish council hopes the County Council's Cabinet meeting on 20th December will finally see the County Council officially scrap the Minerals and Waste Plan which named an area of this parish as the site for most of Oxfordshire's future gravel needs – before the parish council helped to point out that the site chosen was a major Romano-British pottery manufacturing centre and English Heritage listed it as a Scheduled Monument in December 2020.

Speeding and Road Safety on the A4074

Parish Councillor Nicola Misseldine attended the meeting County Councillor Robin Bennett arranged with a Highways officer on 18th October. Jon Beale from Highways made clear that anything relating to traffic enforcement is strictly the remit of Thames Valley Police: this includes speed cameras; whereas the County Council can help with some traffic control measures and signage, including Speed Indicator Devices and Vehicle-Activated Signs.

He explained that the County Council is willing to install the poles for these devices but won't usually pay for the devices themselves, which cost around £3,000 each - a lot of money for a parish council as small as this one. He also explained why there can't be peacock warning signs. He said signs can only warn road users about the presence of various wild animals. So, as peacocks are not considered wild, it is not possible to have a sign warning of them, any more than you can have a cat or dog warning sign. Since the meeting, a speed survey has begun at the north end of the village and it will be interesting to see the results.

Also since the meeting, I understand Nicola has safely delivered a baby boy, Kasper, which is great to hear.

Deep Cleanse

The deep cleanse by South Oxfordshire District Council's contractors is due to happen between 22nd and 24th November, so I hope you will notice a difference. The pavements along the main road were inches deep in dry leaves when I took photographs to send to SODC to illustrate what needs doing.

Christmas trees

The parish council has asked the district council for a Christmas tree collection point once again in the Village Hall car park where the district council keeps forgetting to collect them, so this year I sent them an aerial snapshot from the internet to try to get them to understand where your trees will be – those of you who pay for brown bins can have your Christmas trees collected from outside your homes.

Meetings

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 10th January – 7pm in the Village Hall, as usual. This meeting will set the Council's budget for next year, which determines how much extra Council Tax you pay for the parish council.

The Council usually meets on the first Tuesday of alternate months, but not on this occasion – nor on the last, as the Council met on Wednesday 9th November, when road safety and the proposed solar farm were two of the main topics it discussed. The meeting also voted to give a £400 grant to the Adult Lunch Club – it's over four years since the Lunch Club last asked for a grant. Now I will check my emails to see if I have received any more offers for salt bins or flashing fibre optic Father Christmases, the curse of a Parish Clerk's Inbox at this time of year. They even ring me.

Geoffrey Ferres, Parish Clerk, Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council Tel: 07419 991623 Email: clerk@nunehamcourtenay.org.uk

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

December 2: Village Tree trimming and switch on. Come to the village hall to make Christmas decorations to decorate our community Christmas tree and have a nice social.

December 9: Christmas Bingo. Lots of great prizes! Doors open at 7. Eyes down at 7:30. Bingo and raffle. Family friendly event!

January 20: Come along to a new event - Our Not so Youthful Club - board games, computer games, and refreshments. We aim to make a series of monthly Friday events to brighten up these difficult times

Yoga: Mondays at 7:30

Bookings: Please contact nunehamcourtenay.villagehall@gmail.com

Nuneham Courtenay Community Christmas Tree



December 2nd

Nuneham Courtenay Village Hall
6:30 pm for 7pm light switch on
Come to the Village Hall for a community night of Christmas Cheer
Make Christmas decorations to trim our community tree
Complimentary glass of mulled wine and mince pie
Additional refreshments available to purchase



Christmas Bingo!

Nuneham Courtenay Village Hall

December 9th

Doors Open 7pm

Eyes down at 7:30

Refreshments, Flyer, Raffle, and lots of Family Friendly Fun Come along!



Chair Exercise every Monday 2pm-3pm in Berinsfield Church Hall

Emma will guide you through a fun hour of gentle seated exercise. All accompanied by a great playlist of golden oldies! All exercises can be adapted to suit your ability and needs. Friendly and welcoming atmosphere and some social time at the end. You will be welcome to come along and join us. Contact Rev Teresa (07823 809112 – revteresa@outlook.com) for more information or just turn up!





Memory Café every Tuesday 10.30am-12pm in Berinsfield Church Hall

Do you live with memory loss, or do you care for someone with dementia? Our Memory Café is dementia friendly with quizzes, activities, singalongs and lots of friendly chat. Each week has a theme and we share our memories of times past. You will be welcome to come along and join us. Contact Rev Teresa (07823 809112 – revteresa@outlook.com) for more information or just turn up!

Coffee and Craft Group every Thursday 2pm-3pm in Berinsfield Church Hall

Want to get out of the house for a chat? Do you enjoy making things or would you like to learn new skills? Come along for some social time and bring your knitting, card making or painting along with you!

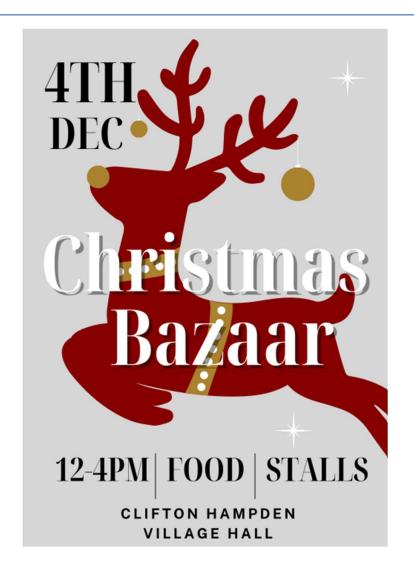
Friendly and welcoming and a lovely cup of coffee! Contact Rev Teresa (07823 809112 – revteresa@outlook.com) for more information or just turn up!





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PET OF THE MONTH

An occasional feature dedicated to the animal residents of the Baldons and Nuneham – please do send in pictures of your furry or feathered friends for future issues! This month we have Lizie Giraudeau's chickens enjoying the winter sunshine.



ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the February 2023 newsletter by 16th January please

Any villager is welcome to send items for publication in the newsletter. Please send copy to Natasha Eliot: tashaandjames@btopenworld.com. Alternatively, I can be contacted on 343478 or at Baldon House East, Marsh Baldon.

For advertising queries, please contact Leanna Maggs on: leanna.maggs@gmail.com or on 01865 340 521

POPPY APPEAL

This year we have raised £740.54 for the Poppy Appeal. My grateful thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause. Also my thanks to all those who braved the weather to collect the donations.

Iris Wright

CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM JOHN HOWELL MP

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all constituents a peaceful Christmas and to send my best wishes for the year ahead. I know that for many life is not easy and personal and global struggles can weigh us down. I do sincerely hope that the peace of the Christmas season may bring some comfort and joy.

May I take this opportunity to pass on my heartfelt thanks to all who give their time to help others in their communities. There are some many different ways to support one another and our communities are strengthened by the generosity of so many people. Thank you all.

Whatever your beliefs may I wish you the peace and joy of the season.

John

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December at Berinsfield Library

Festive Coffee Morning

Tuesday 20 December at 10.30am Coffee, Christmas carols and festive culinary treats! All very warmly welcome.



Christmas Colouring Competition

From Saturday 3 December
Collect a colouring-in sheet from the

Collect a colouring-in sheet from the library and bring it back for us to display by 23 December. Prizes will be awarded! For ages 3 to 11.



Hide and Seek Robin

From Saturday 17 December

How many robins can you find hiding around the library? Come in and help us to find them all. Suitable for ages 3 upwards.



Seasonal craft and games table

Throughout the school Christmas holidays
Drop in and enjoy a selection of Christmas crafts
and family games. Suitable for ages 3 to 103!





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A warm hearted and very Merry Christmas to you all from The Seven Stars! We just wanted to say thank you so much for all your continued support, we are looking forward to what 2023 brings! If you haven't made any plans for the festive season, please come and join us at The Seven Stars this December!

CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Our Chef's will do all the hard work for you this Christmas with our takeaway Freespirit Christmas dinners. All you have to do is follow our easy oven reheating guide, sit back enjoy a glass of wine and take the stress out of Christmas this year.

Head to our website to view the menu and place your order before 18th December

CHRISTMAS FEASTING SET MENU

Our amazing Chef's have designed the perfect festive menu for you to enjoy. Bring the family together or organise the office festive get together as formal or informal as you like. Our team will be there on hand to help you with any personal details you want to add. Either 3 course for £35 or 2 courses for £30 and a deposit is required upon booking.

NEW YEARS EVE

Join us for a New Year's Eve hog roast 7pm - 9pm, and then raise a glass as we pop on the music until 2am as we welcome in 2023 with style.

FESTIVE OPENING TIMES

Christmas Eve: Food 12noon - 4pm, Drinks 12noon - 9pm Christmas Day: Drinks only 12noon - 2pm Boxing Day: Food 12noon - 4pm, Drinks 12noon - 6pm New Year's Eve: Normal opening hours (till late) New Year's Day: Food 12noon - 4pm, Drinks 12noon - 6pm

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CHALLENGING TIMES

Every now and then, a health scare hits us, our friends, a family member, or someone connected with us. Sometimes, the best form of support we need, or others need from us, is consistency, and for us or them, to just be there. Words aren't always needed at such times, just that connection, that reliability, and that consistency that I mentioned before, is all that's required.

So often we turn to nature, wildlife, the garden, and the green environment at these kinds of times. It's different for all of us, and what a connection to nature means to us, is as individual as we are. The answer to that question is as varied and individual as the challenges and solutions we all face. What we turn to though, when we turn to nature, is that consistency, even if we don't truly understand it.

A connection to nature could manifest in being in the physical presence of it, or psychologically, when we reminisce with the memories of being out there amongst nature.

I'm in the middle of one of those health scares as I write this, but I won't list my ailments here. What I can say though, is for a while there, it was felt I could have had lung cancer, but after numerous explorations shall we say, it's been narrowed down to lung disease, either caused by Rheumatoid Arthritis or Tuberculosis.

During the medical procedure, I visualised my favourite place in nature, to try and divert my thinking away from the doctor rooting around in my chest, whilst I was awake and she took the biopsy. After the procedure I've been regularly thinking about times spent in nature with loved ones, and as we reflect and reprioritise at times like these, I've noticed how thoughts of nature creeps in there.

During the Covid lockdowns we all reflected on what was important to us, and became more aware of how caring for and appreciating nature is. Collectively though maybe, we've slipped back to some old habits since then, and when fresh challenges arise, we are maybe only then reminded of the importance of nature?

So I propose we set up a new international day, a Remember Nature Day, with the subheading of, We Are Part Of It And Not Separate To It. It's just a thought.

Anyway, enjoy the season, and remember to allow time to reflect now and then on what matters. Notice how an appreciation of nature increases in us at challenging times.

Happy Gardening

Stuart Mabbutt

Wildlife Gardening Specialist

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OXFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SHARE OFFER - SOCIAL INVESTORS SOUGHT TO HELP DELIVER PIONEERING NEW DEVELOPMENT

Oxfordshire Community Land Trust (OCLT) is currently building eight affordable rented apartments in Dean Court in Cumnor Parish, West Oxford, where a lack of affordable rental housing is causing difficulties for key workers and local people to find suitable homes. The mainly volunteer-run organisation started building the scheme in May 2022, and it's scheduled for completion by June 2023.

Alongside generous grant funding from both Vale of White Horse and the Oxfordshire Futures Partnership, the development will be part-funded by a mortgage from Ecology Building Society. However, increasing variable interest rates are putting the project's delivery at risk so OCLT is looking to replace part of the Ecology mortgage with more affordable finance from social investors.

The OCLT Community Share Offer will offer socially-motivated investors the opportunity to be a part of this pioneering affordable community-housing development. Shares are offered at a value of £1 each and are offered in multiples of £250; the minimum shareholding being £250 and the maximum £50,000. The Community Shares carry a target maximum interest rate of 3%. Investors can find out more and invest via the Ethex positive investing platform at www.ethex.org.uk/invest/OCLT.

The site known as Crofts Court will be sustainably built, with high levels of insulation, clean energy generated from roof-top solar panels to reduce energy bills, and permeable landscaping to minimise water run-off. The development is also unique in that it will require prospective tenants from the Vale's Housing Register (who will have a strong local connection to Cumnor Parish) to join a tenant management co-operative to help manage and run the building. This should create a strong residential community and enable the tenants to develop useful employment skills provided through OCLT's tenant training scheme.

Trust Director and social investor Vyvyan Salmon said "Community Share Offers are unique in that they allow sympathetic individuals and organisations to support valuable projects, and in return not only do they receive a social return on investment but target a financial one too."

More information on the Trust's work can be found here https://www.oclt.org.uk/and with regard to the Share Offer here www.oclt.org.uk/crofts-court.

We are also always interested in land and housing opportunities for the provision of permanently affordable homes.

Capital is at risk and returns are not guaranteed

DORCHESTER ABBEY EVENTS

Saturday 3rd December 7.30pm The Mirth & Melody of Angels

Music for Christmas and the festive season from medieval and renaissance Europe Played and sung by The York Waits with singer Deborah Catterall. Tickets £10 to £15 from http://www.theyorkwaits.org.uk/performances.html

Thursday 8th December 7.30pm A Candlelit Christmas Evening Join Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack and the Choir of Magdalen College, Oxford, for this very special candlelit Christmas event. In aid of Autism at Kingwood, a social care charity providing support for over 150 autistic people across the Thames Valley. Tickets £25 from https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-candlelit-christmas-evening-with-jeremy-irons-and-sinead-cusack-tickets-324759302817

Saturday 10th December 7.00pm OSJ A night of carols join OSJ Voices and baritone George Robarts for a night of Christmas favourites from a range of great composers, including Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols Tickets £5 to £20 from www.osj.org.uk

Thursday 15th December 7.00pm Home Farm Trust Featuring The Donaghue Concert, an octet of up-and-coming young professionals. A special evening of festive music and readings. HFT have delivered life changing care and support to adults with a learning disability across the UK for 60 years. Tickets £20 to £30 from https://www.hft.org.uk/get-involved/events/the-coming-of-christmas-2022/

Friday 16th **December 7.30pm OSJ Handel Messiah** Christmas wouldn't be complete without Handel's great oratorio. This seasonal classic will be performed by renowned soloists and backed by the full forces of the Orchestra of St. John's and OSJ Voices. Tickets £5 to £30 from www.osj.org.uk

Saturday 17th December 7.00pm A Christmas Symphony Number 1 chart topping Soprano and Star of The Voice UK 2021 Nadia Eide presents - a spectacular Christmas concert show featuring well-loved Christmas songs for the whole family. Special guests will feature the wonderful talents of the children's choirs and soloists from Oxfordshire Stagecoaches. Tickets from £10 to £15 https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nadia-eide-soprano. This concert is proudly supporting the work of Earth Trust and the National Trust helping to plant new trees to create beautiful green spaces for people and wildlife to thrive.

Monday 19th December 7pm Radio Oxford Carols – look and listen out for more details!

Saturday 31st December 6pm OSJ A Concert for New Year's Eve Join the Orchestra of St John's as they celebrate the New Year, with favourites including Strauss and Lehar Waltzes, Polkas and Songs but also a jazz medley Tickets £5 to £25 from www.osj.org.uk.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023

4 th December	10.30am	Marsh Baldon	Holy Communion
11 th December	4.00pm	Marsh Baldon	Evensong
17 th December	5.00pm	Marsh Baldon	Carol Service
18 th December	9.30am	Toot Baldon	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	All Saints Chapel Nuneham Courtenay	Family Carols around the Crib
25 th December	10.30am	Marsh Baldon	Christmas Communion
1 st January	10.30am	Stadhampton	Team Service followed by Prosecco Breakfast
8 th January	4.00pm	Toot Baldon	Evensong
15 th January	9.30am	Marsh Baldon	Holy Communion
22 nd January	10.30am	Stadhampton	Team Service
29 th January	10.30am	Toot Baldon	Cluster Service

