

## WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome you if you are a visitor or newcomer to the church. If you'd like to, please make yourself known to the sidesperson or a churchwarden; we'd be delighted if you'd join us for coffee in the church hall after the service. We use a variety of liturgy. There is a T loop in the church for the benefit of people with hearing aids and a heater under each pew which you can switch on if it is chilly. There is a WC and changing facilities in the vestry opposite the entrance which you can use at any time. Find more at [www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk](http://www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk)

## MALACHI 2:1-2

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

## 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are<sup>[b]</sup> living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they<sup>[c]</sup> received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we

gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

## MATTHEW 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,<sup>[a]</sup> but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day<sup>[b]</sup> your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

## PRAYERS FOR COP27

The COP27 talks take place from 7 to 18 Nov. With our friends at Climate Intercessors, ask first that God will inspire "a robust togetherness" which enables marginalised voices to be heard, trust to be built among nations whose interests are divergent, and – in what looks to be the defining issue of this COP – delivery of climate finance and "a good faith dialogue with actual plans for loss and damage." We pray, too, for work to enable "faithful, speedy, and effective implementation" of the Paris Agreement. This includes offers of ambitious pledges, preparations for a "thorough, transparent and accurate Global Stocktake" of progress in 2023, and "strong accountability models and mechanisms" for all aspects of the Agreement.

We pray for all who will be at the conference, especially those setting policy: *God of love, teach us to care for this world, our common home. Inspire government leaders to heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Let them be united in heart and mind in responding courageously. May they seek the common good and protect the beautiful earthly garden you have created.* We pray also for those who won't be there. COP27 takes place against a background of concerning human rights abuses in Egypt, and protests and civil society space are heavily restricted.

We pray for people suffering because of the lack of human rights and that, despite the restrictions, civil society and NGOs will be able to press for deeper climate action. For more prayer pointers, see: [www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk](http://www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk)

## NEXT WEEK

### Mon 14 November

9 am Morning Prayer.

### Wed 15 November

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas.  
Followed by coffee and cake.

9.30 am Babies and Toddlers

3 pm Wednesday Welcome

### SUNDAY 20 November

8 am BCP Holy Communion

4 pm The 4 pm service in the Church Hall

## SCOUT SERVICE 20 NOV

Our annual service with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Oxford Scout group will be back at 6 pm on Sun 20 Nov. It is always great fun and it would be good if you are able to come and support it.

## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT 24 NOV

On Thursday 24 Nov at 7:30 pm, Col Nicolas Lipscombe will be speaking about Old Marston During the English Civil War.

## WARM WEDNESDAY WELCOME

The Church Hall is open each Wednesday afternoon to offer hot drinks and a warm welcome. We have board games, magazines, homework space and information about other local groups. We plan to operate from November to March. Please let friends and neighbours know. For more information, contact Jane Burd (janeburd0@gmail.com).

## ELSFIELD CHRISTMAS FAIR 26 NOV

The Elsfeld fair will be on Sat 26 Nov from 10 am to 12 noon at St Thomas. There will be gifts, crafts, a raffle, drink and food. Parking will be available at the farm opposite the church.

## EXPLORING FAITH & COMMUNION 2 DEC

If you are interested in our courses, get in touch with Skye for details.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET 3 DEC

Our Christmas Market will be on Sat 3 Dec from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Eco-Hub. There will be the usual stalls plus festive refreshments, singers and ringers. We're looking for jars and bottles for the tombola, quality items for the gift stall and home-made cakes/biscuits. There is a box in the hall for donations. If you can spare an hour or so to help, speak to Jane, Maureen or Tessa or email [tessahennessy27@gmail.com](mailto:tessahennessy27@gmail.com). All proceeds will support the work of Divya Shanti in Bangalore.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Debbie Bailey is usually in the office from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



**13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**Second Sunday before Advent**

**Remembrance Sunday**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

### 8 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Led by Revd Andy Gosler

Epistle Phil 1:3

Gospel Matt 18:21

(pp 192-194 in the BCP)

### 9.45 am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)

Led by Revd Skye Denno

Processional CP 537 Our God our help

First reading Malachi 4:1-2

Second reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gradual Beauty for brokenness

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

Offertory CP 519 Make me a channel

Anthem The Lord's my Shepherd

Recessional CP494 King of glory

**10:00 am MESSY CHURCH**

**10:50 am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**