

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

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

NEXT WEEK

Mon 21 November

9 am Morning Prayer.

Wed 23 November

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

9.30 am Babies and Toddlers

3 pm Wednesday Welcome

Thur 24 November

7.30 pm Pause for Thought

Sat 26 November

10 am Christmas Fair at Elsfield

SUNDAY 27 November

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10 am Celtic Holy Communion

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).

BRASS IN CHURCH

Skye is looking for someone to take on the role of cleaning the brass in church. This includes the four new candle sticks, cross and stand around the altar. You can come in at a time to suit and 2 to 3 times a year is plenty. Please let Skye know if you are interested and training is given if needed.

Please use this space to make notes.

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS ON 18 DEC

Celebrating the 900th Church Anniversary in Marston at 6 pm on Sunday 18 Dec.

ADVENT QUIET DAY LED BY DAVID COLE ON 8 DEC 10-3 pm IN THE CHURCH and HALL

At the moment we do not have enough interest to go ahead. If you would like to attend please let Skye know by Monday 21st. Donation for the day is £10/15.

BUILDING CHRISTINGLES 9 DEC at 4 pm

Building Christingles for the Carols round the tree will take place on the 9th December at 4 pm in the Hall.

BLESSING BOXES MONDAY 21 DEC AT 6.30 pm

Skye has been running and building Blessings Boxes for the past 2 years and would love others to join the team. Is this you? Please let Skye know if you are interested or join her in the vestry to help - refreshments will be provided.

CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: Skye Denno 202988

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Please note that Tuesday is the Vicar's day off

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

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. All proceeds will support the work of Divya Shanti in Bangalore.

CAROL SINGING AT OXFORD CITY STADIUM

A new opportunity! Our St Nicholas Church choirs have been asked if we can sing some Christmas Carols as fans come into the Oxford City Stadium, Marsh Lane OX3 0NQ . (<https://www.oxfordcityfc.co.uk/contact>) on Tuesday 13th December - arriving at around 5.45pm so that we can start singing as the turnstile opens at 6pm. We will be finished by 6.45pm. If you sing you would be very welcome to join us. Please contact Neil for more information.

musicdirector@stnicholasmarston.org.uk



20TH NOVEMBER 2022

The Sunday next before Advent

Christ the King

TODAY'S SERVICES

8 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Led by Revd Stephanie Bullock

Epistle Col. 1. 13-20

Gospel John 6. 5-14

(pages 197-199 in the BCP)

10 am MATINS (ST THOMAS, ELSFIELD)

Led by Revd Skye Denno

Preacher Joel Denno

4.00 pm THE 4PM SERVICE in Church Hall

A more informal service of worship, bible reading, discussion, prayer and refreshment.

Led by Neil Barker & 4pm Team

Theme Renewing Church

6.00 pm SCOUT SERVICE

Led by Revd Skye Denno & Geoff Hale.