

# Pews News for St Lawrence's, Bourton with Clapton & the Rissingtons

Welcome to the first Sunday in Advent; as we journey through Advent, we give thanks for the gift of Jesus and the Hope of the gospel. We hope you will enjoy our worship and stay afterwards for refreshments. There is an opportunity to receive personal prayer at the end of the service.

## Today: Advent Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

**Lectionary Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37**

**9.30am** Morning Worship, *Clapton*

**9.30am** Communion (BCP), *Great Rissington*

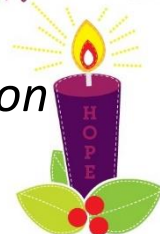
**11.00am** Communion (CW), *Little Rissington*

**11.00am** Church Family Service for Advent, *Bourton*

**3.30pm** Service of Thanksgiving, *Bourton*

**6.00pm** Communion (CW), *Bourton*

Happy 1st week of Advent!



## The Week Ahead at Bourton

<b>Tues</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Alpha, Bourton</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Open the Book, Bourton</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Market Close, Bourton Primary choir</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Bell practice, Bourton</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7.45am</b>	<b>A Call to pray, Bourton</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>BumbleBeez, Bourton</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Christmas Singers, Bourton</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 pm</b>	<b>Friday Blessings, Riverside Cafe</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Carols on the Green Bourton,</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Breakfast Church Christingle, Bourton</b>



## Next Sunday: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**8.00am** Communion (BCP), *Bourton*

**9.30am** Communion (CW), *Little Rissington*

**9.30am** Communion (BCP), *Wyck Rissington*

**11.00am** **All Age Christingle Service, Great Rissington**

**11.00am** Toy Service & Communion (CW), *Bourton*



## **The Collect for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### **1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Good News (GNB)**

<sup>3</sup> May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

<sup>4</sup> I always give thanks to my God for you because of the grace he has given you through Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in union with Christ you have become rich in all things, including all speech and all knowledge. <sup>6</sup> The message about Christ has become so firmly established in you <sup>7</sup> that you have not failed to receive a single blessing, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be faultless on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is to be trusted, the God who called you to have fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**CLERGY:** Rev Michelle Porter-Babbage, michellep-b@hotmail.com, 01451821635  
(leave Friday/Saturday)

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Thursday/Friday)

**TODAY** 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 3.30pm. **Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance**  
St Lawrence Church, Bourton. An opportunity for those who live with loss to reflect through words, prayers and the lighting of a candle.

## NOTICES

**Advent Morning Prayer** please join us at Great Rissington  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 8.30-9.00pm

**Christmas singers** will continue meet on Thursdays, 7 Dec, and 14 Dec - 7.30-9pm to prepare for our Carol Service.

**Toy Service...**please support the Salvation Army annual Christmas toy collection. They are asking for new, boxed, (unwrapped) good quality toys. Please leave your toys in church or bring to the **11am service on 10th Dec**

**A call to pray...**for the life of both St Lawrence's and the Benefice, and for all those who continue to serve our churches in the vacancy, especially our wardens and parish representatives.

Please join us on **Thursdays 7.45 - 8.15am, St Lawrence's**

**Rectory Field...** The gate has a combination lock in place. The field will still be open for Church use. Authorised vehicles will have permission to park. If this affects you, please speak to our wardens or curate. *If you use the Field please ensure you shut and lock the gate behind you and do not leave the code visible.*

**Bumblebeez,** would you think about serving coffees, chatting to the parents or occasionally doing the craft? This would help enormously.

**PEWS NEWS;** We need someone to take this on after Christmas. If you feel able to help please speak to Michelle

**OPEN THE BOOK** We need someone to lead this after Christmas and do the simple but necessary weekly preparation. Please speak to Michelle

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Christmas Services** *We Need Your Involvement & Encouragement.* Let's share our faith and build community and invite neighbours and friends to our services.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm** *Carols on the Green.* This year the school choir will lead the Bourton Churches together. Please come and join us.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 9am.** *Breakfast Church with Christingle,* St Lawrence's. A fun service for families please share!



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 10-12pm.** *LWL: Living With Loss .* coffee, chat & Christmas cake, St Lawrence's. An opportunity for those who are bereaved to meet each other, to hear about the course and make suggestions for the future.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December** *A Fabulous evening of Christmas Opera and Musical Theatre.* Hosted by Richard Coxon **7.30pm**, St Lawrence's. To book tickets- Call 01451-820211 or email: [info@richardcoxon.co.uk](mailto:info@richardcoxon.co.uk) Or pay at the door.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. 6.00pm** Carols by Candlelight. Please bring MINCE PIES sign up sheet in back of church. Thank you !



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