

Our prayers are also asked:

- for our parish and Cathedral Church as we keep this Advent season
- for all victims and survivors of abuse
- for peace in the Holy Land
- for those charged with the finances of the parish
- for our own response to climate change
- for those who are sick, or undergoing medical treatment
- for those who have died

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The Parish of Hempstead with St Mary de Lode and St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester in partnership with Gloucester Cathedral



**Advent Sunday
1st December 2024**

10.00am Parish Eucharist **St Mary de Lode**
Readings 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36; Psalm 25: 1-9
Preacher Pauline Godfrey

10.00am Steampunk Festival Service **St Mary de Crypt**
Reading John 1: 1-18
Preacher Nikki Arthy

6.00pm Advent Carol Service **Cathedral**

Morning Prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday and Friday at 9-9.20am.
Contact the parish office for the zoom link. **Compline** via Zoom in on
Thursday at 9-9.20pm. This is a peaceful service at the end of the day.
Contact Stuart for the zoom link: stUARTSaxton535@gmail.com.

Prayers for the City take place in St Mary de Crypt Church each
Friday at 1-1.30pm. **Coffee, Cake and Conversation** takes place 11am-
12.30pm beforehand in the Old Crypt Schoolroom.

Carol singing for Christian Aid will take place 1030-1230 on Saturday 30 November outside St Mary de Crypt Church. Do come and join us for as long or short as you can! Warm refreshments will be served in the church.

Monday, 2 December

Parish Bible Study Group	Lysons Hall	1.30pm
Parish Junior Festival Choir	Lysons Hall	3.30pm

Tuesday, 3 December

Hempsted Eco Church	Lysons Hall	7.00pm
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Friday, 6 December

Discover DeCrypt Trustees	Cooke Room	3.15pm
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Saturday, 7 December

Christmas Tree Festival	St Swithun's	noon-4pm
<i>Carols on the Hour</i>	<i>Cathedral</i>	<i>11am-3pm</i>
Christmas Fayre	Lysons Hall	noon—4pm
Community Raffle prize draw	Lysons Hall	2pm

Sunday, 8 December Advent 2

Holy Communion	St Swithun's	8.00am
Family Eucharist	St Swithun's	10.00am
Messy Church	Lysons Hall	3.30pm

Hempsted Community Raffle - Supporting Children and Families Work Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets. The **grand prize draw will take place at the Lysons Hall on 7th December 2024 at 2pm.**

Debbie Hotchkins is looking for **help in making and donating** homemade mince-pies, cupcakes, shortbread including gluten free for the **Christmas Fayre in the Lysons Hall on Sat 7th December** (noon-4pm), also **assistance in serving refreshments** on a rota basis for the afternoon. If

you can help please get in touch with Debbie:
debbie.hotchkins@btinternet.com or tel: 01452 382470 / 0786 674 7844.

Coffee Pot meets on the **third Friday of the month** in the **Lysons Hall**. The next session is on **Friday 20th December**, from **10-11.30am**, when we will also be singing Christmas carols.

As you prepare to light your **Advent Candle** or open the doors of your Advent Calendar, maybe you'd like to give something back? Could you consider gathering a daily or weekly item that you could donate to **Hempsted Community Pantry**?

At the end of December our assistant priest **Rev Canon Pauline Godfrey**, is retiring from her work in the diocese and as a stipendiary priest. All are invited to Cathedral evensong at 5.30pm on Wednesday 4th December to mark this occasion. We are very pleased that Pauline will however remain on the ministry team and continue working in the parish.

Thank you to those who have joined the **Parish Giving Scheme** in recent weeks. It is hugely helpful to know exactly what money is coming in as budgets are drawn up for 2025. Further details of the scheme are available from Claire in the parish office.

Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming. We wait filled with hope, knowing your light will shine in the darkness. We wait anticipating your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world. We wait embracing your love, may we reach out to share it with our neighbours. We wait with joy, bubbling in us in expectation of your birth. Lord we wait, come soon and fill us with your life. Amen

Christine Sine