

Our prayers are also asked:

- for our parish and Cathedral Church, giving thanks for the work of parish and diocesan safeguarding officers
- that our churches may be places of welcome for all
- for peace and justice throughout the world especially at this time in the Holy Land and Ukraine
- for the safety of all who are vulnerable
- for those who are sick
- for all who have died

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



**Safeguarding Sunday**  
**19th November 2023**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist** **St Mary de Lode**  
Readings 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30  
Preacher Nikki Arthy, Mary Gould & Roxy Nicholls

**3.00pm Choral Evensong** **Cathedral**

**5.00pm Vigil for the Transgender Day of Remembrance**  
**St Mary de Crypt**

**Morning Prayer** via Zoom is on Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am.  
**Compline** via Zoom is on Thursday at 9.00pm.

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



## Services for Christ the King, 26th November 2023

Parish Eucharist                      St Mary de Lode                      10.00am

**St Swithun's Church** is closed for building work until the end of November. **The Community Pantry** in the porch remains open daily.

Thank you to those who organised and everyone who supported the **Parish Auction**. What a fun and generous evening! We made just over £1,000 for church funds which is a fantastic result.

The switch on the **Christmas lights** in the city centre takes place on Sat. 18 November at about 5pm. The lantern procession should arrive at the Cathedral about 5.30pm followed by a short carol service. All are welcome!

**The Parish Bible Study Group** meets next in Hempsted at the home of Sally and David Hebbs on Monday 27th November, 11-12.30pm. Contact Pauline on [pgodfrey@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:pgodfrey@glosdioc.org.uk) or 07772 280344

A **Christmas Concert** in support of Christian Aid and the Ukrainian Refugee Fund will take place on Saturday 25 November at 7pm in St Mary de Crypt. The Ukrainian Choir and Gloucester & District Christian Choir will entertain. Free entry with a retiring collection.

On Sat. 2nd Dec. we will sing **Christmas Carols** for **Christian Aid**, outside St Mary de Crypt, from 10.30 to 1.00. Please come for 45 minutes or so to sing. Hot drinks and mince pieces will be available to enjoy in a warm space. It would be good if we could fill 2 slots: 10.30-11.15 and 11.15-noon. Pamela Dewick and members of Gloucester and District Christian Choir are filling the hour from 12-1 and you are welcome to sing with them too. Please let me know the approximate time you intend to arrive so that if need be we can spread out over the time. There is no reason why you should not overlap

the slots if that suits you. Do contact me with any queries. Guitars, drums, flutes, tambourines and any other instruments (and of course fancy dress) are welcome so that we can make a joyful noise to the Lord and entertain the passers-by. *Mary Gould* 07837 4509017

**Messy Church** meets next on Advent Sunday, 3 December at 3.30pm in the Lysons Hall. We look forward to being together as we begin the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus.

This advent **Posada** will once again take place across the parish. This is the tradition whereby households are invited to host the crib figures of Mary and Joseph for one night. The figures will set off on their journey around the parish on Advent Sunday, then arrive at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. If you would like to host the figures, please sign up on Sunday in church or contact Rachel: [rachel.childrenandfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.childrenandfamilies@gmail.com) 07999 481451 or Debbie: 07866 747844 [debbie.hotchins@btinternet.com](mailto:debbie.hotchins@btinternet.com)

**The light shines in the darkness:** a Taizé style service for Advent. Tuesday 5 December 7.30pm St Mary de Lode Church. All welcome.

Come and join us for some festive treats at the **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 9 December, Lysons Hall, 12noon-4pm. Local craft stalls, lucky dip, cakes and produce, guess the weight of the cake, name the teddy bear, raffle and seasonal refreshments. All money raised will support our three churches.

### Prayer for the week

Inspire Lord, not just our actions but also our thoughts; not just our deeds but also our desires. May our motivation in all things be your will, our passion be your kingdom. Turn our hearts to your way and give us your vision, so our lives may speak of your love. Amen.