

Our prayers are also asked:

- for our parish and Cathedral Church that we may know the peace of Christ in our hearts this Christmas
- for all victims and survivors of abuse
- for peace in the Holy Land
- for those who are sick or undergoing medical treatment
- for those who have died, including Michael Harris

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



Advent 4, Christmas & Epiphany

Advent 4, Sunday 22 December

Parish Eucharist with carols	St Mary de Lode	10.00am
Community Carol Service	St Swithun's	6.00pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service	St Swithun's	5.00pm
Midnight Mass	St Swithun's	11.00pm

Christmas Day

Christmas Communion	St Swithun's	8.00am
Joint Christmas Eucharist	Cathedral	10.15am

Sunday, 29 December Christmas 1

Parish Eucharist	St Mary de Crypt	10.00am
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Sunday, 5 January Epiphany

Parish Eucharist	St Mary de Lode	10.00am
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Friday, 20 December

Hempsted School Service	St Swithun's	9.15am
Coffee Pot with Carols	Lysons Hall	10.00am
Christmas Carol Service	St Mary de Crypt	1.00pm

There will now be no service of **Morning Prayer, Compline or Prayers for the City** until the new year. These mid week services will all re-commence on Thursday 2 January (Compline), Friday 3 January (Morning Prayer and Prayers for the City). Why not make it a new year's resolution to attend? You would be so very welcome.

Would you like to join the **cleaning team** at St. Swithun's Church in 2025? If so I would love to hear from you. Some of the duties include vacuuming, light dusting, brass cleaning - happy to hear from those who would like to team up with someone else and share duties on a rota basis. Debbie Hotchkins 01452 382470 debbie.hotchkins@btinternet.com

Thank you to everyone who is doing so much to celebrate Christmas across the parish. As Bishop Robert writes in this week's diocesan bulletin: 'Together you are expressing the hospitality of God, who in Jesus Christ, born in the stable, comes to live among us and to share our life. Jesus is present with us in each and every place we gather. A busy time indeed, one lived in the midst of a busy and fractious world and Church..... It may seem just like dusting a pew or sticking a candle in an orange, but it is so much more. It is sharing the love of God, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.' I add too my thanks to you all for your support of parish life throughout the year. Happy Christmas, prayer and best wishes for 2025. *Nikki*

A prayer for Advent 4

Faithful God, you chose Mary, full of grace,
to be the mother of our Sovereign and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Now fill us with your grace that with her we may understand your ways,
rejoice in your salvation, and embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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A prayer for Christmas

Heavenly Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us;
in the busyness of this season,
and the complexities of life,
may the Prince of Peace calm our hearts,
and in the darkness of this world,
may the Light of the World brighten our way,
that we may know the fullness of his joy,
this Christmas and always. Amen.

Gloucester Cathedral

A prayer for Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship