

Our prayers are asked:

- for the life of our parish and Cathedral Church as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ
- for our Messy Church families & for the work of the Children's Society as we celebrate Christingle
- for Discover DeCrypt & the appointment of the Community and Operations Project Manager(s)
- for wisdom & guidance for our political leaders
- for the people of the Yemen
- for the sick
- for those who have died including Joyce Allen, William Stevens & Colin Knight

Collections are taken during most services to pay for the running of the churches. If you are a UK tax payer, please use the Gift Aid envelope in the pew, complete your details and sign it. This is required to verify that it is you making the donation, so that we can recover tax at no extra expense to yourself. Better still, join our Planned Giving Scheme.

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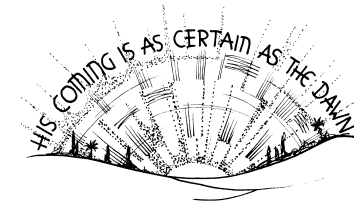
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The Parish of Hempsted with St Mary de Lode
and St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester
in partnership with Gloucester Cathedral
2nd December
Advent Sunday



8.00am	Holy Communion	St Swithun's
Readings	1 Thessalonians 3:9-end; Luke 21:25-36	
Preacher	Nikki Arthy	
10.00am	United Parish Eucharist	St Mary de Lode
Readings	Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end; Luke 21:25-36	
Hymns	32, Psalm 25, 31, 29	
Preacher	Nikki Arthy	
3.30pm	Messy Church Christingle	St Swithun's
6.00pm	Advent Carol Service	Cathedral



Monday 3rd December

10.00am Holy Communion Clapham Court

Tuesday, 4th

9.00am Coffee and Chat Lysons Hall

2.15p.m. Mothers' Union Christmas Party

Wednesday, 5th

7.30pm Taizé Service: Praying for the Light St Mary de Lode

Thursday, 6th

8.45am Morning Prayer St Mary de Lode

Friday, 7th

9.15am Morning Prayer St Swithun's

Sunday, 9th December Advent 2

9.15am Sung Eucharist

11.00am Holy Communion

3:00pm Choral Evensong

St Mary de Lode

St Swithun's

Cathedral

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright
A candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

In this **Advent** season, we watch and we wait for Christmas and the mystery of the Incarnation: the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, our God who is always with us. How are you watching and waiting and preparing to celebrate the joy of Christmas?

Our annual **Advent Taize service** takes place on Wednesday 5 December at 7.30pm, a chance to reflect together and enjoy the prayerful beauty of the chancel at St Mary de Lode. All are welcome.

Publicity for our **Christmas services** is available in both churches. Please do take a flier for yourself and for a neighbour or friend.

Christmas is a wonderful season to share faith and to build relationships in the local community. Please do look at the list of community carol services and see if you can come along.

Next Saturday, 8 December there are **Carols on the Hour** at the Cathedral and the **Christmas Market** in the cloisters. Do come and enjoy the festive atmosphere!