

Our prayers are asked:

- for our parish and Cathedral church & for our Messy Church families as together we watch and wait for the birth of Jesus
- for the Discover DeCrypt project
- for the peoples of Zambia and Zimbabwe
- for all victims of terrorism, for refugees and asylum seekers and for the work of GARAS
- for those who are sick
- for all those who have died including Dorothy Nash, Tony Swan, Jean Goscomb, Marjorie Kiwalle & Molly Markwick

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

**3rd December 2017**  
**Advent Sunday**



**8.00am**

Readings  
Preacher

**Holy Communion**

Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-end  
Nikki Arthy

**St Swithun's**

**10.00am**

Readings  
Hymns  
Preacher

**United Parish Eucharist**

Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-end  
32, psalm 80, 277, 31  
Nikki Arthy

**St Mary de Lode**

**3.00pm**

**Choral Evensong**

**Cathedral**

**3.30pm**

**Messy Church**

**St Swithun's**

**6.00pm**

**Advent Carol Service**

**Cathedral**



### **Monday, 4th**

- 10.00am Holy Communion Clapham Court  
1.05pm Meditation for Everyone Cathedral Thomas Chapel  
2.30pm FOSS Flower Arranging Group Lysons Hall

### **Tuesday, 5th**

- 8.45am Morning Prayer St Mary de Lode  
2.15pm Mothers' Union St Mary de Lode  
2.15pm Sip and Study Robert Raikes Pub  
7.00pm Hempsted Community Choir Lysons Hall

### **Wednesday, 6th**

- 7.30pm Advent Taizé Service St Mary de Lode

### **Friday, 8th December**

- 9.30am Dementia Training Lysons Hall  
2.30pm LIFE Group The Rectory

### **Saturday, 9th December**

- 10.00am Christmas Fair and Carols on the Hour Cathedral  
6.30pm for 7.00pm start Murder Mystery Evening Lysons Hall

### **NEXT SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Advent**

- 9.15am Sung Eucharist St Mary de Lode  
11.00am Family Service St Swithun's  
1.00pm Wedding St Mary de Lode  
3.00pm Choral Evensong Cathedral

The **crib figures of Mary and Joseph** will leave St Swithun's Messy Church on Advent Sunday travelling around the parish, returning on Christmas Eve for the Crib Service. If you would like to give them a bed for the night, please sign up!

**FOSS Flower Arranging Group** invite you to a demonstration/workshop on Monday 4 December at 2.30pm in the Lysons Hall. 'Fun with Flowers & Foliage: with a little bit of Christmas.!' Tickets are free for FOSS members, or £3 tel 524321.

All are invited to '**Praying for the Light**': **Advent Taizé service** Wednesday 6 December, 7.30pm St Mary de Lode.

**Community Carol Services** A list of the Community Carol Services is in both churches. Please sign up if you are able to support them

Do take publicity for the **Christmas services** in both St Mary de Lode and St Swithun's and give a flier to friends and neighbours. Please note that the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 17 December is at 10am in St Swithun's (with carol services in the evening) and on Sunday 24 December at 10am in St Mary de Lode (with services in the evening too).

Are you going to be alone on Christmas Day? Come and join us for **Christmas Day lunch** at the Lysons Hall. Transport is available, if needed. Further information from Cath Wain on 521799 [christmaslunch@swithunandmary.org.uk](mailto:christmaslunch@swithunandmary.org.uk)

Thank you to all who contributed to the **Gift Day** for St Swithun's roof appeal The wonderful total of £1,765.50 (plus Gift Aid of £401.00) was achieved.