

# WONERSH CHURCH

*St John the Baptist, Parish of Wonersh with Blackheath*

*Hello & welcome* to our services today.

If you are new or visiting, we do hope you will feel at home.

**Do please introduce yourself and join us for coffee in between the services.**

We offer gluten free wafers at our communion services – please ask the person administering the bread if you would like to receive one.

## Sunday 15th December

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
Rev. Keith Bateson

9.50am  **BLAZE** & **GLOW** at Lawnsmead Hall

10.00 am Morning Worship  
Rev. Colin Matthews  
Speaker: Guy Pakenham  
Micah 5: 1–9 (pg. 933)



6.00pm Candlelit Carol Service

The Third Sunday of Advent  
God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for your son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH at Blackheath

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

6.30pm – Julian Meeting

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion

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## Please pray for our Mission Partner...

### Mim Friday with VIVA

- Pray for some children who have been in long term foster care since they were babies. They are now growing into their teenage years and are finding things hard. We are going to take them and their foster carers away together in January.
- Pray for the Prosecution Service and the Judges who are trying to clear a backlog of abuse cases through the courts, that they would get successful prosecutions and that the Senior prosecutors and judges would be safe.
- The academic year has ended and the new school year will start in February. Pray that the children would be protected and that we would have some good holiday activities with them

## NEWS

### Church Office Closure

The Church Office will be closed from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December for a number of weeks as Heather is going into hospital for a hip replacement operation. The expected recovery time is 6 weeks, followed by a week of annual leave. The office is expected to re-open on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Heather would really appreciate your prayers for a successful operation and recovery and particularly to alleviate the anxiety she is currently feeling. Many thanks.

During the period in which the office is closed the team will be pulling together to ensure that emails, telephone messages and post are dealt with. The weekly news sheet will be minimal and any Wonersh Church news items should be emailed to David ([david@wonershchurch.org.uk](mailto:david@wonershchurch.org.uk)) to include in his weekly email.

For any other enquiries please contact your Church Wardens, Guy ([guy@wonershchurch.org.uk](mailto:guy@wonershchurch.org.uk)), Alex ([alex@wonershchurch.org.uk](mailto:alex@wonershchurch.org.uk)) or Patricia ([patriciaallen515@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaallen515@gmail.com)) for Blackheath.

### Thank You from Wonersh & Shamley Green Primary School

A great big thank you to those from Wonersh Church who attended WSG's annual Christmas Fair last Friday. We helped to support our Mission Partner by running a fun game called "Santa's Ladder" which both the children and parents loved playing! Also, thanks to Nicky Cooke who ran a book stall and donated all of her profits to the PTA Fund. Every penny raised will go towards buying new ICT equipment for the school which all the children will benefit from. We are very grateful for your support.

### Parking at Church

A seasonal reminder about parking over the next few weeks. If you can, please try to park at the surgery as demand on the Church car park will increase. We would also really appreciate a few volunteers to help with parking cars during our busier services. If you can help, please contact Guy or Darren. Thank you.

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that there will only be one service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

## News from the Mission Committee

We are pleased to publish our autumn Mission Newsletter with news of our Mission Partners. Please do pick up a copy from Mission notice board in the Selwyn Room on your way out.

## The Nativity at Wintershall

We are very pleased to offer 20 free tickets per church to the Nativity performance on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm at Wintershall.

The performance lasts for 90 minutes and to confirm your tickets please contact [admin@wintershall-estate.com](mailto:admin@wintershall-estate.com) so that they can arrange for them to be emailed to you.

The closing date for this offer of free tickets is 3pm on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

## North Guildford Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who continues to faithfully support our work in Park Barn, Bellfields and Bushy Hill. A number of you have been asking what we currently need, so here is the new list:

- Dried pasta
- Washing detergent (2in1)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Toilet Rolls
- Sanitary towels
- Spray cleaner
- Shaving Foam



North Guildford Foodbank needs help! We are very low on volunteers at our two Friday evening sessions; Park Barn 5:15-7pm and Bellfields 6:15-8pm. Can you help?

We are a Christian organisation. We need volunteers (any age over 18) who are happy to sit and listen/talk to the clients as well as make up the food parcels. Volunteers need to be able to give a firm commitment to being on the rota once every 2 weeks for several months.

Anyone willing to volunteer, please contact us on 07583 025435, [northguildfordfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:northguildfordfoodbank@gmail.com) or via our website [www.northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk).

For more information, speak to Rosie or Harri.

## Godalming Community Gospel Choir

You are invited to the Godalming Community Gospel Choir's 2019 Christmas Showcase at 7pm on Saturday 21 December at St John's Church, Farncombe GU7 3EJ. This evening of contemporary and traditional Christmas gospel songs will be a perfect way to begin to celebrate Christmas. GCGC are excited that the soloist for the evening will be the talented Yolanda Antonio. Yolanda is a gospel singer and songwriter who is about to release her debut album "In The Midst".

## *The week ahead...*

Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Coffee on the Green, The Grantley Arms
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Chatterbox at Lawnsmead Hall
	10.30am	Midweek Service
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	WSG Primary School Christmas Service
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion CW
	10.00am	Family Carol Service

## *Dates for your diary...*

20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols on the Green, music by The Godalming Band
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Eve Crib Service
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Day Holy Communion & Morning Worship

### **Prayer for Vacancy**

“Heavenly Father, we thank you for continuing to watch over our church and our community, enabling us to worship you throughout the parish. We ask you to work among us, encouraging and empowering us to follow your path as we seek to understand your will for our future. We pray that you would be preparing the heart and mind of that person that you have appointed to be our next vicar and that we might have patience and strength to grow in discipleship as we wait. Help us to use this time creatively and purposefully. Amen.”