

This Week December 2018			
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	1.00pm	Funeral	St Margaret's Church
<b>Tue 4th</b>	9.00am	Christmas Unwrapped	St Margaret's Church
<b>Wed 5th</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	The Rectory
	9.00am	Christmas Unwrapped	St Margaret's Church
	7.00pm	Oasis Prayer	The Rectory
<b>Thur 6th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer - Blessings	The Rectory
	9.30am	Coffee & Thrift	St Margaret's Centre
<b>Sat 8th</b>	10.00am	Meeting Point	St Marston Village Hall
	4.00pm	Saturday Scene	St Margaret's Centre
	7.00pm	Carols in the Barn	Stanton Park

#### NOTICES

- **CHURCH BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS**– Please pray for Liz Bannister who celebrates her birthday on Monday & Diane Whitford who has a birthday on Friday.
- **ADVENT SERVICE 6PM TONIGHT** –at St Leonard's Church Stanton Fitzwarren, please park cars in Stanton House Hotel.
- **PLEASE NOTE**- there will be no morning prayer this Tuesday.
- **OUR ADVENT SERMON SERIES**- 'Let us' continues today looking at those things we must do to bring our relationship with God alive. 'Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us' Hebrews 12: 1-12
- **CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**- 12noon- 5.00pm Friday 7th December at Grange Leisure Centre. Vicky will be there to represent our church, please let her know if you could spare an hour to help and support her. Thank you.
- **FARINGDON SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**- in St Mary Magdalene Church South Marston-Saturday 15th December at 7.30pm. Free entry donations welcome in aid of the Church and Tearfund Christmas Appeal. Refreshments in the Village Hall after the concert
- **COULD YOU SPARE** an hour- on Saturday 8th December we would love to see you 3pm at St Margaret's Centre to help make Christingles for the Sunday Service
- **CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD**- sharing festive wishes within St Margaret's and protecting our planet. We have put a large card at the back of church for us to sign instead of sending cards within St Margaret's. A box is by the side if you would like to make a donation towards Church funds
- **SCOUT POST**- Janet Dudman will be selling stamps - 30p each at Coffee and Thrift on Thursday mornings between 10am-11am. Only post your cards in the special Green Scouts Post Boxes and not the Royal Mail Boxes. The last day for posting is 11th December in the green boxes and December 9th in Church.



**Stratton Team Ministry**  
*Seeking, Sharing and Serving God Together*

**St. Margaret's, Stratton, Coleview**  
**St. Mary Magdalene, South Marston**  
**St. Leonard's, Stanton Fitzwarren**

**WELCOME**  
 2nd December 2018

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**Please note that large print copies  
 of this notice sheet are available.**

Tea and Coffee are served at St. Margaret's Centre after the 9.30am service and after the 11am service at Coleview Community Centre.

#### Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
 as your Kingdom dawns,  
 turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
 light of holiness,  
 that we may be ready to meet you  
 in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Amen

#### Offertory Ascription

Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

### Church Prayer

The Lord be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us.  
Help us to be a blessing to each other  
and our communities that your ways  
may be known among us.  
Let all the people praise you , O God  
let all the people praise you, Amen

**This week please pray for the  
People who live, work or go to  
school in these roads.**

Belmont Close  
Birchwood Road  
Blake Crescent  
Bourton Avenue  
Bowman Close  
Brain Court  
Bridgeman Court

### Morning Prayer Readings

#### Tuesday 4th December

Psalm 11- Revelation 20

#### Wednesday 5th December

Psalm 12 & 13 -Revelation 21: 1-8

#### Thursday 6th December

Psalm 14&15-Revelation 21: 9-21

### 2nd December Advent 1

**Psalm: 25 verses 1-9**

**Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-12**

**Page 286 in the New Testament section of the Good New Bible**

**Page 1210 in the NIV Bible**

**Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36**

**Page 109 in the New Testament section of the Good News Bible**

**Page 1057 in the NIV Bible**

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Week 1

People of God: awake!

The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face.

Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out  
of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ  
today and for ever. Amen.**

### Services for next Sunday 9th December

#### St Margaret's

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Morning Worship

4pm Christingle

#### Coleview

11.00am Holy Communion

#### St Mary Magdalene

9.30am Holy Communion

#### St. Leonard's

11.00am Christingle