

Hello Everyone

With the nights drawing in and the temperatures dipping, we are quickly entering the time of year when we will look to pretty decorative lights to light our way with the excitement of the appearance of Christmas lights on Christmas trees, in shop windows and decorated houses and gardens. This evening people gathered on The Green in Toddington for the official turning on of the Christmas lights, and there were many happy conversations taking place.

Schools are preparing for Christmas nativity and concerts, and we too are preparing in our churches during this season of Advent as we look ahead to the Christmas services and events: carol and crib services, the Toddington Christmas Tree festival, Christmas Messy Church, and the next Chalgrave Pop-Up Tea room at Tebworth with Christmas carols. In these cold, wet and dark days, how important it is to get together to support each other, and to also remember Jesus, the Light of the World, the reason for the season.

**This Sunday's services:**

9.30am Holy Communion Service at Chalgrave Church - Linda

11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Toddington Church - Linda

1.00 pm Baptism Service at Toddington Church - Linda

**This week's services and events:**

**Monday 28 November**

9.30 am Morning Prayer, Toddington

**Tuesday 29 November**

10.30 am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

5.45 pm Youth group, Wilkinson Hall

**Wednesday 30 November**

10.30 am to 3.00 pm Wednesday Winter Warmer time together with lunch, Wilkinson Hall

Dunstable Deanery Meeting, All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard 7.30 pm

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

The funeral of Rita Stares, 12.30 pm Toddington Church. The service will be live-streamed and a link will be issued later this week.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

10.30 am Painting for Pleasure Group, Wilkinson Hall

7.00 pm Scout Carol Service, Toddington Church

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

7.30 pm Musical Concert by the Luton Youth Cantores Choir and Peculi8. Costs £6 (pay at the door cash only please). There will be a comfort break in the middle and seasonal refreshments will be served in the Wilkinson Hall at the end for those who would like to stay and celebrate. The concert is being run jointly by Toddington Music Society and the Church and profits will be shared. See attached poster

**Future Christmas services and events for your diaries:**

9 December 7.00 pm Christmas Tree Festival Preview Evening. Tickets from Fran or Dee

10 and 11 December Christmas Tree festival, Toddington Church, ending on Sunday afternoon with carols. Refreshments in Wilkinson Hall

11 December, 7.00 pm Carols by Candlelight Service at Chalgrave Church (Sunday this year)

13 December, 5.45 pm Christmas Youth Group, Wilkinson Hall  
14 December 9.15 am a Lower school visit to Toddington church to sing carols  
14 December separate morning and afternoon visits by Parkfields school to Toddington Church for their Christmas Carol Services  
14 December Chalgrave Christmas Pop Up Tea room, Tebworth Memorial Hall 11.00 am  
15 December Lower School Christmas Service at Toddington Church  
16 December Christmas 'Messy Church' 3.30 pm (and last day of term)  
17 December Toddington Band Christmas Concert, Toddington Church, 3.00 pm  
18 December, Service of 9 Lessons and Carols, Toddington Church, 6.30 pm  
24 December Crib Service 3.00 pm Chalgrave Church,  
24 December Crib Service 4.30 pm Toddington Church  
24 December 'Midnight Mass' 10.00 pm Toddington Church  
24 December Midnight Mass, 11.15 pm Chalgrave Church  
25 December Christmas Morning, Benefice service 10.00 am Holy Communion, Toddington Church

It will be a busy time, but a joyful time.

God bless

Linda (and Nigel)