



## PEWS NEWS

**Sunday 18th December  
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

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### Services

**Sunday 18th December**  
10am - Holy Communion  
Preacher: Revd. Michael Bigg  
10am - St Andrew's 4 Kids  
7pm - Carol Service

**Tuesday 20th December**  
9am - Morning Prayer (Said)  
2.15pm - Arlington Manor Holy Communion.  
Leader: Revd. Michael Bigg  
7pm - Carols at The Old Crown

**Wednesday 21st December**  
9am - Morning Prayer (online)  
7pm - Carols at The Old Crown

**Thursday 22nd December**  
9am - Morning Prayer (Said) (online)  
11am - Gretton Court Communion  
Leader: Revd. Christine Barrow  
9pm - Compline (Said) (online)

**Saturday 24th December**  
3pm - Christingle Service  
Leader: Revd. Michael Bigg  
11.30pm - Midnight Communion  
Preacher: Chris Whittaker

**Sunday 25th December  
Christmas Day**  
8am - Holy Communion (BCP)  
Celebrant: Revd. Michael Bigg  
10am - Holy Communion  
Preacher: Revd. Alex Hughes

### Notices

#### St Andrews for Kids - Advent 4

Today the children are completing their reflection on the prophecies of Isaiah, with a focus on the Third Isaiah (Ch. 55-66) - "Isaiah of the New Creation". Join us in the North Room over coffee to see the visual symbols the children have been using to remember some words of the prophet. You might want to ask the children which part of the story they liked best, or which part they think is the most important (there are no right or wrong answers to these questions!).

Following the recent Bible Sunday, and taking up its mission, we're considering running "**The Bible Course**", developed by the Bible Society. It aims to encourage people to explore the Bible, to be more confident and comfortable in reading, studying and talking about it, and to see how it remains relevant to life in the 21st century. The provisional plan is to run the course during the Epiphany period, after Christmas and before Lent, as a preparation for Easter. The eight sessions will be held in person for up to 10 people. If there's sufficient interest, we can repeat it shortly after. Sample session 1 for free at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/personal-edition/overview/> There'll

be a small charge for the materials. Please express your interest to Dugald Wilson ([llm@girton.church](mailto:llm@girton.church)) or Michael ([rector@girton.church](mailto:rector@girton.church)).

With Christmas around the corner, **Cambridge City Foodbank** urgently needs tinned ham, tinned salmon, long-life fruit juice, Christmas sweets (small/medium), Christmas puddings (small/medium), Yule Logs/Christmas Cakes, savoury snacks, mince pies, jams and spreads, instant coffee (small jars), tinned pasta, rice, instant noodles, and packets of biscuits. There are collection boxes/trays at the back of church - many thanks for your kind donations for people in need in our city this Christmas.

**Receiving Communion** All are welcome to receive Communion here. We share wine from a common cup, but understand that not everyone will be comfortable with this. If you don't wish to receive the wine (or have a cough or cold) then simply return to your pew after receiving the bread. Intinction (dipping) of your wafer into the cup is not permitted.

This week, church family members listed for **general prayer** are Bob Lloyd, Alastair & Anne Lorimer, Penelope Lutoslawska, Jo Luxton, and Catherine Martin.

### Weekly Readings

**Mon 19** Isaiah 52.13-end of 53;  
Ps 144, 146; 2 Peter 1.1-15  
**Tue 20** Isaiah 54; Ps 46, 95;  
2 Peter 1.16-2.3  
**Wed 21** Isaiah 55; Ps 121, 122, 123;  
2 Peter 2.4-end  
**Thu 22** Isaiah 56.1-8;  
Ps 124, 125, 126, 127; 2 Peter 3  
**Fri 23** Isaiah 63.1-6;  
Ps 128, 129, 130, 131; 2 John  
**Sat 24** 2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-11,16;  
Ps 45, 113; Acts 13.16-26

#### Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

am Isaiah 52.7-10  
Ps 98  
Hebrews 1.1-4[5-12]  
John 1.1-14  
pm Isaiah 65.17-25  
Ps 8  
Philippians 2.5-11  
Luke 2.1-20