



## PEWS NEWS

Sunday 17th December, 2023  
(Third Sunday of Advent)

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**Safeguarding:** If you've any concerns about the wellbeing of a child or vulnerable adult at this church please contact the Rector or safeguarding@girton.church

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### Services

Our 10am Sunday services are usually broadcast on **YouTube**. If you'd rather not appear on this then please ask a sidesperson for advice on where to sit.

**Sunday 17th December**  
(3rd Sunday of Advent)

10am - Holy Communion (CW)  
Preacher: Revd. Michael Bigg  
10am - St Andrew's for Kids

**Monday 18th December**  
7.00pm - Carol Service  
Speaker: Revd. Michael Bigg

**Tuesday 19th December**  
9am - Morning Prayer (said)  
2.15pm - Arlington Manor Communion  
Leader: Revd. Michael Bigg  
7pm - Carols@Crown

**Wednesday 20th December**  
9am - Morning Prayer (said) (online)  
7pm - Carols@Crown

**Thursday 21st December**  
9am - Morning Prayer(said) (online)  
11am - Gretton Court Communion  
Leader: Revd. Christine Barrow

**Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve**  
(4th Sunday of Advent)  
8am - Holy Communion (BCP)  
Celebrant: Revd Michael Bigg  
10am - Morning Prayer (CW)  
Preacher: Christina Deacon (LLM)  
3pm - Christingle Service  
Speaker : Revd. Michael Bigg  
11.30pm - Midnight Communion  
Preacher : Revd. Michael Bigg

**Monday 25th December**  
**Christmas Day**  
10am - Christmas Day Family Service  
Preacher : Revd. Michael Bigg

### Notices

**St Andrew's for Kids** meets during the 10am service in the North Room. Today we will be discovering how the carol "Silent Night" came to be written, and thinking about the meaning of peace at Christmas. You might want to ask the children about this over coffee!

### Christmas Dates

Please put these dates in your diaries and come along!  
\* Monday 18th Dec @ 7pm - Carols by Candlelight  
\* 19th & 20th Dec - Christmas Dinner and Carols at the Old Crown  
\* Christmas Eve @ 3pm - Christingle  
\* Christmas Eve @ 11:30pm - Midnight Communion  
\* Christmas Day @ 10am - Christmas Day Family Service

**Christmas Flowers** There's a collection jar if people would like to make a donation towards Christmas flowers.

### Christmas Dinner and Carols

The event on Tues 18th is now sold out but there are still some tables left for Weds 19th. Please ring the Old Crown to book in for a lovely meal and Christmas Carols - a perfect thing to bring a friend to! (01223 277217)

**Girton Carol Singing for Shelter** This year Girton Carol Singers will be singing carols in aid of Shelter. We are singing from 6.30pm to around 9pm on 21st (Church End), 22nd (Thorntons) and 24th December (Wellbrook/Weaver's). All are welcome to join us for all or part of any of the evenings. Both singers and collectors are needed! If you'd like to make a donation we have a fundraising page: [www.justgiving.com/page/girtoncarolsingers2023](http://www.justgiving.com/page/girtoncarolsingers2023). Please contact Helen Wilson on 276940 for more information.

This week, church family members listed for **general prayer** are Felicia Moor, Dawn Nair-Bartlett, Martin & Yuri Nuttall, and Connie Ndungu (Shawn and Jessica)

### Weekly Readings .

**Mon 18th** Isaiah 38. 1-8, 21-22;

Ps 40; Matthew 16.13-end

**Tue 19th** Isaiah 38. 9-20; Ps 144, 146; Matthew 17.1-13

**Wed 20th** Isaiah 39; Ps 46, 95; Matthew 17.14-21

**Thu 21st** Zephaniah 1.1-2.3; Ps 121, 122, 123; Matthew 17.22-end

**Fri 22nd** Zephaniah 3.1-13; Ps 124, 125, 126, 127; Matthew 18.1-20

**Sat 23rd** Zephaniah 3.14-end; Ps 128, 129, 130, 131; Matthew 18.21-end

**Sunday 24th December**  
(4th Sunday of Advent)

am 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Canticle: Magnificat

or Ps 89.1-4,19-26\*

Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38

pm Midnight Mass

Isaiah 52.7-10

Ps 98

Hebrews 1.1-4[5-12]

John 1.1-14