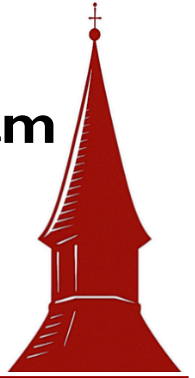

Welcome to St Mark's Church, Newnham

Sunday, 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

Jesus Christ ...*forever*



Today's services

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Service Leader and Preacher: The Revd Jim Robinson

9.30am Holy Communion

Service Leader: The Revd Canon Tom Buchanan

Preacher: The Revd Jim Robinson

7pm Wolfson College Carol Service

Service Leader: The Revd Jim Robinson

with the Choir of Wolfson College

Practicalities

There is a fully accessible toilet as well as baby-changing facilities in the Community Centre across the car park behind the church.

Children

All are welcome in God's house and we delight in all ages gathering for worship. Please don't worry if your little ones make a noise or need to run around. There is a play area at the back; if younger members are more comfortable there, they are very welcome to dive in. Junior Church runs at the same time as the 9.30am service every week during term time. It is open to all ages and is based around storytelling and wondering, with art and craft too.

We begin in church and then head round to the Community Centre, returning for the Eucharist and then back out for a feast!

Collection

We are not taking an offering during our services at this time, but there is a collection plate at the back of the church along with a giving station where you are able to donate via card payment. You can also give via our website.

Visit us online at: <https://stmarksnewnham.org> where you can sign up for our email.

For your prayers: The King; Anne Howie; Nancy.

Hymns: 32 Come, thou Redeemer of the Earth
45 O come, O come, Emmanuel
37 Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing
41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Collect Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Romans 13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24.36-44

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Anthem: People, look east - Archer

Useful contacts

For pastoral enquiries or questions about special services (baptisms, weddings, and funerals) please contact our vicar. For information about our visiting group please contact our administrator.

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Services this week

Tuesday, 2nd December

11am, Holy Communion (BCP) led by The Revd Jim Robinson

Sunday, 7th December

8am, Holy Communion (BCP) led by The Revd Jim Robinson

9.30am, Holy Communion led by The Revd Jim Robinson with The Revd Jeremy Begbie preaching

Morning Prayer is held on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9am.**

Charity of the Month: Embrace the Middle East

We work with Christians in the Middle East to tackle poverty and injustice in the region. Where there is a need – for refuge, a home, for health care, for education, for justice and human rights – we, with our partners, respond. We currently work with Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Israel-Palestine, Lebanon and Syria, supporting health, education and community projects, which bring vital services to those at risk of marginalisation and exclusion. Partnership is at the centre of Embrace's vision of transformation. We support, enable and partner with the Middle East's Christians as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities. As the Arab saying goes, 'there is bread and salt between us'. It means we sit at the table as equals, in an alliance of fellowship. We currently have over 40 courageous, inspired, creative and skilled partners in the region. All are working to transform lives; all are inspired by the Gospel.

Notices and Dates for your Diaries

Advent Fair

Many thanks to all involved in making yesterday's fair a success, most especially Ross!

Sustainable Living Workshop

After this morning's service, in the Community Centre, Anitha Devadason will be running a Sustainable Living workshop: a chance to learn how we might best realign our lifestyles with our Christian values in the face of the environmental crisis.

Wolfson College Advent Carol Service, Sunday 30th November, 7pm

This evening the Choir of Wolfson College will lead us in music and readings for Advent and Christmas. Please note the service starts at 7pm, not 6pm as previously advertised. The service will be held at St Mark's and presided over by The Revd Jim Robinson. All welcome.

Christmas Card Delivery

Enormous thanks to Hilary and Roy Murray for sorting the Christmas cards into streets. Please do take a pile from the narthex and deliver to a street, and help spread the word!

Keys to Narthex

If you have need to lock or unlock the new narthex doors, you will need a patch lock key. They are available from the vestry team.

Foodbank Collections

Please bring donations for the foodbank to church on Sunday 7th December, or on Thursday 11th December to 19 Kings Road (Eleanor Scott) 9am-3pm, or 1 Millington Road (Rosey Gardiner) 8am-6pm. The weekly email has an up-to-date and seasonal list of what's needed.

A Theatrical Christmas

Bringing to life all the delightful anticipation and tradition that is the beating heart of Christmas, BAWDS presents a popular programme that combines staged stories with captivating characters and seasonal songs to put you in the festive spirit.

Devised and directed by Madeleine Forrester; music arranged and directed by Ian Favell.

At St Mark's on Friday 5th December at 7.30pm and on Saturday 6th December at 3pm and 7.30pm. Tickets at

<https://www.adcticketing.com/whats-on/play/a-theatrical-christmas-newnham/>

The Not So Bleak Midwinter

On Sunday 11th January at 3pm, Cantores Singers and friends will present an afternoon of songs, readings and music to cheer a wintry day. Entry is free and there is no need to book. Refreshments will be provided. Do spread the word and come along yourselves!