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29TH NOVEMBER 2026, 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Luke 1:39–56 (p. 1026)

- 8:30am Christ Church Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:30am Christ Church Service of the Word
- 10:30am St Michael's Service of the Word
- 5:30pm St Michael's Holy Communion (CW)
- *10:30am St Michael's Midweek Communion (Weds. 2nd Dec.)*

Welcome to Christ Church & St Michael's

A warm welcome to our services today, we're glad to see you. We are a church family of everyday people, of all ages, sharing life as we follow Jesus and discover together the difference he makes in the present and for the future. Our aim is that Christ Church and St Michael's feel like a home from home, a church family where everyone finds a welcome. If you are visiting for the first time please note audio/visual assistance, crèche facilities and toilets can be accessed at all of our services, refreshments are served afterwards, if you can stay we'd be delighted to meet you. There's a lot going on, both on Sundays and throughout the week, some of our activities are listed overleaf, you can find out more by picking up one of our term cards or visiting our website: **www.barnston.info**



Advent (meaning 'arrival') marks the beginning of the Church's year and reminds us afresh that God is neither distant nor aloof. Instead, he draws near, writing himself into our story in the person of Jesus. This Advent season, we consider the first 'carols' of Christmas: the songs of celebration sung by Mary, Zechariah, the heavenly host, and Simeon, whose "sounding joy" has chimed through the running centuries in the Church's worship. In Mary's song, we hear echoes of Hannah's prayer as she responds to the mercy, justice, sovereignty, and faithfulness of God. In this anthem of humble trust and joyful praise, Mary glorifies (magnifies) God for his works in the world, fending his people, delivering on his covenant promises in the gift of the Christ-child.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Welcome
A warm welcome to our mission partners Joshua and Miriam visiting from Neema, Eldoret, Kenya. They will be at the 10:30am at Christ Church this Sunday and at St Michael's for the Wednesday Communion, Joshua will preach at both services.

Christmas Publicity
Our Christmas programme cards are available at the back of each church. Please take one for your own information and as many as you need to invite friends and neighbours along, there's plenty to go around, get the word out!

Advent Reading
We have a new daily devotional available to help us contemplate the arrivals of Jesus this Advent: Andrew Davis' 'The Indescribable Gift' by packed full of reflections to prepare our hearts and minds to treasure Jesus and rejoice in his incarnation.

We also have a few remaining copies of 'Repeat the sounding joy' by Christopher Ash, reflecting on the Nativity as recorded in Luke's gospel, also Jonathan Cruse's 'Sing in Exultation! 25 readings exploring themes from our best loved carols. Available at the back of church, £2 each.

Little Tugs
Our toddler group will finish for Christmas on Monday 14th December, resuming in the New Year, Monday 11th January, 9:30-11:30am at St Michael's for craft, play, story time, refreshments.

Drop In
Drop in for a toasted tea-cake, a warm cuppa and a chat, or to sit quietly, you can even bring your work (free super-fast wifi). 9:30am-12:30pm St Michael's. Note: The Drop-In will be closed for Christmas from 22nd December, recommencing Tuesday 5th January.

Prayer Meeting
We gather for our monthly prayer meeting on Thursday 3rd Dec., 7:30-8:30pm, at St Michael's. Always a great time of fellowship as we pray ahead of Christmas for the various events and opportunities the season affords. Refreshments served from 7:15pm. All welcome.

Funeral Notice
The funeral service for Deane Bakewell will be held Monday 7th December, 1:00pm at Christ Church, followed by the interment at 2:00pm and then refreshments at the Devon Doorway.

Fellowship Lunch
Come and enjoy the warm atmosphere, good company, and our traditional Christmas lunch. A particular welcome for those impacted by bereavement. Tuesday 8th December 12:30pm, Christ Church hall.

Mothers' Union
The M.U. meet for their Christmas party Weds. 9th December, 2:15pm at St Michael's.

Carers' Get Together
Respite for care givers in the form of good food, fellowship and support. Thursday 10th Dec. 11:45am,St Michael's. See Carol Jordan for info.

Carols Around the Tree
We will gather around the tree at St Michael's with friends from both Emmanuel and the local community to sing the carols that celebrate the Nativity story. Tuesday 15th December, 6:00pm. Wrap up, turn up, sing up, and then, eat up! Refreshments served after the singing.

With thanks
Brenda Lewis would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Teams4U shoebox appeal. Alan and Alison Golightly would also like to express their gratitude to those who have given gifts for the Hope Foundation Christmas lunch. The kind and generous response from church family is greatly appreciated.

Christingle Factory
Could you please spare an hour to help put the Christingles together for our service on Christmas Eve? Great fun and fellowship, Wednesday 23rd from 9:00am at St Michael's. Thank you.

Epiphany Supper
We look forward to celebrating Epiphany with a short service followed by supper. Something for everyone. Wednesday 6th Jan., 5:30pm at St Michael's. Please sign up at the back of church.

Mission Partnership
This week we pray for Dave Casson and the Barn in their ministry and outreach this Christmas. Visit our website for their latest newsletter or speak to their mission rep. Ce on her return.

Remembering
We remember family and friends mourning Jim Parr, Judah Oldham (12months) - Colin and Sybil's grandson, Deane Bakewell, Wendy Williams, Roy McEwen and Dennis Western.