

Hello Everyone,

We are gradually getting back to 'normal' and as a sign of this we've re-introduced the calendar we used to put together before Covid.

We have a wonderful **Poppy Display** in the church porch ready for Remembrance Day thanks to Julie Meadows and Kathy Mayne coaxing lots of people to make poppies.

Please do support the **Christmas Fayre** and the **Nativity Festival** (and invite friends and relations) as well as our services. We've spent a huge amount on the both the church and the pastoral centre over the last 3 years but with far fewer opportunities for fund-raising. The Nativity Festival will raise money for both church and our link Dioceses in Malawi. We know that for many money is very tight but as we often say during the Lent Fundraiser in St Laurence Church Junior School "a little adds up to a LOT."

I managed to pop into *Larry's* on Thursday and it was great to see nearly 20 young people relaxing and having fun together. We hope to have some fun as a church family in the new year as the " 'Piphy 'Pudding 'Party " is back on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January from 6-8pm. It's an all-age event. No charge but donations welcome. Tea/coffee/squash provided and if you can bring a pud to share so much the better.

Sadly, this week, we have held the funeral for Shirley Evans, aged 89. Shirley has given so much to St Laurence over the years: serving as church warden, PCC Secretary, Flower Guild Leader, Mother's Union Member, Parish Clerk for baptisms and weddings, singing in the choir and until just 3 years ago, washing all the small liturgical linen. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Her service can be listened on our YouTube/Playlists/Services at St Laurence

If you haven't seen the new **Church Guide Book** do pop into church or the office. We suggesting donations of £5.. They make excellent Christmas Presents!

May God Bless us all this as we approach Advent and Christmas.

*Canon Janet*



# **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Lots of stalls  
plus Tombola, and Raffles  
Refreshments  
Plus the TRAIN Set is back!**

**Saturday 19th November**

**11am – 2pm**

at St Laurence Pastoral Centre  
Church Road, B31 2LX

Registered Charity 1132975



## Zoom

Sundays <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533030134> Meeting ID: 845 3303 0134

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Conference Call Phone (CC) **0117 463 6922** then **PIN 1139#**

<b>November 2022</b>		
Sat	12	8.45 – 10am Organ Lesson 10 – 12 noon Church Open with tea & coffee 10am Diocesan Synod in Sutton Coldfield 10.15am Bellringing school
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> 8.30am Sunday School Service (in Pastoral Centre) <b>10am Sung Eucharist and Act of Remembrance</b> (NOT 9.30 )
Mon	14	5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom
Tue	15	5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom 7pm Deanery Project Team meets at St Laurence Pastoral Centre
Wed	16	10am Holy Communion (BCP) in church and CC 4.30 pm Bible Study by Zoom 8.30pm Compline by CC <i>Also Prayer for Northfield 8.15pm at 25 Bodenham Road</i>
Thur	17	9.30am Decorating the Pastoral Centre for Christmas Fayre 2pm Handbell Ringers in church 3.15 -5pm Larry's after school club (Yr 7+) in Pastoral Centre
Fri	18	1.30pm Setting up for Christmas Fayre 7.30pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	19	10 – 12 noon Church Open with tea & coffee 11am -2pm <b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Last Sunday before Advent</b> (Christ the King) 8.30am Sunday School Service (in Pastoral Centre) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30 – 12noon Booking in of Nativity sets in church 4pm Wild Church in Churchyard
Mon	21	9am – 11am Booking in of Nativity sets in church 5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom
Tue	22	5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom

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Wed	23	10am Holy Communion (BCP) in church and CC 11am onwards Nursery School visits to Nativity Festival 4.30 pm Bible Study by Zoom 8.30pm Compline by CC
Thur	24	Nursery School visits to Nativity Festival 2pm Handbell Ringers in church 3.15 -5pm Larry's after school club (Yr 7+) in Pastoral Centre
Fri	25	9am – 12.15pm St Laurence Infants visit Nativity Festival 7.30pm Bellringing Practice <i>Mothers' Union 16 days of activism against gender-based violence begins</i>
Sat	26	10 – 3pm <b>NATIVITY FESTIVAL</b> in church open to all 4-6pm Organ Lessons
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> 8.30am Sunday School Service (in Pastoral Centre) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am – 3pm <b>NATIVITY FESTIVAL</b> in Church
Mon	28	Nursery School visits to Nativity Festival 5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom
Tue	29	9.15am and 1.45pm Holy Communion Services for St Laurence Juniors 5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom 7.30pm Sunday School Leaders' at the Rectory
Wed	30	10am Holy Communion (BCP) in church and CC 4.30 pm Bible Study by Zoom 8.30pm Compline by CC

## DECEMBER 2022

Thur	1	2pm Handbell Ringers in church 3.15 -5pm Larry's after school club (Yr 7+) in Pastoral Centre
Fri	2	7.30pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	3	10 – 12 noon Church Open with tea & coffee 10.15am Bellringing school 11.30am Christmas Carols at Masefield Community Garden
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 8.30am Sunday School Service (in Pastoral Centre) 9.30am Sung Eucharist and Baptism of Freya Mycroft 12noon Baptism of Rufus Bagnell 12.30pm Festive Meal and 'The Old Hare & Hounds.' 4pm Wild Church in Churchyard

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Mon	5	12.30pm Mothers Union AGM & Lunch (pre-book lunch with Rowena) 5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom
Tues	6	9.30am Holy Dusters in church 5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom 7pm PCC in Pastoral Centre
Wed	7	10am Holy Communion (BCP) in church and CC 4.30 pm Bible Study by Zoom 8.30pm Compline by CC
Thur	8	2pm Handbell Ringers in church 3.15 -5pm Larry's after school club (Yr 7+) in Pastoral Centre
Fri	9	7.30pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	10	10-noon Church Open with tea & coffee <i>also ..</i> <i>Come and help make Christingles!</i> 2pm Churches Together in Northfield "Community Christmas" at Baptist Church <i>(by invitation)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 8.30am NO Sunday School Service 9.30am Christingle Service and Holy Communion 11.30am Said Holy Communion
Mon	12	5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom
Tues	13	5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom
Wed	14	10am Holy Communion (BCP) in church and CC 12- 2pm Clergy Chapter Meeting 4.30 pm Bible Study by Zoom 8.30pm Compline by CC
Thur	15	2pm Handbell Ringers in church 3.15 -5pm Larry's after school club (Yr 7+) in Pastoral Centre
Fri	16	7.30pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	17	10 – 12 noon Church Open with tea & coffee
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 8.30am Sunday School Service (in Pastoral Centre) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm <b>CAROL SERVICE</b> <i>(no Wild Church)</i> Later than usual so avoid clashing with world cup football.
Mon	19	5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom
Tues	20	9.30am Holy Dusters in church

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Wed	21	10am Holy Communion (BCP) in church and CC 4.30 pm Bible Study by Zoom 8.30pm Compline by CC Office closes at noon until 5th January 2022
Thur	22	3pm Handbell Ringers in church
Fri	23	7.30pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	24	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 10 – 11.30am Church Open with tea & coffee 2pm Crib Service 4pm Crib Service 11pm Christmas Eve Communion
Sun	25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 9.30am Christmas Communion
Monday 26 - Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> No services <i>EXCEPT</i> Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> December 8.30pm Compline by Conference Call <i>In emergency please call 07716658239</i>		
Sat	31	Sorry no Church Open today 11.50pm Listen out for the Bell-ringing to welcome in the New Year
<b>JANUARY 2023 - Happy New Year!</b>		
Sun	1	<b>1st Sunday of Christmas</b> 9.30 am Sung Communion <i>No Sunday School or Wild Church today</i>
Mon	2	Bank Holiday
Tues	3	5pm Eve Prayer by Zoom
Wed	4	10am Holy Communion (BCP) in church and CC 4.30 pm Bible Study by Zoom 8.30pm Compline by CC
Thur	5	2pm Handbell Ringers in church 3.15 -5pm Larry's after school club (Yr 7+) in Pastoral Centre
Fri	6	7.30pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	7	10-11.30am Church Open
Sun	8	<b>Epiphany</b> 9.30am Holy Communion <i>Times of other services to be confirmed</i>



# Nativity Festival

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**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 3pm**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 3pm**

**Come and see LOTS of Nativity sets:**

traditional, global, modern - you'll be surprised how different they all are! Some have been specially made by community groups

**Where:** St Laurence Church, B31 2LX - your local Grade I Listed Historic Church with its stunning new lighting system.

**Light refreshments**

**Free Admission**

*Donations to support the maintenance of the church and our link churches in Malawi.*



For over 40 years Churches Together in Northfield has run “**Community Christmas**” as a lunch for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. During the ‘Covid Years’ volunteers from the churches have delivered ‘Goody Bags’ instead. Many people missed meeting up so this year we are having an in-person event. However, we felt that we wouldn’t have sufficient volunteers to offer a Christmas Day lunch so instead we are offering an Afternoon Tea on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Invitations are on the cusp of being sent out. If you know of anyone who lives alone and cannot get out much and doesn’t have any local relatives please suggest names/addresses to Lorraine in the office.

Rowena and Elaine together with Peter Chapman and the Rector and Revd Theresa have kept the **Sunday School Service** going for over 2 years. We would love to involve more people in this (and possibly change the time so it connects more with church.) There will be a meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at the Rectory if you would like to explore this or have a word with one of us.

Many of us are concerned about those who are homeless or in poor housing. One of the best ways to offer support is to buy the Big Issue. Local seller points include outside Aldi on the High Street and by the Co-op near Northfield Station. Half of the cover price goes to the seller – but also provides a good if challenging read.

Also we have food bank collecting points in the Pastoral Centre Foyer and ‘Herbie – the trolley’ is about to be re-instated in church.

The Mothers’ Union continues to promote 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. It is an international campaign. It takes place each year from **25 November** (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) until **10 December** (International Human Rights Day). The 16 Days is an extension of the day-to-day grassroots work of Mothers’ Union, which includes working to help end such violence and to support those affected by it.

### **YouTube**

<https://youtube.com/@StLaurenceNorthfield>

### **Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/StLaurenceChurchNorthfield](http://www.facebook.com/StLaurenceChurchNorthfield)

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