

# Woburn Benefice Weekly News

Serving the parishes of Battlesden with Potsgrove, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Woburn and our neighbouring communities

Week commencing 24th November 2024



## Advent course



We've been invited to join the Woburn District Churches Together Advent courses this year. A great opportunity to meet with other Christians across our local

area to enjoy some Advent reflections together. There are 3 different groups so hopefully you will find one that fits in with your week.

The Advent course will follow 'Advent for Everyone: a Journey through Luke' by Tom Wright.

There is no need for pre-reading or to buy the book. Just come along.

### When and where:

Tuesday afternoon 2.30 – 4.30 pm at St Michael's Church, Woburn Sands

Tuesday evening 7.30 – 9.00 pm in the Vicarage, 30 Church Road, Aspley Heath, MK17 8TA

Thursday evening Zoom group 7.00 – 8.30 pm

Tuesday dates are: 26th November, 3rd December, 10th December and 17th December.

For further information please contact John Buchanan [johannesvonbuch@gmail.com](mailto:johannesvonbuch@gmail.com) for Tuesday Afternoon or Revd Diana Young [revdianay@gmail.com](mailto:revdianay@gmail.com) for Tuesday evening.

Dates for the Thursday Zoom meetings are 28th November, 5th December, 12th December and 19th December. Please contact Geoff Cooper for the Zoom link for Thursday evenings [geoffcooper83@gmail.com](mailto:geoffcooper83@gmail.com)

## Vision Morning for St Mary's Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Vision Morning Saturday  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

9.30 am to 12.30 pm followed by lunch  
Guest Facilitator Rev Kate Lomax, Diocesan Church Growth Officer

Everybody welcome to come along and contribute to the discussions and conversations around the future priorities for the mission and outreach of St Mary's, Woburn. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact Fran Brown at [admin@woburnbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@woburnbenefice.co.uk), and if you would like to stay for lunch please also indicate this on the sheet or to Fran. Hope you can make it!

## Alpha course



Curious about faith?

Sign up for the Alpha Course is now open! Who could you invite along? Starting at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 8th January 2025 in the Crypt at St Mary's Church, Woburn.

To find out more and sign up, visit our website: [www.woburnparishchurch.co.uk/alpha](http://www.woburnparishchurch.co.uk/alpha)

## Food for the Alpha Course

Jean Wayment would like to thank all those who have volunteered to help at Alpha. She is putting a rota together this week.

On 8 January St Mary's are providing a meal (lasagne) and a dessert. The other three evenings (29 January, 5 February and 19 February) we are providing dessert and cheese and biscuits. If anyone would like to provide a lasagne or dessert on these dates could you please let Jean know. With many thanks in advance.

[jean.wayment@gmail.com](mailto:jean.wayment@gmail.com)

## Christmas Tree Festival at Milton Bryan



**A Church full of Trees**



**St Peter's Milton Bryan  
Christmas Tree Festival**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:**

**Preview Night: 5pm – 7pm**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December:**

**1pm – 4pm with seasonal refreshments, raffle, Christmas fayre**

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## Salvation Army Christmas toy appeal



Christmas Present Appeal  
Be a star and donate a toy to our appeal



Last year The Salvation Army distributed more than 76,000 gifts to families who struggled to provide presents for their children at Christmas. Every year the number of families requesting help goes up. If you would like to donate a new toy, please bring it along to St Mary's during November. The last day for donations will be Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Toys will then be taken to the Salvation Army Corps in Bedford for wrapping and distribution to families. Please speak to Yvonne Mills or Steve Apted if you would like any more information.

### Suggested gift list:

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles
- **3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- **5-9:** educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- **9-12:** games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergenic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

## Bingo Night for Battlesden



Battlesden Church are holding a Bingo Night on  
Saturday 23rd November 2024  
at Milton Bryan Village Hall.

Start at 7.00 pm prompt. Bring your own refreshments. In aid of Keech Cottage Hospice. Come along and have fun while supporting this Charity.

## Upcoming Services and Events

### Battlesden

8th Dec 9.00 am Holy Communion

### Eversholt

1 Dec 9.00 am Holy Communion  
15 Dec 5.00 pm Christmas Evensong

### Milton Bryan

24 Nov 9.00 am Holy Communion  
8 Dec 11.00 am Songs of Praise

### Woburn

24 Nov 10.30 am Formal Communion  
1 Dec 10.30 am Informal Communion  
1 Dec 6.00 pm Choral Evensong  
5 Dec 10.00 am BCP Communion  
8 Dec 10.30 am Formal Communion  
15 Dec 10.30 am Informal Communion

## Readings for this Sunday



The readings for this Sunday are shown below if you would like to follow them even if you were not able to get to church—or you would like to re-read them if you did.

### Readings:

Nehemiah 12 verses 27 to 43  
Luke 17 verses 11 to 19

## Eversholt Concert by Candlelight

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, EVERSOLT

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT**

WITH THE EVERSOLT CHOIR  
SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 7.00 PM  
£10.00  
TO INCLUDE A GLASS OF WINE & A MINCE PIE

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