

Please send **notice sheet items** to office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk by **12pm on Tuesday each week**. Our website, www.almondsburychurch.org.uk includes the notice sheet, so all content will be on the internet unless requested otherwise.

DIARY DATES

Please pray for our services and events today and during the week..

Monday 2nd December 1.15pm Handbells Practice

Monday 2nd December 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Tuesday 3rd December 8.00am Prayers @ The Old Hospital

Tuesday 3rd December 1.45pm Toddlers

Wednesday 4th December 7.45pm Online home group

Saturday 7th December 9.00am Tea, toast and Prayer

Sunday 8th December 8.30am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 8th December 10.00am All Age Service

Please refer to the website for the most up to date information

Communion

We welcome to receive communion: a) confirmed members of the Church of England (or those intending to be confirmed); b) children who have been formally admitted to communion in this or another church. Visitors who are baptised and regularly receive communion in another Church may also receive. Everyone else is warmly invited forward to receive an individual prayer of blessing. (NB Non-alcoholic wine is available during the All Age Service; join the left queue and indicate to the server.) If you would prefer a gluten free wafer and/or non-alcoholic wine, please let the sidesperson know.

Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you after a service, for anything concerning you in your life or someone else's, please ask a Minister.

We urgently need someone to take over as Advertising Manager for the Lichgate

The role includes

- Requests payment from Annual and other advertisers
- Monitors payments
- Responds to advertiser queries about costs and with updates
- Liaison with advertisers and the Magazine Editor

Contact John Ingle for more information on 07484876823 or Lichgateadvertisingmanager@gmail.com

Collect for The first Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The latest Church Notice Sheet is always available at <https://almondsburychurch.org.uk/notice-sheets/> usually from the Friday before the Sunday to which it relates.

Priest in Charge: Rev'd Anjali Kanagaratnam
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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Church Office Telephone 07776216900

St Mary's Almondsbury Church News



Sunday 1st December 2024 1st Sunday of Advent

Hopeful beginnings
Luke 21:25-36
(Jeremiah 33:14-16)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
Led by Anjali Kanagaratnam

10.00am All Age Communion Service
Led by Paul van Rossum
and Anjali Kanagaratnam



**Creating connections with God,
each other and our community.**

Charity of the month

Children's Society

The collections from the Christingles will be sent to the Children's Society.
If you would like to donate directly please go to childrenssociety.org.uk

Christmas Services in December

22nd December – All Age nativity 10.00am
22nd December - Carol Service- 6.30pm
24th December –Christingle-2.30pm and 4.00pm
24th December-Midnight Communion-11.30pm
25th December –Christmas Day- 8.30am CW
Communion
25th December-All Age/family
service-10.00am



TEA, TOAST & PRAYER

All are invited to join us for Tea, Toast & Prayer in the Church from 9.00am on Saturday 7th December 2024 praying from 9.30am. Please join us for this important time.

BABIES AND TODDLERS

Every Tuesday in term time
1.45pm until 3.15pm in Almondsbury Church.
All parents, grandparents and carers with their babies and toddlers are welcome.

NOTICE

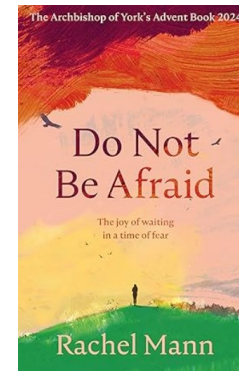
We are currently looking for another leader, or if anyone is interested in joining a Rota.
Please speak to Sandy Thompson.

Advent Book Group: All welcome

Anjali will be leading an Advent book group based on the **Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2024: Do Not Be Afraid: The Joy of Waiting in a Time of Fear.** We will be meeting on Tuesday 3rd, Monday 9th and Tuesday 17th December from 7:30 - 9pm at the vicarage (venue may need to be changed if building work @ the Vicarage is not finished).

The book contains a daily devotional covering the season of Advent and is an opportunity to explore that great Advent theme of 'waiting.' As the author explains, 'waiting can be beautiful and, at least sometimes, it takes us to the heart of the holy.' You are invited to read the devotionals and then we will meet as a group and explore them further.

So please do join us: for all or some of the sessions.
If you are interested, please let Anjali know (vicar@southsevernside.org.uk).



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St Mary's Church, Almondsbury

www.almondsburychurch.org.uk
The Church Wi-Fi password is: godisgood

PCC Prayer request

- 1:Support for the Lich Gate magazine
- 2:The Middle East
- 3: Christmas Services

A folder of testimonies from members of the congregation is now in place on the table by prayer board. If anyone else would like to add to it please contact

Suzanne Alsop (07970 617983).

Many thanks,

The Community of the Sisters of the Church

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Christmas Appeal 2024

The Sisters hope to serve 500 people this Christmas with gift bags and special Christmas food parcels
We need: hats, gloves, socks and scarves for men and women ,toiletry sets for men and women.
£15 Argos or One4All gift cards for children - either the cards themselves, or a donation towards the cards
Bank details: a/c name: Sisters of the Church
a/c # 65075960
sort code 08-92-99
Please leave donations in church by 9th December, ready for it to be collected and taken down to the sisters.
More information in the laminated letter on the book trolley.

