

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2015

ALDERTON WASHBOURNE DUMBLETON WORMINGTON

1st Sun	9.00 am	10.30 am
Jan. 4th	P.C.C.W	Mattins
Christmas 2		

White Readings: Jer. 31 7-14; Eph. 1 3-14; John 1 10-18

2nd Sun	10.30 am	9.00 am
Jan 11th	P.C.C.W	P.C.C.W
Baptism of Christ	M.West	

White Readings: Gen.1 1-5; Acts 19 1-7; Mark 1 4-11

3rd Sun	9.00 am	10.30 am	6.00 pm
Jan 18th	P.C.C.W	P.C.C.W	Evensong
Epiphany 2			

White Readings: 1Sam 3 1-10; Rev. 5 1-10; John 1 43-51

4th Sun Jan.	10.30 am	9.00 am
25 th Conversion of Paul	P.C.C.W Mrs.R Smith	H.C.B.C.P

White Readings: Jer 1 4-10; Acts 9 1-22; Matt 12 27-30

Wednesday 7th January Evening Prayer at Wormington 4.30 pm

Wednesday 28th January Evening Prayer at Alderton 4.30 pm

January 19th—25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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with

ST. PETER'S DUMBLETON, ST. KATHARINE'S WORMINGTON

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JANUARY 2015

Dear Friends,

Christmas is now behind us. We have eaten (probably to excess), drunk (probably to excess), exchanged presents (probably to the detriment of credit and debit cards) and had a good family argument (all normal families have them at Christmas). In other words we have tried to forget our trials and tribulations and cheered up at least one cold, dark winter's day. Now we get back to reality. Now it's back to the daily grind. We grit our teeth, and keep telling ourselves that spring is just round the corner and that we have said goodbye to the shortest day

What can we look back on with smiles? What future lies in our grasp? What future is out of our hands?

It has been a great Christmas for all our churches. Truly happy Services and increased numbers attending. Many thanks to all those who organised and took part in them. At Dumbleton the Service where family groups were involved was marvellous. My thanks to adults and children who took part. Wormington's Christmas Morning Service was brilliantly attended and a full church was a pleasure to witness. The revival of Alderton's Service of Nine Lessons and carols which for a few years has been in the doldrums was well worth it. I still have visions (or nightmares) of Tom Cullimore's reminiscences of him playing the Angel Gabriel in Alderton pulpit in the 1970's! Many thanks to the readers on that day. At Great Washbourne the Informal Carol Evening was very well attended and both groups and soloists gave us immense pleasure with their offerings and thanks to Hope and her helpers for the humorous and well produced Alderton Nativity (this year from a Midwife's viewpoint!!!).

The Diocese of Gloucester seems to think our Group of Parishes hasn't suffered enough. You must have done something dreadful last year because the worst has happened! I have been asked to stay on another year. I hope it is a coincidence that there are a few more House for Sale signs about since I announced the news!!!! As you may know the Rev'd John Partington is to leave the Winchcombe Team in February and we shall be meeting with the Archdeacon soon to examine carefully any changes that this might bring. I shall make you aware of them as soon as I know. So a busy year ahead with Lots of Weddings and I hope a few more imaginative services. I also intend by (next Christmas) to write down a few interesting anecdotes and experiences from my life. My children say that it will only merit half a page!!

I do hope that the New Year will bring happiness and health to you all. I don't make New Year Resolutions but I am determined that once a year I do something a little special, a little unusual to raise money for those less fortunate than me. My most unusual time this Christmas was outside York's M & S. I looked through the doors and grasped what hell must be like, and instead of being wiped out by stampeding

So from an alcoholic Vicar with smelly feet (my Christmas gift givers must have assumed this as I received copious amounts of booze and loads of socks). I finish as I started May God go with you all into 2015.

Nick Carter (Team Vicar)

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

TEWKESBURY AND WINCHCOMBE DEANERY—Epiphany Carol Service on Sunday 11th January at 6.00 pm in Tewkesbury Abbey. All are most welcome to this lovely candlelit service—do try to go along.

CHURCH LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION

Many thanks to all the volunteers in the four villages who deliver a church leaflet to every house each month, in all seasons and in all weathers. Your help continues to be greatly appreciated.

TEAM COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Winchcombe Team Council together with the Churchwardens will take place on Tuesday 13th January at 7.00 pm in Toddington Village Hall.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY in Alderton was well supported again this year. Many thanks to all the children who took part—a great performance by them all. It is a great way to portray the Christmas story! Our grateful thanks to Hope and Jane Kent together with those who assisted them with this production, not forgetting Meg Webb for playing the piano,. The collection of £120 was given to the North Cotswold Food Bank based in Winchcombe.

ALDERTON

The Christmas Special which was held on December 13th, turned out to be a great success. As ever, the cake stall and the jewellery stall proved popular, as did the tombola. But all the stalls 'paid their way'. A special thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time. The fayre made over £1,200 as a result.

Christingle Service. As the light faded on the shortest day, the church was filled with candles. The Christingle Service is always well attended - this year's was no exception. So good to see so many young people in church—they are our future. It was good too that the Vicar's commitments allowed him to take the service this year. A special thanks to those who made the Christingles, a time-consuming task. As a result of this lovely candlelit service £118.62 was sent to the Children's Society

The Children's Society. Many thanks to the box holders and those who give donations for this society as £504.86 was collected when the boxes etc. were opened before Christmas. Thank you to Sue Thurland who helped to count the money. If anyone else is willing to have a box to support this charity, please contact Helen West 620587

Evening Prayer will be said in St. Margaret's on Wednesday 28th January at 4.30 pm.

R.I.P.

November 28th 2014 - Joy Capon

MOTHERS UNION

We were most grateful to the Vicar for leading the Deanery Advent Carol Service on December 6th which was followed by coffee and mince pies. As a change this year for our December meeting, we had a short Advent Service in Beryl's house followed by a Bring and Share lunch,

GREAT WASHBOURNE

Christmas Services. How lovely it was to have so many families and friends at the Informal Carol Evening. Many thanks to all the children who took part - it was a most fitting evening at the beginning of the festive season. Thank you to all who so kindly brought along donations of tinned and packet groceries for the North Cotswold Food Bank—they were so grateful. After the Blessing of the Crib all enjoyed mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies.

Christmas Day - Again it was good to have a full Church for the Communion Service. Many thanks to all those who had helped to decorate the Church for the Festival.

Holy Baptism.

December 7th - William Samuel Meadows and Oliver Jonathan Meadows (twins).

DUMBLETON

New Year greetings to everyone.. A sincere thank you to all who have contributed in any way to support the work and activities at St. Peter's in 2014 and who gave to the Clock Tower appeal which raised £6,176 A special thanks to Rev'd Nick Carter. We are so pleased that he will be continuing his ministry with us into 2016. The Christmas trees in the Church for the Advent Services looked superb and set the scene for all the December activities. Many thanks to those who made special effort with the Christmas decorations.

The Coffee Morning held on Wednesday 3rd December in Yew Tree Cottage, raised £125 for the costs of refreshments and Christingles for the Carols by Candlelight .

Many thanks to all who supported this fund raiser

The Carols by Candlelight and Christingle Service on Wednesday 17th December, raised £345.88 for the Children's Society. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way, especially the children for their enjoyable performances and readings.

Service of Nine lessons and Carols on Sunday 21st December raised £172.83 for the Acorns Children's Hospice. To this will be added £116.55 raised from the Carol Singing round the village on 23rd December. A wonderful result for this Children's Charity and thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Friendly Village Coffee Mornings will be held on Tuesdays 6th and 20th January in the Cricket Pavilion from 10.30 am—12noon. - in aid of the church refurbishment.

Holy Baptism

November 23rd 2014 - Sophie Christa Arnold.

Dumbleton Village Hall New Year Dance: Sat. 10th Jan. at 7.30 pm. DancIng to the Occasionally Big Band. Tickets £12.50 - Rob Mercer (882464), Karen Morris (881153)

WORMINGTON

A big "**Thank You**" goes to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to arrange the flowers and clean the church during 2014. The church looked lovely for our well supported Carol Service on 14th December and also on a sunny Christmas morning when fellowship was shared.

A very Happy New Year to all from Wormington PCC.

"Albert's Cheese and Wine" evening held at Wormington Grange on 28th November was a great success—many thanks to all who contributed in any way. £870 was raised for the upkeep of St. Katherine's Church. We thank John Evetts and Annie for allowing us to hold this event at their lovely home.

WVS Village Lunch –Monday 19th January 12 noon. Come and enjoy a sociable two course meal followed by tea/coffee at £5. in St. Katherine's Church. Open to all. Please book by Friday 16th January with Angela Piercy 01386 584416