

Hello Everyone

I hope you are keeping warm and well on these suddenly chilly days. This morning the frost lay heavily in the fields and sparkled on the roads and roof tops as we headed out on a mission. We now have a glow in our hearts, despite the icy conditions outside as our son David arrived back early this morning for a Christmas visit, from Sydney - his first time home since Covid lockdown and our first hug for over three years. So, it might be chilly weather, but for us it is a warm and happy day!

This is a special time of year for so many different reasons, but not least because it is a time for folks to get together to share meals, conversation, Christmas Fayre, family times, Christmas Lights and Christmas Carols, as Jesus, Mary's child, unites us in the joy of the Christmas Nativity story.

This weekend:

Toddington Christmas Tree Festival. The church looks beautiful with a wonderful range of specially dressed trees adorning the aisles. Thank you so much to everyone who has been involved in decorating a tree, and also for organising and setting up. We very much look forward to welcoming you when you visit. Do please come and enjoy the moment. There are trees offered by many local organisations - it's a brilliant bringing together of community talent and creativity. Thank you for your support. The Festival is on today from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm and tomorrow from 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm, finishing with carols beside the trees at 5.00 pm. Refreshments will be served in Wilkinson Hall where there will also be a few stalls.

Chalgrave Church - Carols by Candlelight Sunday 7.00 pm The Church has a special beauty but becomes even more spectacular when decorated for this service. Do come and join us to sing along to the carols and hear of the birth of Jesus told through story and reflections. All Welcome.

Sunday 11th December services:

9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Chalgrave
11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Toddington
5.00 pm Carols beside the trees - Toddington Church
7.00 pm Carols by Candlelight, Chalgrave Church

Services and events from Monday 12th December

Monday 12th December

9.30 am Morning Prayer, Toddington
No seated Pilates this week.
Tidying up after Christmas Tree Festival - Toddington Church

Tuesday 13th December

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10.30 am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

Wednesday 14th December

9.00 am Lower School Reception Class visit to Toddington Church to sing carols.
10.30 am – 3.00 pm Wednesday Winter Warmer, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington
10.30 am Parkfields Middle School KS1 Christmas Service, Toddington Church
11.00 am – 1.00 pm Chalgrave, Pop Up Tea Room with Christmas songs, Tebworth Memorial Hall

2.00 pm Parkfields Middle School KS2 Christmas Service, Toddington Church

Thursday 15th December

no events?!

Friday 16th December

10.15 am Lower School Christmas Service, Toddington Church

3.30 pm Messy Church, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

Saturday 17th December

6.00 pm Toddington Town Band concert in Church (not 3pm as previously advertised)

Sunday 18th December

9.30 am Holy Communion Service, Chalgrave Church

11.00 am Holy Communion Service, Toddington Church

6.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service, Toddington Church

Monday 19th December

9.30 am Morning Prayer, Toddington Church

Tuesday 20th December

12.30 pm Funeral, Toddington Church

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

3.00 pm Crib Service, Chalgrave Church

4.30 pm Crib Service, Toddington Church

10.00 pm Midnight Mass, Toddington Church

11.15 pm Midnight Mass, Chalgrave Church

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

10.00 am Benefice Service of Holy Communion Toddington Church (No service at Chalgrave Church)

New Year's Day

11.00 am Service of the Word 'Morning Praise', Toddington Church (No Service at Chalgrave Church).

I have attached an invitation to Carols by Candlelight this evening and a separate sheet for your notice board with details about the upcoming Christmas Services.

With Seasons Greetings

Linda

Rector Toddington and Chalgrave