

Churchwardens' Chat

Do join us for the Advent Carol Service tonight at 5pm.

Come to the Christmas Concert! Sat 14 December, 7pm.

The magnificent Cawston Band will give us a magical evening of traditional carols and Christmas classics.

Please spread the news to friends and family.

Tickets available in the shop or use the QR code here!

Adults £12, under 18s free.



Advent reading: On Sundays books are available to borrow at the back of the Abbey to aid your preparation for Advent.

Thank you to all who have given **pre-loved books** – £1,558 raised so far this year!

Morwenna has had a number of demanding roles within the Abbey. She's been sacristan, lead server, deacon, taker of morning and evening prayers regularly, occasional locker-upper and myriad other jobs. She has now decided to step back, but will carry on being a server, and we'll never be able to stop her doing 'odd jobs'! We offer our heartfelt thanks for all the support, hard work and experience that Morwenna has brought to the Abbey.

This week at Wymondham Abbey

Mon 2 Dec	10am	Newborn parent support group
	12 noon	Midday Prayer
Tue 3 Dec	10.30am	Centering Presence
	12 noon	Midday Prayer
Wed 4 Dec	10.30am	Crochet and Conversation
	12 noon	Said Eucharist
Thu 5 Dec	9.30am – 11.30	Parent and Toddler group
	12 noon	Midday Prayer (in St Margaret's)
Fri 6 Dec	12 noon	Midday Prayer
Sat 7 Dec	12.30pm	Wedding: Lydia McAllister & George Ambrose
	3pm	Renewal of Vows: Peter & Anita Broome
Sun 8 Dec	8am	Said Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	5pm	Evensong

We have redesigned this pewslip to make it more user-friendly for newcomers. Any feedback gratefully received! – to Fr Andrew or the churchwardens.

Wymondham Abbey ❖ Advent Sunday ❖ 1st Dec. 2024

Welcome to the Abbey, especially if you are newly with us or visiting. You can use this sheet in conjunction with the main Eucharist booklet, for the hymns and readings etc. Today we're using the green New English Hymnal.

*Note to **families with young children**: the children will be invited during the Vicar's welcome to go into St Benedict's for Godly Play and craft activities. They will then come back into church at the Peace. The children are then welcome to be in the play area or with you in the main seating, as you prefer.*

*After the bell rings the choir and clergy enter we all stand to sing **Hymn 7**.*

We begin on page 3.

*At the lighting of the **Advent Candle** we all sing:*

The holly and the ivy

when they are both full grown,

of all the trees that are in the wood

the holly bears the crown.

The rising of the sun

and the running of the deer,

the playing of the merry organ,

sweet singing in the choir.

*Page 4: we sing the **Kyries** to the St Peter's Mass setting by Rob Goodrich.*

*Page 5: **First Reading** – Jeremiah 33: 14–16.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing **Psalm 25: 1–9**. The Choir will sing the response first, which we repeat, and which we then sing after each verse (sung by a solo cantor):



R Re – mem – ber, Lord your com–pas–sion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. **R**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. **R**

He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

Page 5: we stand for the **Gospel** reading – Luke 21: 25–36

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Page 6: **Sermon** – ‘The Four Last Things: Death’.

Page 7: **Prayers of Intercession**, during which we pray especially for:

Lydia McAllister & George Ambrose as they prepare for their wedding
Peter & Anita Broome as they prepare to renew their wedding vows:
The sick: Zorina Bell, Di Capocci, David & Marion O’Connor, Julia Parker,
Roy Pulsford, Jennie Rackham.
Years mind: Anthony Router

Page 8: after the Peace, we sing **Hymn 296**.

The **Eucharistic Prayer**, during which the bread and wine are consecrated, begins on page 9. Please join in the singing of the ‘Holy, Holy’ (p10) and ‘Lamb of God’ (p13) in the ‘Mass of the Holy Angels’ setting on the yellow sheet.

Page 14: during the distribution of **Communion** the Choir will sing ‘People look East’ arranged by Barry Ferguson; then we all sing the **Hymn 8**.

After the Blessing we sing **Hymn 14**.

Organ Voluntary: Postlude on ‘Winchester New’ – Rosalie Bonighton.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.



Pastoral visits

If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Andrew know: vicar@wymondhamabbey.org.uk, 07543 593903
Please note that Fr Andrew’s usual day off is a Monday.

Parish Giving Scheme

Thank you to all those who give regularly via this scheme. If you are not on the scheme you can offer cash or card donations at any of the contactless giving stations. You can support the Abbey at www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk/giving
The life of the Abbey depends on congregational giving, so we are very grateful for your support.