



Contacting the Church

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Please note Winter opening hours: The Church will now be open from 10.00 am to **3.00 pm**.

The Church Office is not staffed on a full-time basis: However, messages may still be left on the office answerphone. Please call the church office and leave a message 01825 891033. The Church Office email is admin@framfieldchurch.org.uk

Live Streaming and recording of Services: There will be no live streaming or recording of services for the foreseeable future.

Notices for inclusion in the fortnightly notice sheet. If you have a relevant notice that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the Church Notices, would you please email by Thurs 14th December – to the church office: admin@framfieldchurch.org.uk

The Church Art Group: We hope you enjoyed the display of our paintings, in the church, on Sunday 5th November. Photos are available on <https://framfieldchurch.org.uk/Gallery/gallery24.html> We have doubled our members over the year and invite you to join us. Lose yourself for a couple of hours doing something creative. New members are very welcome, beginners or experienced, to our informal painting sessions on Wednesday's 9.30-11.30am. We suggest a donation of £2.50 per session, including refreshments. Ask Pat Marchant for details.

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Church Services and Notices

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday

10.00 am: Parish Eucharist – Revd James

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 3 – 9; Mark 13: 24 – 37

Theme: Keep Awake, be Ready

Sunday 10th December – Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 am: Combined Eucharist – Revd James

Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a; Mark 1: 1 - 8

Theme: John the Baptist prepares the way

Sunday 10th December

6.30 pm Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17th December – Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 am: Family Service – Revd Janice

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24; John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28

Theme: "Make straight the way of the Lord"

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

10.00 am: Morning Praise – Peter Berry

Reading: Romans 16: 25 – 27; Luke 1: 26 - 38

Theme: Gabriel visits Mary

4.30 pm: Crib and Christingle Service – Revd Janice

11.30 pm: Midnight Holy Communion – Revd James

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All Churches Lunch: Chiddingly and East Hoathly churches hold a monthly Church Lunch. We would like Framfield people to join us. It's very informal and come as you are as you're able. We now move to the Village Hall (Chiddingly), our winter venue for the first Sunday of each month, God willing. Next lunch will be on 3rd December 2023. To book please email Peter and Faith - pf@zereg.com. Please state any dietary requirements.

Please don't suffer in silence - God answers Prayer!

If you would like prayer for yourself or on behalf of someone or a situation you are concerned about, someone from the Ministry Team will be happy to pray with you after the service.

Christmas at Framfield

Service of Lessons and Carols: We plan to form a scratch choir for the Lessons and Carols service, which will be on Sunday 10th December at 6.00 pm. Last rehearsal today (3rd December) in Church at 5.00 pm. Contact Barry or John.

Carols at the Hare and Hounds: There will be carols at the Hare & Hounds at Framfield on Friday 15 Dec from 8.00 pm. All are welcome.

Crib and Christingle Service: Christmas Eve at 4.30 pm. Led by Revd Janice.

Midnight Communion Service: Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm. Led by Revd James.

Christmas Day Service: 10.00 am in church, led by Graham Seldon.

Church Christmas Cards: The notice board by the prayer corner will be again available to send a card to the whole church. We have found this to be a simpler (and greener !) option.

Prayer Diary for December 2023

Isaiah 40:3 KJV: The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

3. We pray for James as he leads the Parish Eucharist today
4. Bless all the animals especially those who are having a hard time.
5. Allow us to love one another, we ask.
6. Help us to put You first.
7. We ask that the whole world accepts that climate change is happening and wants to do something about it, and that the richer nations help those less well off than ourselves.
8. Let us worship You in Spirit and truth.
9. Help those to come to You, we ask that You reveal Yourself.
10. We pray for our Carol Service this evening.
11. We continue to pray for those, who through no fault of their own, find it difficult to manage in the current climate.
12. We pray for anyone who is lonely, may they realise how valued they are.
13. We pray for all migrants who are risking their lives to come here.
14. There seem to be so many things that we have to ask You for, and we ask forgiveness for the way in which we have looked after Your kingdom.
15. We ask that we will protect our wildlife.
16. We pray that we shall be faithful in prayer.
17. We pray for Janice as she leads our Family Service today.

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