We continue our preparation for the birth of Christ with the appearance of John the Baptist. This makes sense, as John is dedicated to preparing the way of the Lord. We too prepare that way as we ask God to make us more aware of his presence at every moment of our life. We pray for the Church. May we always a safe haven to all people especially when they are lost or despairing. We pray for our world which is full of endless activity and challenges. May we offer a sense of tranquility and understanding in moments of turmoil. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers and pray that they may experience renewal and healing through their celebration of the Lord's birth and be comforted in their daily lives. We pray especially for Tessa, Philomena, Nicky, Nick, George, Sally, Doreen, Joy, Shirley, Chris, Margaret, Chris, Pete, Paul, Hannah and Jackie. We pray for all who have died, especially those close to us who have died this year. May they rejoice in the eternal presence of their Lord. We remember before you Eileen Girling and Jennifer Morshead praying for comfort and peace for their families and friends.

Jennifer Morshead

We were sorry to be informed that our dear friend Jennifer Morshead died last Sunday morning peacefully at home. Jennifer was a close friend to many in our Parish, Forest Green, Okewood and beyond. We shall miss her friendship, counsel, encouragement, wonderful sense of humour and her great faith in her Lord Jesus. There will be a service of thanksgiving in January - details to come. Christmas Hampers

Its that time of year again. May we impose upon your generosity once more as we seek items to fill several Christmas hampers to give to needy families and individuals. Also if you know of anyone who would appreciate a hamper or something smaller please do let Leigh Smith know. Lists are in churches!

<u>9 Lessons and Carols - Mince pies needed!!</u> - see lists in churches Thank you in advance to all those who are providing much needed mince pies to serve after our carol service on Sunday 14th December!

Bethlehem Baubles - handblown by Muslims, painted by Christians and shipped by Israel — recycled glass decorations and peace lights from Bethlehem. Each item purchased through our unique code c40, £3.50 goes directly to our parish. Funeral of Eileen Girling will be held in Norfolk on Monday 8th December at 2.30pm. Please contact her daughter if you would like the link to join the service online - heathernorton@uwclub.net

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday 6th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



TODAY

Sunday 7th December - Second Sunday of Advent

9.30 Matins - Ockley

10.30 Family Communion - Capel

Monday 8th December - Capel Choral Society 7.30pm Born a King - concert in Capel Church

Tuesday 9th December - Listening to the music of the Soul 3pm Advent Course at 1 Barn Drive, Capel

Saturday 12th December 11.30 Wedding at St Margaret's Ockley

<u>Saturday 13th December - Churchyard working party</u> 9.30 - 12.30pm at Capel - bring your own tools.

Sunday 14th December - Third Sunday of Advent

9.30 Parish Communion - Ockley

4pm 9 Lessons and Carols with Scott Broadwood School - Capel

Sunday 21st December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30 Holy Communion BCP Ockley

10.30 Christmas Carol Capers at Capel with Bob and the Band.

Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion with visit from Community Fridge

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness": 'prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'

Matthew 3.3

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