

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

'To know Christ and to make Him known'



**2<sup>nd</sup> December Advent Sunday and 9<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday in Advent**

**The United Benefice of Mears Ashby, Hardwick and Sywell with Overstone.**

Welcome to our Service.

If you are visiting the Benefice, we welcome you and invite you to make yourself known to Revd Katrina or a member of the team. We hope that you enjoy our service and would direct you to our website [www.mearsashbygroup.org.uk](http://www.mearsashbygroup.org.uk) to find out more about the life of our churches.

Sunday 2nd December	9.00am	St Leonards, Hardwick	Holy Communion with hymns
	11.00am	Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell	Holy Communion with songs and hymns
	1.00pm	Street Church, Northampton	
Sunday 9th December	9.00am	St Leonards, Hardwick	Morning Worship
	11.00am	St Nicholas, Overstone	Patronal Communion with songs and hymns
	4.00pm	All Saints, Mears Ashby	Advent Carol Service
Sunday 16th December	9.00am	All Saints, Mears Ashby	Holy Communion with hymns
	11.00am	Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell	Holy Communion with songs and hymns

## Morning Readings

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Luke 21: 25-36

December 9<sup>th</sup> Malachi 3: 1-4, Luke 3: 1-6

December 16<sup>th</sup> Zephaniah 3: 14-end, Luke 3: 7-18

## Diary – Forthcoming Events

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10.00am to 4.00pm Hardwick Happy Hens Open Day.  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7pm Adult/Youth Community Choir Practice.  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – Noon Christmas Coffee Morning Sywell Village Hall.  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Hardwick Christmas Tree Festival and Coffee Morning.  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Adult/Youth Community Choir Practice.  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Hardwick Fellowship Evening at Millies.  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Adult/Youth Community Choir Practice.

### PRAYERS PLEASE

Please continue to pray for all our families and friends within the Benefice, and those who are facing Christmas on their own or, for the first time without a loved one.

Cleaners required for Sywell Church.  
Please contact Jane Groom if you can help at:

Jagroom55@btinternet.com

### STREET CHURCH SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

1.00pm for 1.30pm

Please pray for the Street Church team from Mears Ashby and the guests they will serve on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Thank you to all who have donated food for Street Church.

Information for the newsletter to Tony  
([tony70jema@gmail.com](mailto:tony70jema@gmail.com)) by Wednesday please. Thank you.

# CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNINGS AROUND THE BENEFICE



## **SYWELL CHURCH ROOF APPEAL**

**SYWELL VILLAGE HALL  
COME AND ENJOY FESTIVE  
COFFEE AND MINCE PIES**

Friday 7th December  
10am to 12noon  
Christmas Raffle

*Sharon Hammond would welcome  
festive gifts, food, confectionary for  
the raffle.*

*Contact Sharon (07803367439) for  
further details or offers of help*

## **HARDWICK VILLAGE HALL AND CHURCH**

**Saturday 8th December  
10.00am to 12noon**

**COFFEE MORNING  
AND  
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL IN  
CHURCH**

## **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE MEARS ASHBY**

**SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
4.00PM**

All Saints, Earls Barton

Miranda's Farewell (Rural Dean)  
December 16th 7.15pm.

All are welcome to come and celebrate  
Miranda's ministry at Earls Barton and to  
wish her well in her new benefice.

## **MUSIC**

2nd December 9.00am Hardwick: Watchet Auf, JS Bach  
9th December 9.00am Hardwick: Personet Hodie, Chevion te Velde  
4.00pm Mears Ashby: Watched Auf, J S Bach  
16th December 9.00am Mears Ashby: Prelude in D Minor, CV Stanford

## **Do you know someone who will be on their own on Christmas Day?**

The Salvation Army (Penistone Road, Northampton) will provide Christmas dinner for the lonely. They can provide transport to the centre or deliver a meal to the disabled.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Keith or Marion on 01604 643826.

A similar scheme operates in several centres in Wellingborough. Contact June (01604 644169) for details.