

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### Sunday 2 *Advent Sunday*

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>
	<i>followed by breakfast at Nick &amp; Helen Owen's</i>		
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>AK</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>GL</i>
6.00 pm	Advent Carols	Coln	<i>JP</i>

### Sunday 9

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Eastleach	<i>RL</i>
6.30 pm	Carol Service	Southrop	<i>AC</i>

### Sunday 16

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>RS</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>DB</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>IT</i>
6.00 pm	Carol Service	Coln	<i>JP</i>

### Sunday 23

11.00 am	Holy Communion *	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Eastleach	<i>RL</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	<i>AC</i>

*for Services on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, see separate page*

### Sunday 30

11.00 am	Holy Communion *	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>

*\* united services for the three-church parish*

## ST NICHOLAS

Hatherop church is named after St Nicholas, whose feast day falls at the start of December. Nicholas is something of a mystery: all that can be said for certain is that he was Bishop of Myra at the beginning of the fourth century. His legend says that he was imprisoned during the persecution of 303–4, and was at the Council of Nicæa, although there is no record of his name on any of the lists of bishops at the Council.

Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors and of children. His legend speaks of him giving three girls a dowry to prevent them having to enter prostitution when their family fell on hard times. He delivered the gifts at night to avoid detection. He is also said to have raised to life three drowned boys, and saved three unjustly convicted sailors from death.

*On the first Sunday of January our services will be at the usual times:  
8.30 am Holy Communion at Hatherop (RS); 9.30 am Holy Communion at Southrop (??);  
11.00 am Holy Communion at Coln (RS); 11.00 am Morning Prayer at Eastleach (??);  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Quenington (MS)*

### KEY TO WORSHIP LEADERS

AC – Andrew Cinnamond; AK – Andrew Kirk; DB – David Bainbridge; GL – Gordon Land; IT – Ian Taylor; JE – John Exelby; JP – John Partington; MB – Margaret Bettis; MS – Mike Stranks; PP – Patti Price; RL – Ron Lloyd; RS – Roger Scoones

### READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS IN CHQ

<b>2</b> ( <i>Advent</i> )	Jeremiah 33. 14-16; Luke 21. 25-36	<i>purple</i>
<b>9</b> ( <i>Advent 2</i> )	Psalm 75; Hymns 327, 46, 39 Philippians 1. 3-11; Luke 3. 1-6	<i>purple</i>
<b>16</b> ( <i>Advent 3</i> )	Psalm 146. 4-9; Hymns 38, 42, 497 Philippians 4. 4-7; Luke 3. 7-18	<i>purple</i>
<b>23</b> ( <i>Advent 4</i> )	Psalm 80. 1-7; Hymns 45, 394, 51 Micah 2. 2-5a; Luke 1. 39-45	<i>purple</i>
<b>30</b> ( <i>Christmas 1</i> )	Psalm 48. 1-14; Hymns 59, 88, 715 Colossians 3. 12-17; Luke 2. 41-52	<i>white</i>