

*to love, follow, and serve Jesus*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



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## Dates for your Diary...

17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7pm Carol Service at St Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Pinhoe
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	11am Crib Service at Hope Church, Pinhoe C of E School Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	6pm Carol Service at St Mary the Virgin, Poltimore
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec:	4pm-6pm Christmas @ The Horsebox - mince pies, carols and coffee
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11:30pm Midnight Communion Service at St Michael and All Angels, Pinhoe
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am Christmas Communion Service at St Michael and All Angels, Pinhoe

### Home Communion

Communion at home is available to those who are unable to attend Holy Communion services at the Church. Please contact the Church Office to arrange a visit [office@pinhope.co.uk](mailto:office@pinhope.co.uk)

### SPREE Volunteers

I hope you heard about the amazing time our young people and children had at Spree last year.

SWYM is hoping to recruit 300 volunteers to enable Spree to work even more smoothly. Would you be free to help for a minimum of 4 hours? There are teams that cover stewarding, make sandwiches, clean toilets, stand on a gates, etc. SPREE runs from 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> June 2025. If you are free in the day times leading up to the event – we could also use your help then too.

For more information, or to sign up please contact [volunteers@swym.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@swym.org.uk)

### School Vouchers

As in previous years we are collecting money to buy supermarket vouchers to distribute to families who will really struggle over the Christmas period. These vouchers will be distributed by the family liaison officer at Pinhoe Primary School.

If you would like to make a donation please place money in an envelope marked 'School' and place it in either Church collection, or through the vicarage door. If you prefer to give online can you email Clare our treasurer and let her know so that we can claim Gift Aid and add that to our donations:

[treasurer@pinhope.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@pinhope.co.uk)

### Cleaner for Poltimore Church

The PCC of Pinhoe with Poltimore are seeking to appoint a cleaner for Poltimore Church.

This role will be for 2hrs per month and will be paid at a rate of £15 per hour. If you are interested please contact Wiz

[vicar@pinhope.co.uk](mailto:vicar@pinhope.co.uk)

### Hope Church Coffee Rota

We would welcome a few more people to join the Hope Church Coffee Rota.

If you feel able to provide occasional support as part of the Hope coffee team, please contact Jenny Beesley

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## Zephaniah 3: 14-end (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. <sup>16</sup> On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. <sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." <sup>18</sup> "I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. <sup>19</sup> At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honour in every land where they have suffered shame. <sup>20</sup> At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD.

## Luke 3: 7-18 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup> "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. <sup>11</sup> John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" <sup>13</sup> "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them. <sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay." <sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

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