

Bishop's Mission Weekend

On Saturday December 8th and Sunday December 9th Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury is in our Benefice for the weekend, as part of a Diocesan Mission initiative to reach to people in new housing developments. The new housing in Longford is actually part of 3 different Benefices – Seven Towers, Longlevens, and St John's, Churchdown and Innsworth. Parish boundaries are mysterious beasts!

So there is a joint adventure happening for the community in Longford that weekend – on Saturday afternoon and early evening at the new Primary school in Longford, Longford Academy, and Sunday morning at Longford Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to all or any of what is happening!

Saturday December 8th

3.00 – 4.30pm Christmas market in the hall of Longford Primary Academy

Craft activities – including lantern making, tree decorations, card writing

Visit St Nicholas and receive a gift

Tea coffee, mince pies

PSALMS led sports and games

5.00pm Lantern parade, carol singing, closing words by Bishop Robert

Sunday December 9th

11.00am Community service in Longford Village Hall – carols, the Christmas story, words from Bishop Robert

11.30 Bacon /vegetarian rolls/tea/coffee

Come along and meet new friends, browse the stalls, sing some carols, eat a(nother) mince pie, listen to the Christmas story, visit St Nicholas and receive a gift, make a lantern with your hopes and dreams for the year ahead, hear Bishop Robert's thoughts on the season.

Everyone from all 3 Benefices is welcome to any or all of the above! We would love to see you there if you can come and support this venture.

(In our Benefice, on Sunday 9th there will be a 9.30 Benefice Holy Communion service at Boddington.)