Dear Friends,

I have enormously enjoyed my first weeks as Parish Priest. Thank you if you were able to come to my induction on 9 December. It was a happy occasion. Christians, I believe, should do everything possible in collaboration with their Christian sisters and brothers who share a common baptism. Presenting a united front is essential if one is to make our precious faith credible.

I have begun to visit parishioners in their homes. It has been a lovely, enriching and informative experience for me. I will continue this after Christmas. If you would like a visit (and perhaps have your home blessed at the same time) please let me know (email sec.watlington@rcaob.org.uk or telephone 01491 - 612431) and we will fix on a day and time.

God bless you and your family at Christmas!

**Christmas Mass times are as follows (at Watlington and Stonor)**

**Friday 24 December, Christmas Eve**

**10.00am** Watlington

**6.30pm** Family Vigil Mass, Watlington

**10.30pm** Christmas Night Mass, Watlington

**10.30pm** Christmas Night Mass, Stonor

**Saturday 25 December, Nativity of the Lord**

**9.30am** Christmas Day, Watlington

**10.30am** Christmas at Stonor

**Sunday 26 December**, **Feast of the Holy Family**

**9.30am** Watlington

**10.30am** Stonor

**Monday 27 December, St John Apostle and Evangelist**

**12.00noon** Mass at Watlington

**Tuesday 28 December, The Holy Innocents**

**12.00noon** Mass at Watlington

**Other notices**

Please come and join in a **Service of Lessons and Carols at St Leonard's at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21 December.**We have been asked to provide a second reader for the service.  Please let me know if you can be there and are willing to read.

**The church organ at St Edmund Campion** is gradually coming to the end of its life after thirty years of service and will need replacing in 2022.  Hugh Mackay, our organist, is advising us on a suitable instrument, but the cost will be more than £10,000.   It is only fair that we all contribute to the cost. Please help yourselves to a sprig of mistletoe (from an apple tree in the presbytery garden) this weekend and give a donation in the basket to the organ fund.

**Andrew Foster, Parish Priest**