

Local abbreviations

BR : Broomfield CH : Cheddon Fitzpaine

KSM: Kingston St Mary WM: West Monkton

Trad HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer

HC: Holy Communion

Morn. Wsp: Morning Worship;

Eve Wsp: Evening Worship

DATE	BR	CH	KSM	WM
8 th Dec			8.30am Trad HC	10.00am HC
15 th Dec	11am HC	4.00pm Carol Service	10.00am HC 6.00pm Carol Serv	8.30am Trad HC 10am Morn.Wsp
Weds 18 th Dec	7pm Carol Service			
22 nd Dec			8.30am Trad HC	10.00am HC 6.00pm Carol Service
24 th Dec		9.00pm Christmas HC	4.00pm Crib service 11.30pm Midnight HC	4.00pm Crib Service
25 th Dec	10am All Age HC			10am All Age HC
29 th Dec			10.00am United Benefice HC	
5 th Jan	4.00pm Eve. Wsp		10.00am HC	8.30am Trad HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp

Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom

Morning Prayer in Kingston church: Normally Rev Jim Cox will say Morn Prayer in Kingston church on **Mon – Weds at 8.00am** do come and join him if you wish.

Parish ministry team

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“To know, share and spread the love of God”

Welcome

2nd Sunday of Advent

8th December 2024

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Readings: Philippians 1: 3-11 ; Luke 3: 1-6

For your prayers:

Peter Wright, Hazel Adams, Maureen Doble, Andy, Nancy Lyons, Tony Knight, Joan F, Philippa, Bob Pettitt, Roger Osmond, Carol W, Ray Cleave, Bob & Esme Padgham, Sandy & Brian Adams, *If you know of someone who wishes us to pray for them, please obtain their permission before you contact the Office*

Those who have died and those who mourn them:

Gordon Mansfield of Broomfield - Thursday, 12th December at 2 pm in Enmore Church

Mike Ford – Sat 14th Dec 11am in St George’s church, Taunton – requiem mass.

Diana Warren – WM church Tues 17th Dec 1pm

Receiving Communion:

If you want to receive bread intincted in the chalice come to the LEFT half of the altar rail and to drink from the common cup to the RIGHT.

(a collection for the work of the church may be taken during the service)

Readings 15th Dec: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Philippians 4: 4-7 and Luke 3: 7-18

PRAYERS:

Please pray for the events taking place across the Benefice, that we make Christ known in all we do and in all our conversations.

For weddings, banns of marriage, baptisms and funerals please contact the benefice office.

DIARY DATES:

There's lots to enjoy in the coming weeks!

December

Tues 10th 7pm Mens Group – Pool (All Stars Sports Bar)

Weds 11th OFFICE CLOSED

Sun 15th 4pm CH Carol service

6pm KSM Carol Service

Mon 16th 6.30pm Tetton Farm Carols

Tues 17th 5pm Leaches Field / Sawyers Leigh carol singing

Wed 18th 7pm BR Carol Service

Sat 21st 6pm Broomfield Carols on the green.

Sun 22nd 6pm WM Carol Service

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THANK YOU to all those who helped at the successful and enjoyable Christmas Fayre in West Monkton, the Children's Event 30th Nov in Kingston and to Caroline, Rob Walrond & Diana Taylor along with those who took part in a live Nativity for some of the local schools at Volis Farm on Monday 2nd December. Thank you in advance for all those who are helping at the upcoming events in the parishes.

Tues 10th 10.30-12noon Kingston: Taunton International School Christmas Music in the Grange, Kingston in aid of The Himalayan Children's Charity. Mince pies & mulled wine.

Advent Home Group: on Tuesdays:

10th & 17th December. Stand alone sessions on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Benefice Office in Kingston St Mary. Tel [451257](tel:451257) or email.

Tues 10th 7.00pm Men's Group – Pool Night in All Stars Sports Bar, 22 East Street, Taunton TA1 3LP. Contact Jim for more information.

Kingston St Mary Church Cleaning and Flower Working Party. WEDS 15th Dec 9.30am onwards -

Just a reminder of our Christmas 'get together'. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to prepare for our Christmas services. *Barbara Stokes and Rosalie Hughes*

Carol Services :

Sun 15th 4pm Cheddon

Sun 15th 6pm Kingston

Mon 16th 6.30pm Tetton Farm Carols in the Cattleshed

Weds 18th 7pm Broomfield

Sun 22nd 6pm West Monkton



Village Carol Singing:

Tues 17th Dec 5pm Kingston

Leaches Field / Sawyers Leigh carol singing – just come along with your torches

Sat 21st Dec Broomfield

Carols on the green. Bring a torch

Tues 24th 5.30pm West Monkton

Meet at 2 Monkton Heights. Collection for ARC inspire. Bring a torch.

Crib Services:

4.00pm Kingston St Mary

4.00pm West Monkton

Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Reflection:

Luke quotes the words of Isaiah to echo John the Baptist's mission of preparing the way of the Lord. Preparing the way of the Lord is part of how we live and work as Christians. For example, we prepare the way of the Lord when we share and spread the love of God (as in the Benefice mission statement at the top of this Pew Sheet), when we make Christ known by our words and actions, or when we pray "Thy Kingdom come." Isaiah sees dramatic upheavals in the landscape. We might imagine bulldozers at work, filling the valleys and flattening the land. All to make way for God's Kingdom to come. Isaiah's metaphorical description of preparing the way is bold and expansive. In our life and work preparing the way of the Lord do we have a similarly bold and expansive vision?

Peter Wright