

Local abbreviations

Br : Broomfield CF : Cheddon Fitzpaine

KSM: Kingston St Mary WM: West Monkton

ROC – Romanian Orthodox Church

Trad HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer

HC: Holy Communion Ch.Es: Choral Evensong

Morn. Wsp: Morning Worship;

Eve Wsp: Evening Worship

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
21 st Dec	11.00am HC	9am-2pm ROC	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp 6.00pm Carol Serv.
24 th Dec		9.00pm HC	4.00pm Crib Serv 11.30pm HC	4.00pm Crib Serv
25 th Dec	10.00am HC			10.00am HC
28 th Dec	10.00am United Benefice HC In West Monkton church			
4 th Jan	4.00pm Eve.Wsp	11.00am HC	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
11 th Jan		9am-2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
18 th Jan	11.00am HC	9am-2pm ROC 6.00pm Reflection & prayer	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 11.00am Plough Sunday
Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom. Contact the office for the link if you'd like to join in				
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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For weddings, banns of marriage, baptisms and funerals please contact the benefice office.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Welcome

4th Sunday of Advent

21st December 2025

Collect for 4th Sunday of Advent

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. . **Amen**

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16 and Matthew 1: 18-25
NT: Romans 1: 1-7

For your prayers:

Carol Carter, Charlie Way, Barbara Hastilow, Andy, Philippa, Bob Pettitt, Sandy & Brian Adams, Ray Cleave, Angela

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:

Chris Dalton – WM church on Tues 6th Jan 12noon

Receiving Communion: All who are baptised are welcome to receive bread & wine in our churches.

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 28th December: 1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63: 7-9 and Matthew 2: 13-23

NT: Hebrews 2: 10-18

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.

Dec

21st 6.00pm West Monkton Carol Service

SEE BELOW FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Office closed 24th Dec – 29th Dec inclusive

Open 30th & 31st December

Jan

Office closed 1st / 2nd Jan

3rd 10am WM Coffee & Cake in the church

7th 10am KSM Standing Committee

12th 10am KSM PCC Meeting

13th 10am KSM Christingle KSM reception

14th 7.00pm Cheddon PCC at 30 Waterleaze

18th 11am WM – Plough Sunday service followed
by soup, bread, applecake & custard

20th 12noon Men's Group - Pub carvery at the
Merry Monk – Please book via the office &
advise us if you don't want the Carvery &
would prefer to order off the menu

22nd Home Communion Team meet at Julia's

26th 7.00pm WM PCC at the BACH

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Carol Service :

Sun 21st 6pm West Monkton



Village Carol Singing:

Weds 24th Dec 5.30pm West Monkton. Meet
at 2 Monkton Heights. Collection for ARC
inspire. Bring a torch.

Crib Services on Christmas Eve:

4.00pm Kingston St Mary

4.00pm West Monkton

Christmas Communion:

24th Dec 9.00pm – Cheddon

24th Dec 11.30pm – Kingston

25th Dec 10.00am – Broomfield

25th Dec 10.00am – West Monkton

Sat 3rd Jan 10am West Monkton

Coffee & More. Everyone welcome
for cake, coffee & good company.

West Monkton Christmas Tree Winner:

The winning tree at the Christmas Tree
festival was "Gerome the gnome"

Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’

²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’

²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Reflection on Matthew 1: 18-25

There is a wonderful poem by UA Fanthorpe about Joseph as a step-father, which includes the lines “I couldn't Even choose his name”. One wonders what poor old Joseph made of it all. The legal details are probably lost on us today, but the Bible tells us that what Joseph initially decided to do was an honourable course of action. But in the end, he offers Mary and her son a home.

Jim Cox

*The office will be closed at
2pm Tues 23rd December.*

Re-opens:

Tues 30th December and

Weds 31st December

Closed 1st & 2nd Jan

Re-opens Mon 5th Jan

