

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



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Welcome

**Advent Sunday
30th November 2025**

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5 and Matthew 24: 36-44
(WM Romans 13: 11-14)

For your prayers:

Yvonne Franklin, Carol Carter, Charlie Way,
Barbara Hastilow, Andy, Philippa, Bob Pettitt,
Sandy & Brian Adams, Ray Cleave,
*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:

Frances Addicott – TD Crem 9th Dec 10.40am

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 7th December: 1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Matthew 3: 1-12
(WM Romans 15: 4-13)

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.

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
30 th Nov		9am-2pm ROC	10.00am United Benefice HC	8.30am BCP HC
7 th Dec	4.00pm Eve.Wsp	11am HC 4.00pm Carol Service	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
14 th Dec		9am-2pm ROC	8.30am Trad HC 6.00pm Carol Service	10.00am HC
Wed 17 th Dec	7.00pm Carol Service			
21 st Dec	11am 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	10am All Age HC			10am All Age HC

*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

Clergy: Rector: Revd Jim Cox 01823 802790 (07967 817337)

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Licensed Readers Rosie Brown & Peter Wright

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

Dec

- 1st 10.30am Advent Groups begin at Tricia's – 3wks
3rd 10.00am KSM PCC in the Vicarage
7.00pm Weds bible group in Benefice Office
6th 10am Christmas Fayre/Crafts –WM Village Hall
7th 4pm Cheddon church Carol service
8th 10.30am Advent Group at Tricia's – week 2
9th 12.30pm Singles lunch: Monkton Elm Gdn Ctre
£25 for 2 courses + tea/coffee. Book via
Dianne 412857
Tue 9th 7.00pm Men's Group - Pool night at AllStars
Sports Bar (town centre)
10th 7pm Weds Bible group in Benefice Office
12th 7pm WM Christmas tree event switch on for the
start of the Christmas Tree festival weekend.
13th 7pm WM 'Big Christmas Sing-a-long'
15th 10.30am Advent Group at Tricia's – week 3
16th 6.30-8.30 – WM 'Listen to Christmas'. Quiet
time to listen to Christmas carols from our
sound system; light a candle in memory.
Come and go as you wish.

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Sunday 30th Nov: Ch.Hospice SW Christmas Fair:
KSM Village Hall 2pm -4pm . Gifts, refreshments,
Christmas cards, puzzles, & more.

Advent Home Group: Monday 1st December:
3 Sessions: Mondays 10.30-12noon:
1st, 8th & 15th December - at Tricia's.
Address supplied from the office. Please let the
office know if you plan to attend. 451257 or email
office@southquantockbenefice.org.uk

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Weds Night Study Group: in the Benefice Office,
Kingston 7pm – 8.30pm. Anyone welcome

**Dec 6th 10am WM Christmas Fayre & Crafts in
West Monkton Village Hall** - Cakes, jigsaws,
tombola's, books, toys, raffles, bacon baps, & lots
more.

West Monkton – Wanted! will be pleased to receive
any bottles, raffle prizes, books, jigsaws etc for the
Xmas Fayre on Saturday 6 December. Any goods can
be left at the rear of church.

Dec 9th 7.00pm Mens Group Pool night at AllStars
Sports Bar in town centre

Dec 12th 7pm WM Christmas Tree Festival The big
switch on 7pm Friday 12th December. Church will be
open over the weekend to view Sat - 9-4.30pm,
Sun 12-6pm

Dec 13th 7pm WM Church BIG Christmas

Singalong. All the Christmas hits to sing to. Bar
available. Free ticket – see website for all their
up-coming events.

<https://westmonktonchurch.co.uk/>

CAROL SERVICES:

Broomfield Carol Service 17th Dec 7pm
West Monkton Carol Service 21st Dec 6pm
Cheddon Crib & Carol Service 7th Dec 4pm
Kingston Carol Service 14th Dec 6pm

All followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Reading: Matthew 24: 36-44

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows,
neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but
only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were,
so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as
in those days before the flood they were eating
and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,
until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they
knew nothing until the flood came and swept
them all away, so too will be the coming of the
Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one
will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women
will be grinding meal together; one will be taken
and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for
you do not know on what day your Lord is
coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of
the house had known in what part of the night
the thief was coming, he would have stayed
awake and would not have let his house be
broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected
hour.

Reflection on Matthew 24: 36-44

We are told to be ready for when the Son of
Man returns. Does this mean we have to stay
awake all the time? I hope not as I need my
sleep. But perhaps it means that we need to be
thinking about God and praying more often
than just on a Sunday. Being a Christian should
not be a one day a week activity. Following
Jesus is a daily practice. When we say the
Lord's Prayer we say "Give us this day our daily
bread" – meaning for each and every day – and
in the same way as needing daily nourishment
for our bodies we also need daily nourishment
for our souls. That is what Jesus can give us –
every day.

Rosie Brown