

Update for Sunday 30th November 2025

Sunday 30th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

This week the readings are **Isaiah 2: 1-5, Romans 13: 11-end and Matthew 24: 36-44**

At 8am we gather for a **traditional BCP Holy Communion Service** Revd. Emma will preside and Revd. Buffy will preach.

At 10am we gather for a Holy Communion service Revd. Emma will lead and preside, and Revd. Buffy will preach. This service will be live streamed. All are welcome to stay for refreshments served in our church hall after the service. There are no groups for our children or young people today – but activities will be available in church.

Sunday 7th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

This week the readings are **Isaiah 11: 1-10, Romans 15: 4-13 and Matthew 3: 1-12**

At 8am we gather for a **traditional BCP Holy Communion Service** Revd. Buffy will preside and Peter Mitchell, our Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) will preach.

At 10am we gather for a Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry and groups for Kids and Youth at Ten. Revd. Buffy will lead and preside, and Peter Mitchell, our Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) will preach. This service will be live streamed. All are welcome to stay for refreshments served in our church hall after the service.

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Lewis Jones – Sick Leave

Lewis remains on sick leave at the moment. Please be praying for Lewis, Sophie and family.

Monday 8th December - Funeral for the Late Liz Crane

The funeral service will be at All Saints Denmead on Monday 8th December at 1pm and all are welcome to attend. This will be followed by a private cremation. Please pray for Daniel and Penny, and the wider family.

Christmas Carol Service Choir 2025



This year's carol service will be on **Friday 19th December starting at 7pm.**

As in previous years, we would very much like to form a choir to support the singing at the service and deliver the important Christmas message. If you enjoy singing and can commit to most of the

rehearsal dates then you would be very welcome to join us at All Saints. An ability to read music is useful but not essential.

The rehearsal dates are:

- Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th December
- and an afternoon rehearsal before the service at 2pm.

Rehearsals last just over an hour and will begin at 6:45pm. We hope to be able to welcome some new faces this year.

For more information about the choir contact Tricia Gilbert via email: patriciacgilbert66@gmail.com

Thursday 11th December – Men's Group Christmas Celebration

This year's Christmas celebration will be a curry evening on Thursday 11 December at the Kassia Lounge in Denmead village centre at 7pm. If you wish to attend, please let me know on paulover@btinternet.com by 5pm on Wednesday 3rd December in order that I can confirm numbers to the restaurant in good time.

ALL SAINTS
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Many thanks. Paul Over

Sunday 14th December Together Gift Service

At 10am we will hold our **annual Gift Service in aid of the Stop Domestic Abuse**, which works with families affected by domestic abuse. This year Stop Domestic Abuse would particularly like help with **gifts for mums**, e.g. perfume, toiletries, pyjamas, slippers, scarf – anything that will be a real indulgence for a mum to receive just for herself. Please wrap these gifts, and label for a Mum.



Alternatively, **Gift Cards** can be given, allowing families to buy exactly what they need. Ideally, they would like gifts cards for Tesco, Asda, Boots, or Superdrug, to the value of £5 - £10. They will also happily receive the gifts cards for ONE4ALL.

Please remember, gifts must be brand new, unopened and in pristine condition – nothing second-hand: we want to treat the families as though they were our own – and give them the very best.

Gifts and cards can be dropped off to the Parish Office (open Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri 9am - 1pm) prior to the service, or you can bring them to church on the day at 10am.

With thanks. Revd. Emma

HELP NEEDED - Friday 19th December 7pm - Carol Service Refreshments.

We need 4 - 6 people to help with making, serving, tea and coffee and mince pies at the end of the service. We also are asking for donations of mince pies, which can be delivered to the office before the day or dropped in Fri afternoon. Please let Karen Rose know if you can help.

Many thanks, Revd. Emma

HELP NEEDED – WaterlooVille Foodbank



On Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December (9.30-12noon) we are hoping to take a small team of 5/6 people, across to the WaterlooVille Foodbank, based in Wecock Farm on Kite Close to help pack hampers ready to be distributed across the PO7 and PO8 communities. We will meet in our church car

park at 9.15am where we can organise car shares over to the foodbank. We should be back around 12.30pm'ish. If you can help on this date, please let Karen Rose know.

With thanks, Revd. Emma

HELP NEEDED – Scouts Carol Service

On **Saturday 20th December at 6pm** the Scouts are holding their annual Community Carol Service in our church car park. As a church we will be serving refreshments (mulled wine/mince pies/chocolate treats) which we will be handing out in the car park. We would like a few people, 5-6, who could assist between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. If you think you can help, please let Karen Rose know. Thank you.

Thanks, Revd. Emma

HELP NEEDED – Mini Choir for Christmas singing at local Care Homes

We are looking for some extra tuneful voices to help sing Christmas Carols at our local care/residential homes. We need help on:

- **Monday 22nd December 11am at Copper Beeches PO7 6YQ**
- **Monday 22nd December 2.30pm at Wellington Vale PO7 7TY**
- **Tuesday 23rd December 3pm at Denmead Grange PO7 6XP**

If you can help at one or all three, please let Karen Rose know.

On the day, please arrive 10 mins early at the home, sign in at reception and we'll be there to meet you.

With thanks, Revd. Emma and Revd Buffy

TRAIDCRAFT Christmas cards are here!

Now on sale after every 10am morning service until mid-December. There are also some for sale at the back of church. If you would like to order any more, please contact *Angela Herring* (07890 995327).



Royal Marine Band Concert

This week we hosted another fabulous concert the band of His Majesty's Royal Marines. We were once again treated to a wonderful programme of music which included a great compilation of James Bond movie music. As always, this concert was well supported both in audience numbers and with the great effort of a large team of helpers who assisted with preparing the church and the hall for the event. All this alongside the generous support from members of the church who provided a wonderful array of delicious nibbles which were served to the very appreciative audience and band. This concert has well and truly established itself as a centre piece to our concert programme and continues to be a popular event with the added bonus of raising much needed funds for the church's ministry within our local community. None of this would be possible without the hard work and support of the great team of volunteers who make it the success it is, so thank you to each of those individuals. I am delighted to confirm that the Band have already confirmed they will return again next year so watch this space for further details about our concert programme.

Tina Cottam Concert Coordinator

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