

# Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

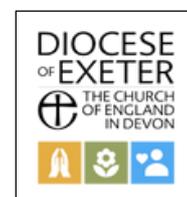
## Post

Churches joyfully working together with a generous spirit reaching  
out to  
the churches, communities, villages and hamlets around Crediton

**December 2025**



**The Diocese of Exeter**  
**Pray - Grow – Serve**





# Welcome to the 32nd edition of the Hub Post

## **Join the rebellion!**

As we turn the calendar toward December, it often feels as though the world collectively hits the accelerator. There is a pressure to rush and tick the endless boxes before the big day. The noise around us values speed, volume, and instant outcomes above all else. Into this commercial inertia, the season of Advent offers a gentle, counter-cultural invitation to slow down.

It might seem strange to think of slowing down as "rebellious," but in our current climate, perhaps that is exactly what it is. To step back from the hyper-stimulated rush is a quiet act of resistance. It is a refusal to believe that faster is always better.

The Japanese theologian Kosuke Koyama once beautifully described God as a "Three Mile an Hour God." Why three miles an hour? Because that is roughly human walking speed. God, in His infinite love, chose not to race ahead of us or zip past us. In the Incarnation, He chose to walk beside us, at a pace that allows for genuine connection. Love, Koyama argues, takes time. It cannot be rushed. When we are sprinting through December, life becomes a blur. We miss the details. Advent is a sacred invitation to decelerate to walking speed so that we can actually notice.

We need to slow down enough to notice what God is doing in the quiet corners of our lives. Perhaps even more importantly, we need to slow down enough to notice the people around us. At three miles an hour, we have time to see the tired eyes of a neighbour, or the loneliness of a friend, or the silent struggle of someone finding this time of year difficult. We will find it very difficult to care for people while rushing past them.

The world might imply that pausing is wasteful when there is so much to be done. But there is a different wisdom to draw from. In Hebrew, the language of the ancient texts of the Old Testament, the word for waiting is Qavah—and it's the same word for hoping and expecting.

So, this Advent, I invite you to join this gentle rebellion. Pause, watch, wait, and listen. Dare to walk slowly. In doing so, you might just find yourself in step with God, noticing both the needs of others and the quiet miracles unfolding along the way.

May you receive the compassion and peaceful presence of the God who walks slowly.

Revd Jeremy Putnam

## What's on

**Take a look at what is going on near you this Christmas**

**Deadline for articles for the January edition - 18<sup>th</sup> December**

### Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine

**NO COFFEE MORNING IN DECEMBER**

Sandford

**Wednesday mornings @ 10:30-12**

**Are you planning an event in your Parish?**

Email: [northcreedy1@gmail.com](mailto:northcreedy1@gmail.com) to let us know and we'll add it into the **What's On List**.

**Please send posters in either Word, PDF, png or jpeg format.**

St Swithun's Sandford  
join us every Friday at  
10.30am for  
Contemplative Quiet  
Time

Make space in your week  
for half an hour and  
enhance your well being.

### St Swithun's Sandford

Join us every Wednesday at  
10.30am for  
Coffee, Cake and Company  
all welcome



# St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday

3<sup>rd</sup> December

4pm-5.30pm

Christmas Party!

Please bring some food to share



No need to book, just come along

Ring Alice for more info

07484 704777

# **“TEA & COFFEE STOP”** **at St Matthew’s** **Cheriton Fitzpaine**

*Drop into St Matthew’s Church,  
Peruse the second-hand books,  
help yourself to a drink and a biscuit,  
enjoy the quiet and stillness  
of the historic building.*



There's also a toilet!

**ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH  
CHERITON FITZPAINE**

**NO  
COFFEE  
MORNING  
IN DECEMBER**

look forward to seeing  
everyone when we're be back  
in action on

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**January**

**10am – 12 noon**

Wishing everyone a very  
Happy Christmas  
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**ST MATTHEW'S CHERITON FITZPAINE**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11.15am**

Communion

**Wednesday 3rd December 4pm**

**Messy Church Christmas Party**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am**

Story Sunday

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 4pm**

Carol Service



*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6pm**

Crib Service



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10.45pm**

Christmas Eve Communion



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

Christmas Day Celebration



**ST MARY'S STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**

Carol Service



*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*



# **CAROL SERVICES AROUND THE HUB North Creedy East**

**Cheriton Fitzpaine - Sunday 21st at 4pm**

**Kennerleigh - Tuesday 16th at 6:30pm**

**New Buildings - Sunday 14th at 4pm**

**Poughill - Friday 19th at 6pm**

**Puddington - Saturday 13th at 6pm**

**Sandford - Saturday 20th at 6pm**

**Stockleigh English - Sunday 14th at 4pm**

**Washford Pyne - Thursday 18th at 7pm**

**Woolsery - Sunday 14th at 4:30pm**

## **North Creedy West**

**Bow - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm**

**Clannaborough - Sunday 28th at 3pm**

**Coldridge - Sunday 21st at 5pm**

**Colebrooke - Monday 22nd at 6pm**

**Down St. Mary - Wednesday 17th at 6:30pm**

**Morchard Bishop - Thursday 18th at 6pm**

**Nymet Rowland - Monday 22nd 6:30pm**

**Zeal Monachorum - Sunday 21st 6:30pm**

**St. Swithun's**  
**Sandford's December Services**

**Sunday 7th December 9:30am**  
**Communion**

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**Sunday 14th December 9:30am**  
**Communion**

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**Sunday 21st December 9:30am**  
**Morning Praise**

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**Sunday 28th December 9:30am**  
**Communion**

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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Saturday 20th December at 6pm**  
**Carol service**

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**Christmas Eve**  
**Crib Service – 4pm**  
**Christmas Eve Communion – 9pm**

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**Christmas Day**  
**Christmas Day Communion – 9:30am**

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**Wednesday mornings 10:30-12**  
**Coffee & Company**

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**Friday mornings 10:30-11**  
**Contemplative prayer**

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# FAITH *Empowered*

CHURCH ARMY  
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Share the  
**GOOD NEWS**

Talk to people about  
**JESUS**

Training for  
**EVANGELISTS**

## 10 Session Course

Delivered by the CHURCH ARMY, designed to equip local lay leaders in evangelism. Ideal for those looking to share the gospel and to lead others to do the same.

## Starts 7<sup>th</sup> Nov

Full details here -

[tinyurl.com/faithempowered](https://tinyurl.com/faithempowered)

For an initial conversation about the course please contact Diocesan Mission Enabler - Jeremy Putnam 07889 523766

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OF ENGLAND  
IN DEVON

# ADVENT BREAKFASTS

HOSTED AT ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH, SANDFORD

OR WHO

# WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

**DROP IN FOR COFFEE, BUNS,  
CROISSANTS AND TOAST.  
STAY AND CHAT WITH FRIENDS.**



St Swithun's Church in Sandford will be hosting a simple cafe and warm space for each Friday in Advent. Designed to help people consider the true meaning behind the season of Advent, whilst meeting with friends, and making new friends.

You are welcome to stay at the end to hear the Bible passage for the week, and chat with friends using some of the discussion card questions left on the tables. Its very relaxed, and super informal.

**9am - 10am | Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**

A red violin and its bow are positioned diagonally across the frame, resting on an open book of musical notation. The background is a collage of musical scores and a psalm book. The text is overlaid on this background.

# *Carols by Candlelight*

*6pm Sunday  
28<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

*St Lawrence Chapel,  
Threshers, Crediton*

# STOCKLEIGH POMEROY CONCERT

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH  
MUSIC & CHEER



featuring local singers and  
musicians. Free admission,  
retiring collection. Mulled wine  
and mince pies afterwards

**14TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 3PM  
IN STOCKLEIGH POMEROY CHURCH**

All profits St Petock's, Clannaborough

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

# THE FLEETWOOD MAC SONGBOOK

THE ONLY FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE YOU NEED TO SEE

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## **Bow Village Hall**

DOORS 8PM

LICENSED BAR

*Tickets **£24** Early Bird **£19.50** (before 30<sup>th</sup> Nov)*

email [richardsmik1@gmail.com](mailto:richardsmik1@gmail.com) Tel 01363 82379

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# CHRISTMAS AT ST SWITHUN'S, SHOBROOKE

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 14th December  
4:00pm

## CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 21st December  
4:00pm

## CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

Thursday 25th December  
10:00am



\* All are warmly  
welcome





**Our Reverse Advent Calendar is a fun way to give back to the community and to help those in need.**

Please leave non-perishable donations in the box in the church or at Mount Pleasant. Donations are suggestions only and will be gratefully received. Non Christmas theme preferred.

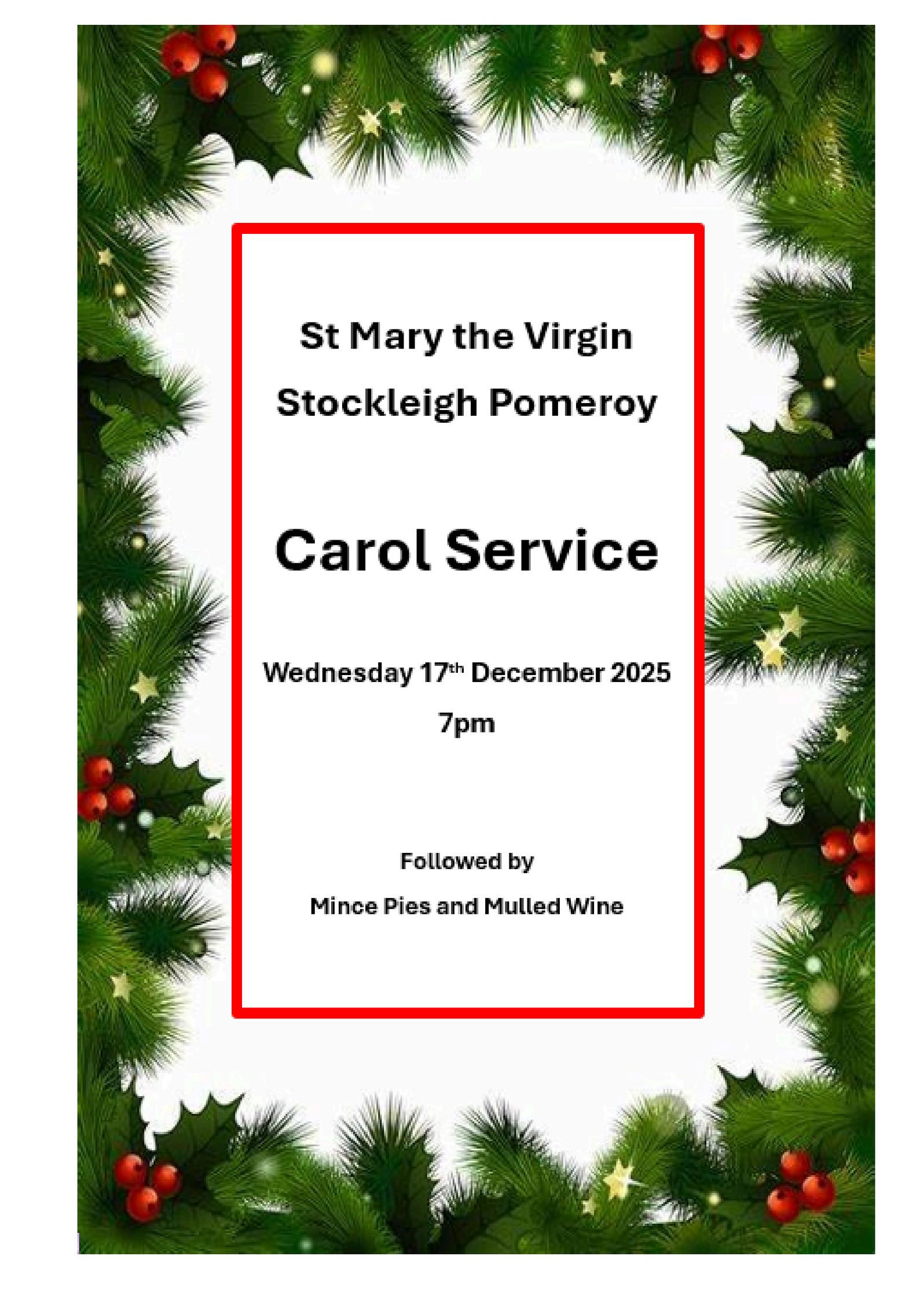
***Thank you for your support.***



## **BRINGING HOPE THROUGHOUT MID DEVON THIS CHRISTMAS**

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**St Mary the Virgin  
Stockleigh Pomeroy**

**Carol Service**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**7pm**

**Followed by  
Mince Pies and Mulled Wine**

St Michael and all Angels



# Christmas Hamper Raffle

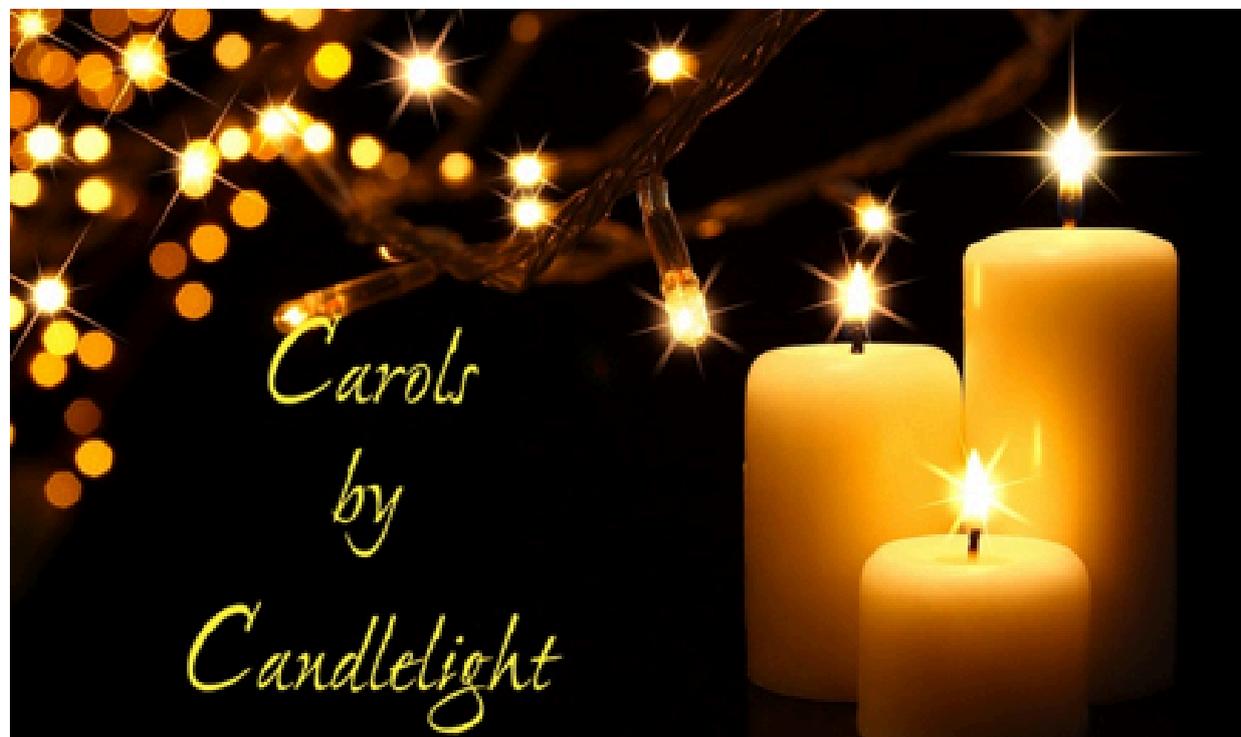


To be drawn after the 6pm Carol Service  
on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December during  
refreshments in the Village Hall.

Raffle tickets available at the Pub Night  
Fish & Chips on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov., after the  
Carol Service or contact  
[stmichaelandaa@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelandaa@gmail.com)

*St. Thomas À Becket,  
Duddington*

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**AT 6.00 pm**



*Followed by*  
*Mulled Wine and Mince Pies*  
*in the Village Hall*

# Advent course

We will be running an Advent course across the Hub this year and there will be groups in Sandford, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Lapford, Colebrooke and Crediton (so far).

The material will be the same across the team. If there are enough people to have groups in other places, please let us know.

We will have both daytime and evening groups.

If you would like to be part of an Advent group, please get in touch with Tiffany at [northcreedy1@gmail.com](mailto:northcreedy1@gmail.com) or on 01363 779363, so that we can coordinate the groups across the team.





‘Working together to enable all to live life in all its fullness’ - John 10:10

# BE A GOVERNOR

You can make a difference to the lives of children in Devon’s Church of England Schools, helping pupils to flourish.

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 [exeter.anglican.org/be-a-governor](https://exeter.anglican.org/be-a-governor)





# You can make a difference

As a governor, you'll get the opportunity to help schools give children the best start in life. School governors come from all walks of life. Governors have different skills, experiences and backgrounds, and together use them to make a difference.

You don't need lots of experience in education and you don't need to be a parent. You just need to be over 18 and have a commitment to serve schools with joy.

## Interested?

**We'd love to hear from you.**

 [exeter.anglican.org/be-a-governor](https://exeter.anglican.org/be-a-governor)

 [beagovernor@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:beagovernor@exeter.anglican.org)

 01392 294950

   @BeAGovernor



*You are invited to*

# *Held Together*

**An accessible service  
for older people & carers**

**followed by tea, coffee  
cake, biscuits & chat**

**Boniface Centre**

**10.30 to 11.30 a.m.**

**On the third  
MONDAY of  
each month**

**Led by Anna Chaplains:  
Eileen Brassington &  
Caroline Smith**



**Anna Chaplains  
offering spiritual care to older people**

Many of you may know that since my visit to Israel/Palestine in 2022 Steve and I have been actively supporting the Princess Basma Centre for Disabled children and their families from the West Bank. Run and funded totally by the Diocese of Jerusalem as a charity organisation. Having visited the Centre, and with our daughter being a paediatric physio in North Devon working with disabled children, I recognised the value and importance of this facility. This was some 14 months prior to the commencement of the War in October 2023.

The Centre is based in East Jerusalem, which is on occupied Palestinian land. In addition they have a unit based in the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza City. This hospital is also run by the Diocese of Jerusalem, initially it was an orthopaedic hospital, but at the outbreak of the War it became a light in the darkness for all. Bombed or attacked 8 times, thousands were given shelter there and thousands have died there. It remained open and functioned as best it could, being the only functioning hospital left in Northern Gaza.

Steve and I will be hosting an Open House on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 37 Mill Street. There will be seasonal refreshments and information on the Basma Centre. Everyone welcome, 10am -9pm.

United and Reunited

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025



Photo taken 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 of the Princess Basma Gaza team united in an online meeting with our Jerusalem team

Earlier this month, five of our Gaza staff were displaced to the south and worked out of their temporary shelters, whilst our remaining staff worked out of our unit in Gaza City.

Even in this extreme emergency, our team, 'together' in different geographical locations treated 76 beneficiaries in the first week of October.

Throughout this time, our Princess Basma team in Jerusalem spoke with

We continue to pray for the situation in the Holy Land.

**A Prayer for the Holy Land from Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem:**

O God of all justice and peace,  
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of  
violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we  
pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and  
for all people of the land.

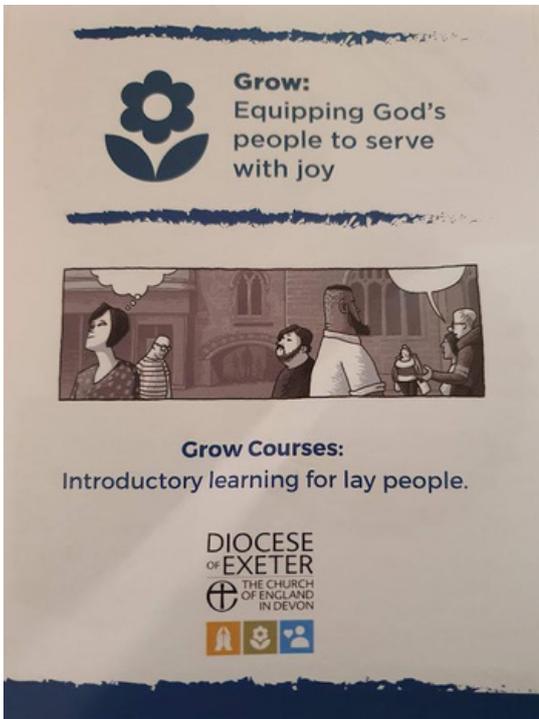
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the  
establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice  
and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where  
all people are treated with dignity and honour as your  
children - for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.

**We also continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and other  
places where there is war.**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace  
proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of  
peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those  
who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in  
tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled  
with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your  
Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen



**GROW COURSES** offer introductory learning opportunities for a wide range of roles over Zoom. Primarily for lay people, these courses can be accessed by anyone and may be used as part of their discernment process or as learning for a current or future role. This project aims to help our church members to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy through practical and specific learning.

Courses are certificated and can be undertaken without prior learning. Some participants join before or after undertaking Foundations in Christian Ministry, but these courses stand alone. Public recognition of this learning is really valuable, so we'd encourage all churches to acknowledge those who complete Grow courses. These courses can also be arranged as in-person training, if we have enough people to run a course in the Deanery.

Current courses include Digital Ministry, Prayer, Sharing our Faith, Children, Youth & Schools, Leading from the Front, Carbon Literacy, Creation Care, Pastoral Care, Social Action, Administration, Preaching, Small Group Leadership and more. These are always being added to and suggestions of new subjects are welcome.

Jon Curtis is Lay Leadership Project Manager for the Diocese of Exeter and can be contacted via email at [jon.curtis@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:jon.curtis@exeter.anglican.org)

If you are interested in doing one of these courses, please speak to Janet May or Laura Armstrong.

To advertise in the Hub Post, please contact Revd Janet May on [northcreedy1@gmail.com](mailto:northcreedy1@gmail.com)

# Church Services Across the Hub

SUNDAY SERVICES ROTA DECEMBER 2025	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	14 <sup>th</sup> December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	21 <sup>st</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas day	28 <sup>th</sup> December Holy Innocents
<b>Cheriton Fitzpaine</b> St. Matthew's	Communion 11:15am	Story Sunday 9:30am	Carol Service 4pm	Crib Service - 6pm Midnight Communion - 10:45pm	Christmas Day Celebration 10am	
<b>Kennerleigh</b> John the Baptist	Evensong 6:30pm			Christmas Eve Communion 9pm		
<b>New Buildings</b> Beacon	Communion 8:30am	Carol Service 4pm			Christmas Day Celebration 8am	
<b>Poughill</b> St. Michael & All Angels				Christmas Eve Communion 9pm		
<b>Puddington</b> St. Thomas A Becket					Christmas Day Communion 9:30am	
<b>Sandford</b> St. Swithun's	Communion 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	Morning Praise 9:30am	Crib Service - 4pm Christmas Eve Communion - 9pm	Christmas Day Communion 9:30am	Communion 9:30am
<b>Stockleigh English</b> St. Mary the Virgin		Carol Service 4pm				
<b>Stockleigh Pomeroy</b> St. Mary the Virgin					Christmas Day Communion 9:15am	
<b>Upton Hellions</b> St. Mary's						
<b>Washford Pyne</b> St. Peter's		Communion 11:15am			Christmas Day Communion 11:15am	Matins 11:15am
<b>Woolfardisworthy</b> (Woolsery) St. Mary's		Carol Service with Christingles 4:30pm			Christmas Day Communion 10:30am	
<b>Bow</b>	Morning Prayer 10:30am		Carol Service 3pm	Christmas Eve Communion 11:30pm		
<b>Clannaborough</b>					Christmas Day Communion 9:30am	Carol Service 3pm

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<b>Coldridge</b>	BCP Evensong 4pm	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Carol Service 5pm	Christmas Eve Communion 9pm		
<b>Colebrooke</b>	Communion 11am		Morning Prayer 9:30am	Christmas Eve Communion 11pm		
<b>Down St. Mary</b>	Evensong 4pm	Communion 9am	Morning Prayer 10am	Crib Service 4pm		Morning Prayer 10am
<b>Knowle</b>	Communion 10am		Morning Prayer 10am		Christmas Day Communion 10am	
<b>Lapford</b>	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Crib Service 4pm	Christmas Communion 10am	Communion 9:30am
<b>Morchard Bishop</b>	Evening Worship with Carols 5pm	Communion 10:30am	Family Service 10:30am	Christmas Eve Communion 9:30pm	Christmas Worship 10:30am	Morning Prayer 10:30am
<b>Nymet Rowland</b>					Christmas Day Communion 9:30am	
<b>Zeal Monachorum</b>	Family Service 10am	Communion 6:30pm	Carols and Readings 6:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion 6:30pm		
<b>Shobrooke</b>		Christingle 4pm	Carol Service 4pm		Christmas Day Communion 10am	
<b>Yeoford</b>		Communion 9:30am	Carol Service 5pm	Crib Service 4pm Christmas Eve Communion 9pm		
<b>Posbury</b>	BCP Holy Communion 11am				BCP Communion 11am	
<b>Crediton</b>	BCP Communion - 8am Celebrate at the centre - 9:30am Choral Evensong - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Christingle -3pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Nine Lessons and Carols - 6pm	Crib Service - 4:30pm  Midnight Eucharist - 11:30pm	BCP Communion - 8am  Parish Communion - 10am	BCP Communion - 8am  Parish Communion - 9:30am
<b>St Lawrence Chapel</b>				Carol Service 4pm		Carols by Candlelight 6pm

# News from around the Team

## Kennerleigh

### Kennerleigh's Candlelit Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service this year will be held on Tuesday 16th December at 6.30pm. You are warmly invited to come and sing much-loved carols, to hear again the Christmas Story, and to stay afterwards for mince pies and mulled wine etc...

## Washford Pyne

St Peter's will be holding it's Candle Lit Carol Service on Thursday 18th Dec. 7pm. All are very welcome to join this festive evening, with light refreshments after, heralding Christmas!

A small torch may be useful.

Christmas Day :- 11.15am Holy Communion

## December at St Lawrence

Do come and join us for any or all of the events.

Advent Reflections, Wednesdays, 3rd, 10th & 17th 2.30pm -4pm, music, quiet, readings & discussion. There is no better venue than St Lawrence Chapel to sit quietly, away from the busy world in all it's madness and noise in the run up to Christmas. We shall enjoy an hour or so of input then put the kettle on to share a cup of tea or coffee and maybe even some biscuits, shortbread or a mince pie!

Christmas Eve, Carol Service at 4pm

Sunday 28th December, 6pm, Carols by candlelight with the West Gallery Quire, seasonal refreshments will be served after.

For more information on any of these happenings contact Sandra, 777013, sandracollier57@gmail.com

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



Services

Sunday 7 December (first Sunday) at 10:30am.  
Lay led service of Morning Prayer



CHRISTMAS



*Service of Lessons and Carols*

Sunday 21 December at 3:00pm

*Midnight Mass*

Christmas Eve 24 December at 11:30pm

*All Welcome*

CHRISTMAS DAY No service at Bow Church

Bow church is open daily, for private prayer or for quiet reflection

*We look forward to seeing you at St Bartholomew over the Christmas period*



Sunday 4 January 2026 (first Sunday) at 10:30am, a lay led service of Morning Prayer

*Join us for tea or coffee and biscuits after services*

From the Registers

No events to report

*Fundraising*

Sunday 7 December Come along to a **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** from 3:00pm to 5:00pm  
with the **Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band** at Bow village hall.

*We send you all our warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas*

*Brenda Ware*

# ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, COLDRIDGE



THE CHURCH OF  
**ST MATTHEW**  
COLDRIDGE

We welcome you all to enjoy the peace, beauty and iconic location of our ancient and historic church. The church is open between 10:00am and 4:00pm each and every day. Guided visits are available on request. Please contact John Smith (Church Warden) at [biggles1047@gmail.com](mailto:biggles1047@gmail.com) or call 01363 83436 to make an appointment.

## CHURCH TOWER ILLUMINATION:

During the Winter season, our church tower is floodlit by public subscription. It is a beacon of welcome and warmth, visible for miles around. We hope that you all enjoy the spectacle.

We will shortly be announcing the means by which anyone can sponsor a period of tower lighting (by the week or the month). We will publish this directly and also on the Coldridge Facebook page.

You can choose to sponsor in memory of a loved one or of a special occasion, such as a Birthday, Wedding Anniversary or any other occasion significant in your life.

So many people tell us how welcoming it is to turn a corner on the road home and spot the tower, beautifully lit-up on the horizon. It tells you that you are safely returned to home, hearth and family.

The sponsorship is designed simply to cover the direct cost of the lighting. In the unlikely event of any surplus money, it will be used to support the planned upgrades to church heating and lighting and the renovation of the bell tower through the medium of the Church Fabric Fund.

## Our Pattern of Worship for DECEMBER is as follows:

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>:** BCP EVENSONG FOR ADVENT at 4.00pm: Led by Rev. Preb. Peter Rapsey. A reflective service, with traditional Advent Hymns, Music, Readings and Prayers. It will be a service of joy to all who love the Prayer Book form of worship. All to be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>:** MORNING PRAYER (Common Worship) at 10.30am: Lay Led. Again, to be followed by refreshments and fellowship

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>:** FAMILY NATIVITY at 5.00pm: A wonderful opportunity for children, their families and members of our regular congregation to join together in a happy celebration of our Saviour's birth at Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS EVE: 'MIDNIGHT' MASS at 9.00pm; Led by Rev. Preb. Peter Rapsey.**

## OTHER COLDRIDGE DATES FOR DECEMBER:

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup>:** CHURCH CAFÉ at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for a happy hour or two of friendly chat and fellowship. It's a free Café. It's in the church and it's open to everyone and to any topic.

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup>:** 2:00pm: PCC MEETING in Church. Our meetings start with an 'Open Forum': Please come along and let us know what you think and what you need your church to do for you.

John W Smith (Churchwarden)

## **Zeal Monachorum**

**St Nicholas Day Fayre** : 6th December from 2 – 4pm in church.

There will be a number of stalls including Cakes, Produce, Tombola, Raffle, Mulled wine and games. Light refreshments will be available, a time to have a cup of tea and a chat! If you are able to provide Items for the various stalls it would be very much appreciated. Contact no 07788 188862/07841027617 or any one of the PCC members. As custodians of our lovely historic church and its surroundings we are responsible for keeping the building in good repair and maintain the worship both for now and the future. Please come along and support this important fund-raising effort, your support will be greatly appreciated.

**Carol service at St Peter's** : Our carol service will take place on Sunday, 21st December at 6.30pm. We will retell the Christmas story with the familiar readings and carols but still holds the magic and awe of the first Christmas 2000 years ago. The Rev Caroline Ralph will lead it. Mince pies and mulled wine will be shared following the service.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

## **Puddington**

On Saturday 13 December we will be holding our Candlelight Carol Service at 6pm led by Matthew Tregenza. This will be followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the village hall

(see poster)

Our Christmas Day and Holy Communion Service will be held at 9.30am led by Reverend Martin Grieg.

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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## **SAFEGUARDING** The North Creedy East with Sandford Mission

Community is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer(s), PSOs.

If you have a concern about the safety of someone or the actions of someone working with children or vulnerable adults, please speak to someone.

North Creedy East Mission Community Safeguarding Officer –

Mrs Linda Tonkin - 01363 866857

or The Diocesan Safeguarding Team

- <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-team/>

If you are a young person and you feel unhappy about something happening to you, you can call Childline on 0800 1111

Other useful phone numbers are:

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Devon Rape Crisis 01392 204174

Dear God,

Help us to be a church that  
loves, welcomes, protects,  
listens, learns, serves,  
repents, restores, transforms,  
values, cares, believes.

God of justice and compassion, hear our  
prayer.

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

In Jesus' name.

Amen