



The Benefice of
Eggardon & Colmers

PEWS NEWS

30 November 2025
Advent Sunday
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BENEFICE EUCHARIST WITH ADVENT CAROLS & LIVE MUSIC

This Sunday we have just one service in the Benefice at St Mary the Virgin, Powerstock at 11.00am.
There will be advent carols and live music, and we look forward to seeing you at the weekend.



There is also a bring and share Community Lunch after the service at the Hut. All welcome.



Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 7 December	9.30am	Celtic Worship	Powerstock
Sunday 7 December	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
Sunday 14 December	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 14 December	10.30am	Morning Worship	Dottery
Sunday 14 December	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 14 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Symondsbury
Friday 19 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Dottery
Saturday 20 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Loders
Sunday 21 December	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 21 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	North Poorton
Sunday 21 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Eype
Monday 22 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Broad oak
Christmas Eve	6.30pm	Carol Service	Askerswell
Christmas Eve	9.00pm	Eucharist	North Poorton
Christmas Eve	11.00pm	Midnight Mass	Loders
Christmas Eve	11.00pm	Midnight Mass	Symondsbury
Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Crib Service	Symondsbury
Christmas Day	9.30am	Eucharist	Askerswell
Christmas Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Christmas Day	11.00am	Carol Service	Powerstock
Sunday 28 December	11.00am	The After Feast	Powerstock

Click on this [link](#) if you would like to see who is taking each service.



As Advent Sunday approaches, we discuss the pre-Christmas season.
Click on this link to [view](#).

CAKE - WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER

Our next CAKE café is Wednesday 3
December from 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

Come and join us – all welcome.

Theme: 'Around the Christmas Tree'

**Bring your favourite Christmas stories,
music and poems to share.**

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Details and lifts from Liz Guard, Lay
Pastoral Assistant, 01308 485463.

CAKE



TWELVE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme for 2025 revolves round a single word: Joy!

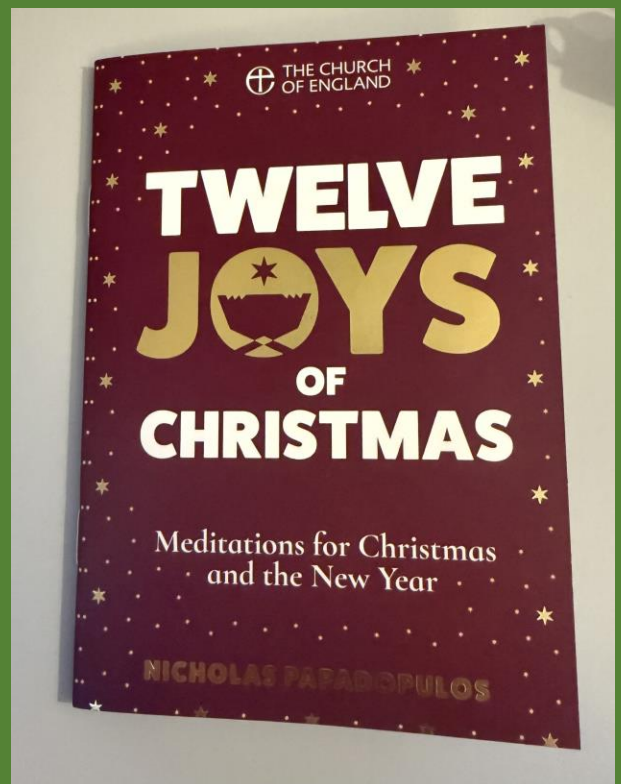


Our churches and cathedrals will - as always - be seeking to make the most of the opportunity December brings to share *The Joy of Christmas* with their communities.

Click on this [link](#) to find out more from The Church of England website.

To help you enter deeper into prayer this Christmas, a set of funny and profound reflections for the festive period have been created by The Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos, the Dean of Salisbury, who explores twelve classic hallmarks of the festive season - from Christmas jumpers to the Pantomime - in search of a deeper truth about the good news of God's love.

Rev Chris has secured a number of these booklets that will be available in Church.



POWERSTOCK HEATING UPDATE

There have been a few challenges with the works at Powerstock, but all the pews have now been upholstered, and the electricians are coming next week to connect them to the circuits.

The IR panels are arriving on 22 December, so hopefully the work will be completed just in time for Christmas!

SYMONDSBURY CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

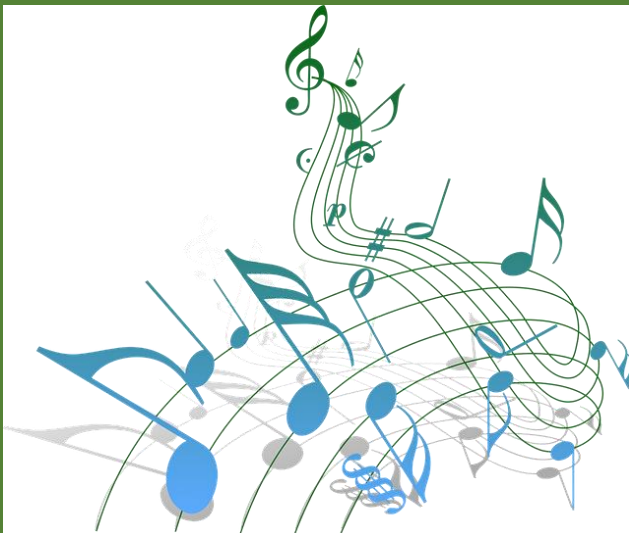
Thank you to everyone involved in helping to give St John the Baptist a fantastic spring clean.

Your efforts are much appreciated!

Thank you



PETER NARDONE - MUSIC IN LODERS WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER



The last of Peter Nardone's concerts is not to be missed on Wednesday 17 December.

'Figgy Pudding' presented by Opus Anglicanum

"SAY ONE FOR ME..."

If you have any concerns that you would like Rev Chris to pray for, he has a list of people and things that he prays for every day and would happily add your request to that list.

To be added to his prayer list, send him an email or text message with "Say one for me" in the subject heading.

07977 136750 or
revcgrasske@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER VIA ZOOM 8.00AM

Each Wednesday morning, Rev Chris holds a Morning Prayer Service over zoom starting at 8.00a.m. If you are interested in joining this service, please contact Rev Chris by email and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

PRAYER TREES



We also have twisted willow 'Prayer Trees' in our four larger churches, where you can hang a prayer on the tree.

These are collected regularly and included in the prayers at 'Cake' before being passed on to Rev Chris.

CHURCH DONATIONS

We now have facilities at Loders to take contactless donations and at Askerswell, Powerstock and Symondsburry donations can be made through QR codes.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations that help support our churches.



LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

[Our Facebook](#)

[Our Website](#)

If you have any relevant newsworthy items for inclusion in future editions of The Pews News, please send them to our email address below. Ensure they arrive by Thursday 12 noon so we can get them published the same week. Thank you.

CONTACTS & INFORMATION

To receive your weekly **Pews News** and other updates from the Benefice, please email the administrator using the link here:

[Benefice Administrator Email](#)

Neighbourhood Watch: If you live in the Benefice and would like any help, advice or a chat, please contact the administrator who can arrange for someone from one of the local teams to get in touch.

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