



**EAST TELFORD BENEFICE**  
Praying, Giving, Loving and Serving our Communities

# Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



**DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD**



**Come follow Christ** in the footsteps of St Chad




"We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate."

## Services Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November– Advent Sunday

### 10.30am Benefice Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

**Holy Trinity Oakengates**

No service

**St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

No service

**St Georges Telford**

6.00pm Choral Evensong

**Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

No service

**St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

No service

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#### Readings

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 2.1-5

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Romans 13.11-end

Gospel

Matthew 24.36-44

*Advent begins*



**Let us pray for**



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. - Isaiah 9:6-7

God of light and hope, as we begin this season of Advent, we light the first candle, a sign of Your promise and presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, shine Your light in our darkness.**

Awaken us from sleep, clothe us with Christ, and guide our steps in Your peace.

**Come, Lord Jesus, make us ready for Your coming.**

May this flame remind us that Your light is stronger than any shadow, and Your hope is greater than our fear.

**Come, Lord Jesus, we walk in the light of the Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **Collect – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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. Amen.

## **Services Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Christingle Service

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

No service

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion & Baptism

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

4.00pm Holy Communion

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## **Services Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

4.00pm Holy Communion

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Morning Worship

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Family Praise Christingle

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

11.00am Morning Worship

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## **Services Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Morning Worship

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

11.00am Carol Service

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Morning Worship

3.00pm All Age Carol Service

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

Please note No Morning service

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

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## **Services Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

11.30pm Christmas Eucharist Mass

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Priorslee Scout HQ**

4.30pm Christmas Eve Carol Service

### **St Georges Telford**

4.00pm Family Crib Service

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

2.00pm Nativity Service

11.30pm Christmas Eucharist

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

3.00pm Family Christmas Service

9.00pm Bethlehem Mass Eucharist

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

6.30pm Carols around the Tree

## **Services Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December**

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Benefice Family Communion *Please note: No Services in any of the other churches*



## **Services Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion *Please note: No Services in any of the other churches*

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## **Services New Years Day 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

### **St Georges Telford**

12.00pm Welcome to the New Year Service



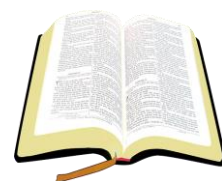
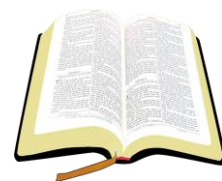
Readings	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
<b>7 December</b> <i>Advent 2</i>	Isaiah 11.1-10	Romans 15.4-13	Matthew 3.1-12
<b>14 December</b> <i>Advent 3 (Magnificat)</i>	Isaiah 35.1-10	James 5.7-10	Matthew 11.2-11
<b>21 December</b> <i>Advent 4</i>	Isaiah 7.10-16	Romans 1.1-7	Matthew 1.18-end
<b>24 December</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Isaiah 52.7-10	Hebrews 1.1-12	John 1.1-14
<b>25 December</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	Isaiah 62.6-end	Titus 3.4-7	Luke 2.1-20
<b>28 December</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</i>	Isaiah 63.7-9	Hebrews 2.10-end	Matthew 2.13-end

### **Daily Readings**

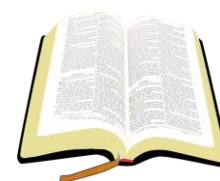
#### Morning

#### Evening

Monday	24/11	Matthew 9.18-34	Revelation 14.1-13
Tuesday	25/11	Matthew 9.35-10.15	Revelation 14.14-end of 15
Wednesday	26/11	Matthew 10.16-33	Revelation 16.1-11
Thursday	27/11	Matthew 10.34-11.1	Revelation 16.12-end
Friday	28/11	Matthew 11.2-19	Revelation 17
Saturday	29/11	Matthew 11.20-end	Revelation 18
Monday	01/12	John 12.20-32	John 1.35-42
Tuesday	02/12	Matthew 12.22-37	Revelation 20
Wednesday	03/12	Matthew 12.38-end	Revelation 21.1-8
Thursday	04/12	Matthew 13.1-23	Revelation 21.9-21
Friday	05/12	Matthew 13.24-43	Revelation 21.22-22.5
Saturday	06/12	Matthew 13.44-end	Revelation 22.6-end
Monday	08/12	Matthew 14.1-12	1 Thessalonians 1
Tuesday	09/12	Matthew 14.13-end	1 Thessalonians 2.1-12
Wednesday	10/12	Matthew 15.1-20	1 Thessalonians 2.13-end
Thursday	11/12	Matthew 15.21-28	1 Thessalonians 3
Friday	12/12	Matthew 15.29-end	1 Thessalonians 4.1-12
Saturday	13/12	Matthew 16.1-12	1 Thessalonians 4.13-end



Monday	15/12	Matthew 16.13-end	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Tuesday	16/12	Matthew 17.1-13	1 Thessalonians 5.12-end
Wednesday	17/12	Matthew 17.14-21	2 Thessalonians 1
Thursday	18/12	Matthew 17.22-end	2 Thessalonians 2
Friday	19/12	Matthew 18.1-20	2 Thessalonians 3
Saturday	20/12	Matthew 18.21-end	Jude
Monday	22/12	Matthew 19.1-12	2 Peter 1.1-15
Tuesday	23/12	Matthew 19.13-15	2 Peter 1.16—2.3
Wednesday	24/12	Matthew 19.16-end	Revelation 1.1-8
Thursday	25/12	Matthew 1.18-end	Luke 2.1-20
Friday	26/12	Acts 6	Matthew 23.34-end
Saturday	27/12	1 John 2.1-11	1 John 5.1-12
Monday	29/12	Colossians 1.1-14	John 1.1-18
Tuesday	30/12	Colossians 1.15-23	John 1.19-28
Wednesday	31/12	Colossians 1.24—2.7	John 1.29-34
Thursday	01/01	Romans 2.17-end	Acts 3.1-16
Friday	02/01	Colossians 2.8-end	John 1.35-42
Saturday	03/01	Colossians 3.1-11	John 1.43-end



### Regular Dates for Diaries (For participation or prayer)

- Mon 8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Tue 9.00-10.00am Prayer Group at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood  
7.00pm Whist in aid of Holy Trinity Oakengates (1<sup>st</sup> Tue of month) at Maddocks Club
- Wed 8.45-10.30am Tea & Toast (Place of Welcome) at HT W/Wood (Term time only)  
9.00-11.00am Food Bank & Clothes Bank at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood  
9.15am Morning Prayer at Wombridge Church  
10.30am Midweek Service at St Matthew's Donnington Wood  
11.30am Bible Chat session at St Matthew's Donnington Wood  
11.00am Midweek Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood (No service 24<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
12.00-2.00pm Place of Welcome at Holy Trinity Oakengates (No meeting 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Dec)  
7.00-8.00pm Prayer Group meeting at St Georges (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)
- Thu 1.00-3.00pm Pray Bake Read at Lantern Academy Ketley Bank (Only during School Term)  
1.00-3.00pm Place of Welcome at Priorslee Scout HQ
- Fri 12.30-2.00pm First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)  
8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Sat 4.00-5.30pm Messy Church at HT Wrockwardine Wood (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month)  
11.00-1.00pm Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Donnington Wood (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month)

### Additional Dates for Diaries

- Mon 24/11 1.00pm Funeral of Sylvia Upton at Wombridge Parish Church  
2.00pm Burial of ashes of Jennifer Ward at St Georges Church
- Fri 28/11 3.30pm St George's Christmas Fayre & Lights Switch On
- Sat 29/11 2.00pm Oakengates Christmas Lights Switch On
- Sun 30/11 11.00am Priorslee Residents Association Christmas Fayre at Garden Centre Priorslee
- Mon 01/12 10.30am Funeral of Peter Brown at Aston House St Georges
- Wed 03/12 11.30am Funeral of Beverley Archer at St Georges Parish Church
- Thur 18/12 WW Juniors in Church at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
- Fri 19/12 WW Infants in Church at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

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## Those in need of our prayers

Please pray for the families of Sylvia Upton, Alan Brice, Beverley Archer, Peter Brown and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this time.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn.  
May they know the hope of your promises  
and the comfort of your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



In our prayers we remember the Church, its members and our community. We pray for those who are unwell, either at home or in hospital and those who are adjusting to changes in their lives. We also remember those who can no longer join us physically in our church buildings for worship or fellowship.

### ***At this time please pray for:***

- Those struggling to look forward to Christmas
- All living on the streets as winter kicks in
- Those affected by the weather through wind, rain or flood
- Pastoral care within the Benefice
- Those who are struggling with illness, injury or mental health issues
- Our Church PCC's as they plan for the future
- Peace in our lives, our country and our world
- Those suffering as a result of violence and unrest
- Those living with dementia
- Eco Church and environmental issues
- All who find the need for Foodbanks



## Those whose years mind we keep

### **Priorslee**

- 30/11 Doreen Ratcliff, Ronald Toll, Betsy Morgan, Thomas Ferriday, Patricia Jaundrell, Mary Richards, Olive Bailey, Richard Wells
- 07/12 Joseph Luter, Lily Price, Eric Pritchard, Lillian Poole, Alice Taylor, Joan Sobcenko
- 14/12 Shirley Swan, John Davies, John Canning, David Hampton, Maria Matthews, Jane Eggerton, James Corbett, Betty Humphries, Ernest Minshall, Gerald Brown
- 21/12 John Corbett, Edward Corbett, Norman Callear, Kathleen Matthews
- 28/12 Iain Franklin, Leslie Webster, John Griffiths, Gwendoline Guy, Edith Parfitt, Kelly Jennings, John Stubbs

### **Oakengates**

- 30/11 Gwen Green, Phyllis Bailey, Olwyn Brothwood, Ronald Russell, Winifred Tranter, Horace Burgess, Arthur Smith, Bessie Smith
- 07/12 Winifred Hoggins, Ethel Pearce, Kathryn Sumhall, George Kenyon, Pheobe Kenyon, Sarah Wilcox
- 14/12 Jean Hopwood, Francis Dickin, Cyril Pearce, John Birch, Clarence Evans, Vivian Cooper, Bert Bill, Florence Griffiths, Cecil Burgess, Margaret Philipson, Jean Pidgeon, Jason Dawson, Neville Wood, Viv Cooper, Andrew Summers, Ann Jackson, Des Brown, Sydney Jarrett, George Weston, David Eric Deakin
- 21/12 Jesse Vaughan, Donald Stanley, Evelyn Harris, Sarah Croft, Dorothy Thomas, Bill Gregory, Oswald Smith, William Dyke
- 28/12 Freda Jones, Lillian Anderson, Peter Broadhurst, Ethel Rigby, Jack Lowe, Marjorie Walters, Florence Jarvis

## **Wrockwardine Wood**

- 30/11 Richard B. Gaut, Mary Rappit, Arthur Buttery, Richard Beddall, Leonora Edwards, Muriel Nicholls, Alan Norman, Marjorie Molineaux, Joyce Guy, George McKerchar Tannock, Edward Brothers, Kenneth Fryer, Alan Parsons, John Carline, Florance Fenn, Grace Hiatt, Margery White, Celia Harding
- 07/12 Edith Lowe, "Billy" William Davison, Charles Hughes, Benjamin Mansell, Ian Marshall, Jim Nock, Hannah (Nancy) Baker, Arthur (Bill) Brittain, Martha Jervis, Minnie Howells, Robert Jones, Priscilla S. A. Wills, Jackie Bladen, Ernest Marsh, Harold Tonks, Esther Latham, Flora Sherratt
- 14/12 Dennis Cotton, Marion Thomas, Iris Latham, Douglas (Dougie) Day, John (Ken) Corbett, John (Jack) Minor, Patricia Davy
- 21/12 Donald (Don) Williams, William (Bill) Davies, Harold Price, Philip Moody, Mary Lindores, Melvern Ball, Frederick Mansell, Beryl Hope, Margaret Brown, Patrick Mahon, Alice Nock, Herbert Guest, Joan Pickering, Edna Biddulph, James Talbot, John Cotterhill, Leonard Fenn, Charles Locke, George Alderson, Gladys Harris
- 28/12 Dorothy Evans, George Addison, Edward Foulkes, Frank Lowe, Violet (Vi) Alderson, Andrew (Don) Bra, Ethel Ore, Dennis Bates, Diane Huggan, Harriet Hipwell, Stephen J. Cheshire, Marjorie Walters, John Hale, Edna Pownal, Lilian Cooper, Jane (Jean) Caldwell, Noah David Walters

### **BAPTISMS WEDDINGS & FUNERALS IN CHURCH**

We are always excited to be able to celebrate Baptisms, welcome you for your Wedding or help you through a difficult time arranging a Funeral within our Churches. Funerals are welcomed in Church or at the Graveside and Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood are able to livestream funerals. Please telephone Kerry, Benefice Administrator to discuss arrangements.

Our Ministers are also available for Services at the Crematorium, please speak with your Funeral Directors to make arrangements.

### **TEA & TOAST**

The weekly Tea & Toast Place of Welcome continues at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood on Wednesday mornings, 8.45am -10.30am during Term Time. Please note it will not be taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December.

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### **EMAIL NEWSLETTER**

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

For all the churches in our benefice, the safeguarding, safety and security of each person is of the upmost importance. We have across all our churches committed to safeguarding and have adopted the national and diocesan safeguarding policies.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Coordinators, Churchwardens or the Benefice Admin office if you have any questions and concerns and understand that everyone has a role to play to ensure we achieve our aim of being a benefice who cares and protects all who visit. For more information:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/national-safeguarding-standards>

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding.php>

To report a Benefice concern please contact [admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) and Kerry will direct you to the relevant safeguarding officer.

## **IMPORTANT.....BE AWARE!!!**

### **Please be careful!**

We have received reports that there have been scam phone calls and emails being sent to people seeking to extract money with a highly plausible and well-informed story from clergy and others with positions of responsibility in parishes.

At this time of year, such scams are rife. It is likely that churches and their congregations will be targeted again. It bears repeating that the stories are highly plausible: please beware and make others aware.



## **PRAYING AT HOME**

As we get older our involvement in local church life changes, and we find we have less time for physical activity but more time for prayer! We are a community of prayer – at home and in church. As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline (Evening Prayer) via Zoom (extremely easy to join on a mobile phone with internet access) at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings. For more information please contact Nigel at [Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com](mailto:Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com) Come, pray with us!

## **TEA & TALK BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

It was decided at the last meeting in November to not continue with this group. We would like to thank everyone who has helped with these meetings and we hope that those who have attended have found it a comfort and support. We continue to have ministers within the Benefice who are able to support people who are experiencing bereavement. If you wish to speak to someone please contact Kerry our Benefice Administrator.

## **BIBLE CHAT GROUP**

The Bible Chat Group meet weekly at St Matthew's Church Donnington Wood at 11.30am. The group uses the themes from the Everyday Faith App as a basis of their weekly discussion. If you would like to join these discussions please do attend as new friends are always welcome.

## **EVERYDAY FAITH APP**

Everyday Faith is a Church of England app offering daily readings, reflections, responses and prayers under various themes; recent themes have included: Journeying with others, Days of small things, Glimpses of Glory, and Generous Words, with each theme looking at where and how we meet God as we go about our lives. Faith is found in our joys and cares, in our challenges and conflicts as we lean into God's presence and guidance. Faith informs our thinking and our actions as we discern how God might be using us in his work. Faith is an ongoing encounter with God - an **Everyday Faith**, an everyday existence with the God who holds all things together. You can download Everyday Faith from your app store.

## **ECUMENICAL GATHERINGS**

We would like to thank everyone who has attended the ecumenical services and quiet mornings through the year and we look forward to meeting again in the New Year.

For more information about Ecumenical events please contact Sue Rawlings.

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

The East Telford Benefice website has recently been updated and the weekly newsletter can now be found there. Each of our churches do use [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) where you can access individual church information.

## **SCHOOL GOVERNOR REQUIRED**

A Foundation Governor at Wrockwardine Wood Junior School is required.

The school have been without a church representative since Rev Debbie moved on to pastures new in August 2024.

If this is something you feel called to then please contact Kerry in the first instance and she will get you in touch with Heather Fawcett at the Diocesan Board for Education.

Kerry is the foundation Governor for Donnington Wood CofE Junior school so is happy to talk about what might be required.



Can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and safe New Year, to thank you for all that you have done in the name of Christ during this year and to pray that all of us will have a joy filled Christmas and a Peace filled 2026, that we will continue to seek and to spread God's love in our communities and seek to serve all people in the name of Jesus Christ – who came that we know love in our hearts, fulness of life and peace in God's kingdom for ever.



May you know God's blessings in this holy season. *The Ministry Team.*



## **INVITE A FRIEND THIS CHRISTMAS.....**



Did you know that your friends may be more willing to be invited to church this Christmas than you are to invite them? It's true. Research says that lots of non-church people are open to receiving an invitation, while many church people are anxious about asking.

It's a beautiful thought that God can use you and me to invite people into his love this Christmastime – So, who will you invite?

## **EASY FUNDRAISING**

For those who shop online it is possible to help fundraise for your Benefice Church, by using the easy fundraising website to make your purchases from many of the well-known retailers. Why not use this website at no cost to yourself but a money earner for the church!

For more info:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterspriorslee>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holytrinitywrockwardinewood>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holytrinityoakengates>

## **NEW SUNDAY SERVICE**

We are introducing a new Sunday Service at 11.00am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at Holy Trinity Academy. This service will be a Morning Worship Service ideal for families. Come along as we pray, sing and worship in the Chapel.

A warm welcome awaits you.....

The next service will be a Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 11.00am







What? Crafts Games Stories  
Fun and Food

Where ? Holy Trinity Church  
Wrockwardine Wood TF27AH

When ? Saturdays 4.00-5.30pm

Come and join our Messy  
Church Team as we craft  
and learn about God  
finishing up with some  
singing and food

Dates for your Diary

13<sup>th</sup> of December  
10<sup>th</sup> of January  
14<sup>th</sup> of February  
14<sup>th</sup> of March  
11<sup>th</sup> of April  
9<sup>th</sup> of May  
13<sup>th</sup> of June  
11<sup>th</sup> of July

### Messy Church needs your help!

Our Messy Church takes place for the benefice on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month at Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood. Fiona and Kerry are looking to draw up a rota of helpers who would be able to help and oversee a craft table and talk about God/Jesus to those who attend.

We have some wonderful parent helpers who are just at the beginning of their Christian journey and hope to have some of our wonderful congregation members come along and support them and help us out.

If you think you would like to be part of the team why not come along to the next one on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm and see what we do and maybe explore how you could fit in. Just speak to Kerry or Fiona to find out more.

Our aim is to build a team so we can continue to run this as a monthly service, rather than taking it to a quarterly event.

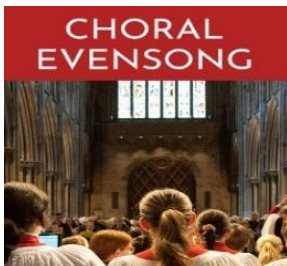


## Christmas Carol Service

The Shropshire Federation of Town's Women's Guild are holding their  
Christmas Carol Service at Wombridge Parish Church  
on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm

Are you able to come along and help lead the singing?

If you would like to be part of a group of singers then please inform  
Chris Harris 07941 961461 or Chris Griffiths 07930245773



Would you like to sing full  
Choral Evensong?  
St George's Church will be  
providing the opportunity to sing  
with the choir on  
**30<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm**

This date and other information can be found on the  
Choral Evensong website: [Choral Evensong](http://www.choralevensong.co.uk)

St George's choir gladly extend an invitation to all choir  
members and singers across East Telford Benefice to join  
them for these services.

The final rehearsal for the service will be held  
at St George's church on:  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

All rehearsals will start at 7pm and last about an hour.

### **St Georges Church**

All are invited to our Advent and Christmas Services:

**30<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Sunday**

*6pm Choral Evensong*

**24<sup>th</sup> December**

*4pm Family Crib Service*

*6.30pm Carols by Candlelight*

**25<sup>th</sup> December**

*9.30am Family Communion*

**1<sup>st</sup> January**

*12pm New Year Dedication*

Visit us online at: <https://alantalbot.wixsite.com/stgeorgeschurch>



**JOY**

### Wombridge Parish Church Christmas services and events

Fri 5th Dec 12.30pm - 2pm: Free Community Lunch  
(sponsored by the co-op)

Sat 6th Dec 8.30am – 11am: Christmas Breakfast  
Bazaar

Sat 6th to Sunday 21st Dec: Tree of Light in Church  
for names of those we love but see no more

Sat 13th Dec 4pm to 6pm: The Ronnies Tickets £10

Sun 14th Dec 11am to 12pm: All Age Nativity Service

Mon 15th Dec 3pm: Carol singing at Walton Court

Sat 20th Dec 4pm to 6pm: Christmas Party £5

Sun 21st Dec 6pm: Carols by Candlelight

Wed 24th Dec 6.30pm: Carols around the tree



### **Wombridge Tree of Light**

will be available in Church  
from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Names can be added in memory of  
those we love but see no more

All names will be read out at our  
Carols by Candlelight service on  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 6pm

For more information please  
contact  
Chris on 07930245773

### **Wombridge Church** **Christmas Breakfast Bazaar**



**Sat 6th December**

**8.30am until 11.00am**

**Freshly cooked breakfast**  
**£6 with refillable hot drink!**

**Father Christmas visiting**  
**between 10.30am & 11.00am with**  
**free gifts for children**

**Tombola, Raffle,**  
**Bric-a-brac, Books,**  
**Cakes and more**

## **Holy Trinity Church** **Wrockwardine Wood**



Join us on  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of  
December for  
our Christingle  
service at 11 am

### **St Matthew's Church**

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS**  
**The Joy of Christmas**

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
**6.00 p.m.**

The lights switch on of the Churchyard Nativity  
Scene. Come and join us for some favourite  
carols and enjoy a hot chocolate & mince pie too

**Wed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.30 a.m.**

Advent mid-week worship in Church

**Thursday, 4th December**  
**4.30 pm**

Carols by candlelight in Church with children from  
St Matthew's C.E. Primary School.

**Wed, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30 a.m.**

Advent mid-week worship in Church

**17th December – 10.30 am**

Carol Service at Barclay Gardens

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Welcome Saturday, come and join our Christmas  
workshop – resources supplied, free refreshments

**11.00 am-1.00pm**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 3.00 p.m.**

All age Carol Service

**Christmas Eve**

Family Christmas service in Church.

**3.00 p.m.**

Dress for the season – Christmas hats & jumpers.

**9.00 pm**

Bethlehem Mass with Eucharist, join us as we  
celebrate Jesus' birth as Christmas Day  
celebrations begin in Bethlehem.

**Christmas Day**

No service at St Matthew's. Christmas day

Benefice service at St George's

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30 a.m.**

Benefice Eucharist at St Matthew's

*There will be a warm welcome at all the planned events, and the Churchyard reflections will be  
accessible throughout Advent. Please feel free to bring along a prayer ribbon to attach to the stable  
whenever you visit. Sunday worship will continue to take place at 11.00 a.m. during Advent.*

## **The Ronnies**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**4pm to 6pm**

**Wombridge Church**  
**Entertaining audiences across**  
**the country, specialising in**  
**1940's harmonies**



**Tickets £10**  
**Contact Chris 07930245773**





## Musical Afternoon with the Ronnies

at Holy Trinity Church Oakengates

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
2.30pm  
to include tea & cake  
**Tickets £10**  
available from Gill Hardman



**St Matthew's Church**  
**Donnington Wood**

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**  
**WELCOME SATURDAY**  
**20th December**  
**11.00am-1.00pm**

Festive crafts  
Mince pies  
Favourite carols  
Friendly atmosphere

**Christmas  
Carol Concert**  
**With**  
**Hadley Orpheus Male**  
**Voice Choir**  
**20<sup>th</sup> of December**  
**3pm**

**Tickets £5 Adults**  
**Children free**

**refreshments**  
**&**  
**raffle**

## St Peter's Christmas Services

**Place of Welcome Christmas Celebrations**  
with Carols  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.00pm-3.00pm  
Priorslee Scout HQ

**Carol Service**  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 11.00am  
Holy Trinity Academy Chapel

**Christmas Eve Carols**  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm  
Priorslee Scout HQ

## Wombridge Church Christmas Party

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm to 6pm**  
**£5 per ticket - children**  
**£2.50**

**Buffet, Yule Log, Trifle,**  
**Mince pies, tea & coffee**  
**Quiz, Games,**  
**Carol singing**

**Everyone**  
**Welcome!**

## **Holy Trinity** **Oakengates** **Christmas 2025 Service Dates**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 10:30am:** Advent Sunday Joint Benefice  
Service at - Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

**7<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am:** Chringle Service

**14<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am:** Holy Communion

**21<sup>st</sup> December 6pm:** Carols by Candlelight  
With Festive Refreshments

**24<sup>th</sup> December 11:30pm:** Midnight Mass

**25<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am:** Holy Communion Benefice  
Service at St Georges Parish Church

**A Warm Welcome awaits all**  
Holyhead Road, Oakengates, TF2 6BN



## THE GRUMPY OWL AND THE Joy OF Christmas

Nativity Service  
24th of December - 2pm

Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood

Come dressed and join the fun



## Leave your lights on

With the darker night's drawing in we are sharing simple ways to protect your home. It is much easier for burglars to operate using the cover of night and they embrace the longer hours of darkness, but you can help yourself from being a victim of crime.

When the evenings are dark, this gives burglars a clearer understanding if a property is unoccupied. They are more likely to pick one that seems empty without lights on than one that has. If you leave a light on, or even have a light set on a timer, you will reduce the risk of an opportunist burglar targeting your home.

More crime prevention advice here: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>



### Tech Made Friendly – 2025 locations

Free digital skills programme in Telford & Wrekin to residents aged 18+

Join our friendly, six session courses designed to help you feel confident using your device. Step by step guidance, in a supportive group session to help you master the basics including:

- Staying in touch using email, texts, phone or video calls
- Use the internet to find local news, services, events and more
- Access your health information & order repeat prescriptions online
- Take, view and share photos or documents with confidence
- Stay safe online: helpful tips to stay safe from scams

Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop. No device? Help may be available (conditions apply).

To book your place or find out more, [www.telford.gov.uk/facetoface](http://www.telford.gov.uk/facetoface) or call 01952 380000

### Available at: Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood

Where	When	Session Time
Newport Community Library	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	10.00 -11.30am
The Silver Threads Hall, Donnington	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	1.30 - 3.00pm
Wrockwardine Village Hall	Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00 -11.30am
Oakengates Rest Room	Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1.30 - 3.00pm
Holy Trinity Church, Wrockwardine Wood	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 -11.30am
Malinslee Healthcare Centre	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30 - 3.00pm
Horsehay Village Hall	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 -11.30am
Tibberton Village Hall	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30 - 3.00pm

## PRAY BAKE READ

**PRAY**.....INTENTIONALLY FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL  
**BAKE**.....A CAKE FOR STAFF EVERY HALF TERM  
**READ**.....1:1 WITH A STUDENT ONCE A WEEK



Would you like to support children at The Lantern Academy, Ketley Bank by spending 1-2 hours a week with pupils listening to them read on a 1:1 (Thursday afternoons 1-3pm, Years 1 & 2 infants).

*Why do we want to do this?*

As Christians, the Bible teaches us to love our neighbour. Our church and the many schools in our Benefice are close neighbours in our community and we want to show God's love to them by serving them in a practical way. It really is that simple.

If you are interested please speak to Julia Ayers, or contact [newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) and your details will be passed to the organiser.



## PLACES of WELCOME at HTO, HTWW & St PETERS



This outreach is something which has helped bring our community together and we are always pleased when new people attend. The format is simple – a short service, a shared breakfast/lunch (toast, soup and roll or sandwiches), chat/board games/puzzles/craft etc.

Please do let your friends and neighbours know about these Places of Welcome especially those who live alone or those who are looking for a place to meet new people. You will find a warm welcome at each of these Places of Welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

Please note St Peters meets at: Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ



**Tea & Toast Warm space  
Food bank & Clothes bank**

Open each Wednesday  
9.00 - 11.00

We would love to make you welcome at our Warm space Tea & Toast each Wednesday. Come in have a cuppa, chat with our volunteers, get to know some new people, browse the clothing and request a food parcel just ask one of the volunteers.

Tea & Toast

we are grateful for the support of our local parish councillors who support our warm space



**Wednesday  
12 - 2 pm**



**PLACE OF WELCOME**

St. Peter's Priorslee Community

**Every Thursday**  
at Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ  
**1.00pm - 3.00pm**



**Dementia  
Friends**

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

Living with dementia at any time brings challenges.

The Alzheimer's Society are working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives. They do this by giving help to those living with dementia today, and providing hope for the future.

If you need support and advice, Alzheimer's Society is here for you.

You can call the support line on 0333 150 3456 and find lots more advice and support here:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk>

As part of the action plan for our Benefice Churches for Dementia Friendly Church it has been suggested we publish monthly in our newsletters information which offers help in what 'not' to say to someone living with Dementia. We will be using information from the Alzheimers association website.

### **Things to avoid saying to somebody with dementia**

#### **6. Some questions may feel like a test: 'Do you recognise me?'**

It can be distressing when somebody with dementia doesn't recognise you, especially if you have a close relationship with them. Remember that it is likely to be upsetting for them to not recognise people around them too.

Asking the person if they know who you are can make them feel guilty or anxious if they don't remember or offended if they do.

#### **Try this instead:**

The way you greet somebody with dementia might change depending on the stage of their condition – judge for yourself but keep it friendly. A warm hello could suffice, or it may help to say your name and your relationship to them each time.

## From the Deanery & Diocese

As a Deanery we would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Telford Deanery : Shaping for Mission**



FOLLOWING JESUS : LOVING TELFORD : RENEWING CHURCH : GROWING YOUNGER



## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 293

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

discipleship  
vocation  
evangelism

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** (*Advent Sunday. Andrew the Apostle.*)

On St Andrew's day we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to him; in Birchills, Carters Green, Church Aston, Clifton Campville, Doxey, Great Ness, Kemberton, Kettlebrook, Landywood, Porthill, Ryton, Shifnal, Sneyd Green, Stanton upon Hine Heath, The Westlands, Welsh Frankton. Whitmore Reans, Weston Coyney, Weston on Trent, and Weston under Redcastle. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and the communities they serve.

Lord, as today we remember 'the first called' in the Apostle Andrew, so too we remember today as Advent Sunday, and we start to look towards when you came to earth to live amongst us, and we can only thank you again that you came here to give each of us the opportunity to follow you, just like Andrew.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** (*Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916*)

Lord, we start a season of prayers for the deanery of Stafford by praying specifically for all of its church schools; those of Berkswich, Haughton St Giles, Hixon St Peter, Stafford St John, Stafford St Paul, and Weston St Andrew. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in any of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Lord, we continue our prayers for Stafford deanery by especially lifting before you those churches in Vacancy at the moment. We pray for the town centre churches of St Chad's, St Mary's, and their sister church of St Leonard's Marston. We pray for the paired churches on either side of the town centre in Doxey and Forebridge. We pray for all the churches of the Mid-Trent Benefice to the East, those in the villages of Burston, Fradswell, Gayton, Hixon, Hopton, Milwich, Sandon, Salt, Stowe by Chartley, and Weston on Trent. We thank you for the efforts being made by so many to serve these churches and help them flourish at this time, and pray that the right incumbents will very soon be called to also serve them in the future.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** (*Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552*)

Today we pray for the first session of '[Space Makers Training](#)' from our Education Team, this time taking place on the edge of Oswestry. We pray for Lynsay Jennings as she leads it and all those that take part, and for each one of us, that we may find the regular means of quietly spending time reflecting with you.

This evening we pray for the gathering of Bishop's Council, we pray for wisdom for all involved, and for courage to grapple to change challenges into opportunities.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>:** (*John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749*)

*Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637*

Lord, we bring before you today's '[Introduction to Inclusive, Invitational and Inspiring Collective Worship](#)' from the Education Team. For all those attending, we pray they may leave inspired by the privilege and opportunity of leading worship in our schools, and that so many of our children and young people may ultimately benefit from it.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>:**

We pray today for St Matthew's Walsall's '[The Nativity: A Story of Hope](#)', with the first presentation taking place this evening and a further two tomorrow. Lord, we thank you for all those making efforts to share your story of Hope over these next few weeks, and we pray that many people who are yet to hear it may do so appropriately and engagingly.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>:** (*Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326*)

On St Nicholas' day we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to him; in Abbots Bromley, Codsall, Fulford, Mavesyn Ridware, and Newport. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and the communities they serve.