



The Benefice of
Eggardon & Colmers

PEWS NEWS

16 November 2025
Second Sunday before Advent
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SERVICES

Sunday 16 November	9.30am	Celtic Worship	Loders
Sunday 16 November	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 16 November	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Broad oak
Sunday 23 November	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 23 November	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsbury
Sunday 23 November	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 23 November	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton
Sunday 30 November	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist with Advent Carols & Music	Powerstock

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



Please note the Eype Carol service has changed again to Sunday
21 December at 6.30pm. Many apologies for the changes.

***Collect***

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Kindness, Cake & Calm | Rev Chat Podcast 278
Valuing the differing roles of everyone in your church.
Click on the 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



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



It was lovely to see so many people at our services last Sunday to remember the fallen.



We have some photos from Askerswell showing how beautiful the church looked for this special service.



WEDDING PHOTOS

We are just in the early stages of organising our Wedding Prep Morning for 2026. We currently have seven weddings scheduled for next year within the Benefice.

Just the other day we received some lovely photos from a very happy couple, Charlotte and Benjamin. Their wedding took place on a gorgeous day in June at St John the Baptist, Symondsburry.



Safeguarding Sunday 2025

This Sunday, 16 November 2025 and over the following weeks, thousands of churches from diverse backgrounds and traditions will join together to shout about safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people.

This initiative, spearheaded by Thirtyone:eight, the UK's leading independent Christian safeguarding charity, invites communities to come together to reflect on their safeguarding journey, and highlight all the good work that is being done to create safer places.

Defending the rights of vulnerable people is integral to the Christian faith and teaching. Sadly, the church hasn't always done this well.

That's why the theme this year is - Action speaks louder!

It's time to move beyond just talking about creating safer places and take action towards doing it!



For more information
and resources click on
this [link](#).

TWELVE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

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

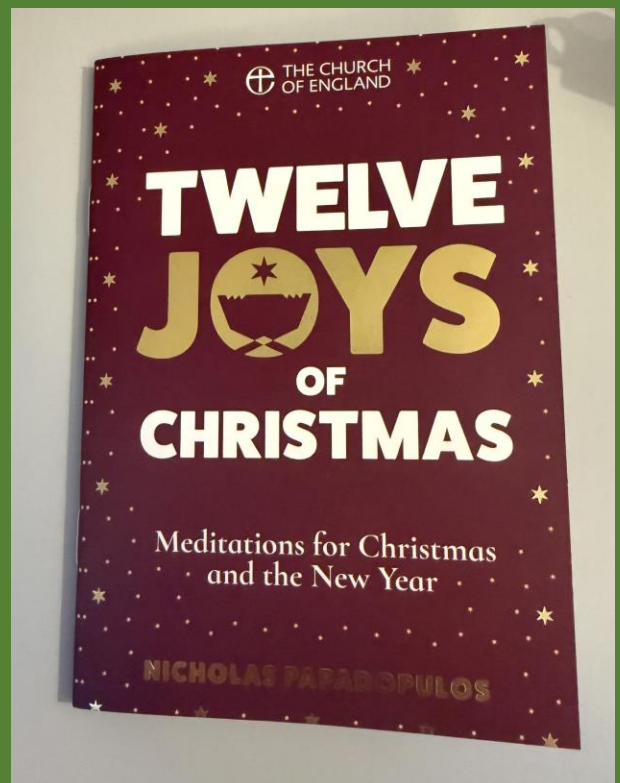


Our churches and cathedrals will - as always - be seeking to make the most of the opportunity December brings to share *The Joy of Christmas* with their communities.

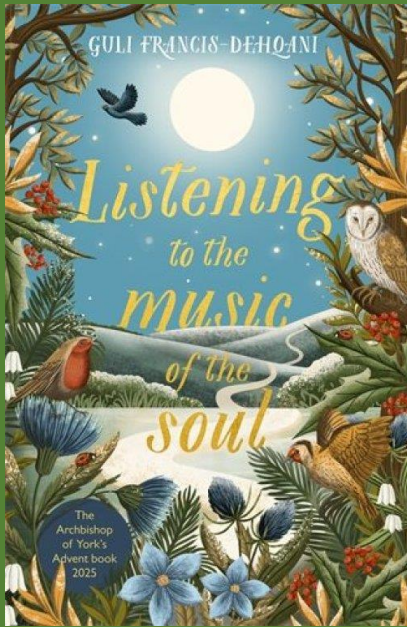
Click on this [link](#) to find out more from The Church of England website.

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.



ADVENT READING



If you would like to read a book during advent, Rev Chris is recommending 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' by Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford.

ARTSREACH 22 NOVEMBER POWESTOCK HUT



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The Hut, Powerstock

Saturday, 22nd November 2025 at 7.30pm

Adults £12.50, Under 18 £6

Box Office: www.artsreach.co.uk, 0775590579

or on the door



PETER NARDONE - MUSIC IN LODERS 2025

Last concert for this year:-

Wednesday 17 December 'Figgy Pudding' presented by Opus Anglicanum

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
Now 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

"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 cgrasske@outlook.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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