



The Parish of South Beddington & Roundshaw

7th December 2025 – Advent 2

Open Doors – Open Hearts – Open Minds

Check out our website: <http://tiny.cc/sbrparish>



Thank you to all who worked to make the Wreath Making/Christmas Tree Festival a new adventure for the parish this year, and all who came to enjoy and, in the process, not only facilitated a wonderful couple of days of community connectivity but raised an astonishing £700+!. Do feedback thoughts/ideas for next year to Julie and the team who are already making plans. Save the Date 2026!

School Adventures. Thank you to Lena, Tom and Christine for supporting the visit from Forester's children last week. Tomorrow I am into the school for their Christmas assembly. Monday and Tuesday mornings we welcome Bandon Hill at SMC rehearsing for next week's Christmas services. And our workshops with Yr 5s in partnership with SSWs continue over the coming fortnight. Please continue to pray for all our local children and school staff.

Please reclaim your Christmas Tree from SMC today/this week– thank you for the loan! All help with clearing the trees and packing away tables/replacing chairs appreciated

Dymond House - Christmas Service followed by Quiz. Meet outside 1.50pm. Tues 9th

During the last two weeks of January Panto Season will be upon us – don't forget to book your tickets to avoid disappointment and bring friends and family. This is a wonderful part of our common life bringing enrichment to us all!

Advance notice re January Worship – for the last two weekends of January Panto is in situ at SMC so the whole parish move to St Pauls. This year we will worship at 10.30 on both Sundays, with our friends at Springfield coming alongside for St Paul's Patronal. I hope everyone will make plans to enable joining for worship on these two weekends. We have 6 weeks to co ordinate lifts with one another and excellent bus service.

Working Parties at SMC - will be a regular fourth Saturday of each month from January, Gathering from 9.30 through to lunchtime. Pop the dates in your 2026 diary for the year.

Open Church at SMC – has been a greatly valued space by those who host and those who visit for many years now. We are currently seeking a volunteer to co ordinate a rota – ensuring there is always at least one db checked volunteer plus one other. Would you take this role on? No particular skills needed although an ability to send a document by email is helpful. Help can be given and a handover of names/emails to make contact – for now we are leaving everyone to sign up individually – and whilst this might work for a while it is likely to leave gaps and no co ordination/support to encourage the team.

Watch out for new Choir Robes - we have recently taken delivery of 34 new choir robes! An amazing donation from St Nicholas Church in Corfe Mullen, a village just outside Poole in Dorset. The robes and their delivery came at no cost to us – an amazingly generous gift!

Mother Berni will be away from the parish over two days this week – for the final day of her Leadership Training with the Diocese (Thurs) and at Diocesan Synod (Sat). Three further days much of her time will be spent with schools (visits/assemblies and workshops), as well as our Carols and Cake at St Pauls and Dymond House service. We also have our PCC Meeting. It's a particularly busy week so please be mindful of additional demands made if others may be better or equally well placed to support. As always, if you spot things that need doing – from updating posters on boards to emptying bins & beyond, please feel free to just do.

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Parish Dates this week

(additional to those on the separate printed list of Advent dates)

8th & 9th 9.15-10.30 – Bandon Hill school rehearsing at SMC

8th – Carols & Cake 1.30 @SPC

9th – Dymond House Svc @2pm

9th – PCC Mting 7.30pm at SPC

13th Christingle Making 9-10 @SMC

Prayers for this week: for all who are oppressed or face injustice, are lonely or sick, those struggling with loss and for whom Advent/Christmas are particularly difficult. For the homeless and refugees, and those in prison and their families.

Birthdays: Peter Asbridge (8th)

Suzan Namusoke (12th)

Year's Mind: Emily Chatfield (7th)

Sidney Shepherd (8th) Carol Kingsley (8th)

Bishop Christopher's Retirement

The Bishop has this week formerly announced plans for his retirement in August 2026. He has nominated Bishop Rosemarie to cover as Diocesan Bishop until his successor formally appointed. Let us pray for both Bishops in the coming seasons and for the future of our Diocese

St Paul's Church

Mass: Sundays 8.30 and Wednesdays 10.30

Advent Study + lunch Weds from 11.30

Lunch Club Mon 11.30 / **Drop in** Fri 9.30-12.30

Thursday Club 10.30-12.30

St Michael's Church

Mass: Sundays 10.30

Morning Prayers 8 Mon to Thurs

Open Church: Tue/Thur/Sat 9.30-

11.30 & Fri in term time 4.15-6.30