



Anna Benefice Christmastide Bulletin

(ST PETER'S GOODWORTH CLATFORD, ALL
SAINTS' UPPER CLATFORD AND ST MARY'S
ABBOTTS ANN)

21 DECEMBER 2025- 4TH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Verse of scripture

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.'
(Matthew 1:23)

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Details of weekend services with link

Sunday 21 December - 4th Sunday of Advent

8am	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Teresa	Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25
9.30am	Informal Worship	St Mary's	Di	Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25
9.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints'	Teresa	Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25
11am	Matins	St Peter's	Nicky, Tim	Psalm 80:1-8, 18-20 Isaiah 7:10-16 Matthew 1:18-25
6pm	Carol Service	St Peter's	Teresa	

No Zoom Praise

A description of our services can be found on the Benefice website [LINK](#)

Bible reading Sunday morning services

Romans 1:1-7 NRSVA - Salutation - Paul, a servant of Jesus - Bible Gateway
Matthew 1:18-25 NRSVA - The Birth of Jesus the Messiah - Now - Bible Gateway
Psalm 80 | The Church of England
Isaiah 7:10-16 NRSVA - Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel - Bible Gateway

24 December 2025- Christmas Eve

Verse of scripture

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14)

Collect

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Details of weekend services with link

Sunday 24 December - Christmas Eve

3pm	Crib & Christingle	St Mary's	Nicky	
4pm	Crib & Christingle	St Peter's	Tim	
4.30pm	Crib & Christingle	All Saints'	Teresa	
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	St Mary's	Teresa	Isaiah 52:7-10 John 1:1-14
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	All Saint's	Nicky	Isaiah 52:7-10 John 1:1-4

Bible reading Sunday morning services

Isaiah 52:7-10 NRSVA - How beautiful upon the mountains are - Bible Gateway

John 1:1-14 NRSVA - The Word Became Flesh - In the - Bible Gateway

25 December 2025 - Christmas Day

Verse of scripture

To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
(Luke 2:11)

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Details of weekend services with link

Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

10am	Christmas Communion by extension	St Mary's	Tim	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 21:1-20
10am	Christmas Communion	All Saints'	Nicky	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 21:1-20
10am	Christmas Communion	St Peter's	Teresa	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 21:1-20

Bible reading Sunday morning services

Isaiah 9:2-7 NRSVA - The people who walked in darkness have - Bible Gateway
Luke 2:1-20 NRSVA - The Birth of Jesus - In those days a - Bible Gateway

28 December 2025 - First Sunday of Christmas

Verse of scripture

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'
(Matthew 2:13)

Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Details of weekend services with link

Sunday 28 December - Christmas 1

11am Benefice Communion All Saints' Ministry Team Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

No zoom praise

Bible reading Sunday morning services

Hebrews 2:10-18 NRSVA - It was fitting that God, for whom and - Bible Gateway.
Matthew 2:13-23 NRSVA - The Escape to Egypt - Now after they - Bible Gateway.

Diary of events

(Including services on the rota)

Mon 22 Dec

Noon funeral Elizabeth Howard, St Mary's, Teresa, Nicky, Tim
7pm Carol Service, All Saints', Teresa

Tue 23 Dec

10am Christingle making (all help welcome!), All Saints', Teresa

Wed 24 Dec

3pm Crib and Christingle Service, St Mary's, Nicky

4pm Crib and Christingle Service, St Peter's, Tim

4.30pm Crib and Christingle Service, All Saints', Teresa

5pm carol singing, Abbots Ann Village Shop, Judith, Nicky

11.30pm Midnight Communion, St Mary's, Teresa

11.30pm Midnight Communion, All Saints', Nicky

Thu 25 Dec

10am Christmas Communion by extension, St Mary's, Tim

10am Christmas Communion, All Saints', Nicky

10am Christmas Communion, St Peter's, Teresa

Sun 28 Dec

11am Benefice Communion, All Saints', Ministry team

No Zoom Praise

Mon 29 Dec

9pm Final Night Prayer, Facebook, ministry team

Sun 4 Jan Epiphany

8am Holy Communion, St Peter's, Nicky

9.30am Morning Worship, St Mary's, Tim

9.30am Parish Communion, All Saints', Teresa

11am Informal Worship, St Peter's, Nicky

6pm Zoom Praise, Zoom, Tim



Activities for families with children

Advent is almost over and Christmas is coming. **HERE** is an idea to make an Advent decoration for your Christmas tree.

Notices & News



December 2025 Prayer Card

Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Eternal God,

As December brings us together
to watch and wait with hope for Christ's
coming,

fill us with your peace and tender presence.

Bless those who struggle in this season
and let Christ's love shine through us each day.

Amen

Write down your prayer focus for this month.

You may have additional prayers but these are your
core.

3 things you are thankful for that have happened this
year:

Name a person or family (or more) who will struggle
this Christmas due to grief and sorrow.

For families and young people who will go without
this Christmas due to poverty, abuse and neglect.

Own choice: _____



Anna Benefice *Christmas Services*

**ST MARY'S
CHURCH
ABBOTTS ANN**

Carol Service
Thursday 18th December 7pm
Crib & Christingle
Christmas Eve 3pm
Midnight Communion
Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Christmas Day Communion 10am

**ALL SAINTS'
CHURCH
UPPER CLATFORD**

Carol Service
Monday 22nd December 7pm
Crib & Christingle
Christmas Eve 4.30pm
Midnight Communion
Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Christmas Day Communion 10am

**ST PETER'S
CHURCH
GOODWORTH
CLATFORD**

Carol Service
Sunday 21st December 6pm
Crib & Christingle
Christmas Eve 4pm
Christmas Day Communion 10am

All are welcome.
We wish you a blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing you.



Friday 19th December

ST PETERS CHURCH CAROL SINGING

Goodworth Clatford

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



St Peters Church Carol Singing will be at:

5.45pm St Peters Close

Hot chocolate courtesy of the Close wardens

6.00pm Singing

6.30pm St Annes Close

6.50pm Clatford Village Stores - which will be open
for any extra shopping

A collection will be made for Andover Foodbank

*Come and
join us*

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A colorful illustration of a group of people, including children and adults, dressed in winter clothing and hats, singing carols. They are standing in front of a house with a chimney and a bell. Musical notes and a treble clef are floating around them. The scene is set against a blue sky with yellow sun rays.

Come and join us for

Carol Singing

(outside Abbots Ann Village Shop
and Post Office.)

Christmas Eve @ 5.00 pm
(to follow the 3pm Crib Service)

Bring lanterns and torches.

All proceeds to support
St. Mary's Church, Abbots Ann.

Night Prayer Because of the growing demands on the ministry team we have decided to discontinue Night Prayer. There will be no services during Christmastide, and the final Night Prayer will be at 9pm Mon 29 Dec on Facebook. From 4 January the names on the Benefice Prayer List that we used to read out in Night Prayer will be in the weekly bulletin (first names only). The confidential prayer list used by the ministry team will continue unchanged.

Benefice Bulletin The next issue will be published on 4th January

Men's Café The last meeting in 2025 is at 11am Thu 18 Dec at the Crook & Shears. We are very grateful to Kim the landlady for hosting us through Advent. The first meeting in the new year will be at 11am Thu 8 Jan at Abbots Ann Village Shop. To cope with our growing numbers the plan is to have two meetings on a Thursday: 11am morning coffee and 3pm afternoon tea; both at the village shop. However, Judeth the shop manager has yet to confirm when we can start up the afternoon teas.

Getting rid of unwanted books, computers, etc

Here are two ways to dispose of unwanted books, etc without leaving your home. The 2 charities below will collect from your front door.

Books2Africa is a UK-registered charity (1152599) based in Canterbury, founded in 2012. Our mission is to promote a culture of 'readcycling' and improve the quality of education in Africa, through the collection, processing, shipping and distribution of quality books, computers and educational materials that equip individuals, institutions, and communities to acquire knowledge and achieve their full potential in a globalised world. Contact them here:

[Contact us - Books2Africa](#)

Anglo doorstep Collections is a UK group that collects unwanted books and other items free of charge then sells them and passes the proceeds to certain UK charities. Contact them here:

[Instant Book a Charity Bag Collection](#)



If you need any help or support then don't hesitate to contact one of the team

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