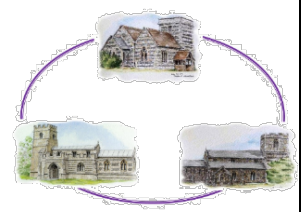




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 Comprises of the Village churches of
 Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston with Bryanston,
 Tarrant Hinton, Tarrant Gunville and Tarrant Monkton



Pews News for 21st December 2025

Contact your Church Wardens if there are any enquiries regarding
Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals and churchyard memorials)
 For Pews News please continue to contact Judy Jakes
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**We are now in a period of Interregnum if you have any questions then please
 direct them to your Church Wardens, contact details on Page 4**

Services for the next week

Day	Time	Service	Location
21st	09:30	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
<i>Advent 4</i>	11:00	Family Communion	St Mary, Tarrant Gunville
	15:30	Carol Service	St Nicholas, Durweston
	16:30	Carols around the Tree	St Peter, Pimperne
Monday	09:00	Morning Prayer	Zoom
23rd	TBC	Carol Service	All Saints, Tarrant Monkton
24th	10:00	Morning Prayer – Celtic	Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	16:00	Crib Service	St Peter, Pimperne
	22:00	Midnight Service	St Nicholas, Durweston
	23:00	Midnight Service	St Mary, Tarrant Hinton
25th	9:00	Christmas Communion	St Peter, Pimperne
<i>Christmas Day</i>	10:30	Christmas Service	Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
	10:30	Christmas Communion	All Saints, Tarrant Monkton
	11:00	Christmas Communion	St Mary, Tarrant Gunville
28th	9:15	Holy Communion	St Peter, Pimperne
<i>Christmas 1</i>			

Collect for the 21st December 2025

O Lord Jesus Christ,
 who at your first coming sent your messenger
 to prepare your way before you:
 grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
 may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
 by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
 that at your second coming to judge the world
 we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
 for you are alive and reign with the Father
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings for 21st December 2025

First Reading

Romans 1.1-7

Salutation

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 1.18-end

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

St Nicholas Church, Durweston

Dear All,

In the run up to Christmas we have the following:

Sunday 21st at 3.30pm **The Carol Service** with 9 Lessons, followed by mince pies and refreshments

Monday 22nd at 7pm the **Carol Concert** led by Mike Brown with Chris Dowie

Wednesday 24th at 10pm our '**Midnight**' candle lit, Holy Communion service led by Rev. Canon John Wood

We hope you can join in.

Happy Christmas
from St Peter's Church, Pimperne

Sun 21st December
4.30pm Carols Round the Tree



Outside the church with
the Stour Valley Band,
mulled wine & mince pies
(Inside if wet)

Christmas Eve
4pm Crib Service

All ages
welcome -
everyone can
have a part!



Christmas Day
9am
Holy Communion
All welcome

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BOB'S BIG CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Sunday 21st Dec 2025

Doors open 7pm.

Quiz starts 7:30pm!

£2pp for the quiz

£3pp for a platter (pre-bookings only!)

Up to 6 in a team

Book your team in via email to
enquiries@oldpowerhousebryanston.co.uk



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Once in our world
a stable had something
in it that was bigger
than our whole world.

C.S. LEWIS



We have
decided to start
Church warden
training early.

Snuffing out
candles being
a key role, also
pushing the
altar back was
fun.

Holy Trinity Church, Stourpaine.

An enormous thank you to all for your hard work and energy on Saturday morning. The church was a hive of activity with the amazing array of crafts and produce on sale, the delicious cakes and bakes on the refreshment stall, a wonderfully stocked raffle table accompanied by the sound of Christmas music played by Sandra House. What a wonderful Church and village community we have! Thanks also to all who attended.

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