



Word from RevLaura

I was a little disappointed that we didn't have more snow here, but there is time of course. There is something so beautiful about snow covering the landscape though. It covers up all the death of the winter, the bare branches, the sleeping plants and makes everything that is dark seem light. It is only temporary but a reminder that laying underneath the earth all that sleeps will once again come alive. The Seasons are God's way of reminding us that everything changes, even if we sat and did nothing things would change, and when the Winter comes, Spring is only around the corner. Churches have seasons as well, seasons of growth and pruning, and as God's people it is our job to work in these seasons, it means at times we must do the pruning, the sowing and the feeding. This year we will plan some special meetings for PCC's and anyone else to discuss the mission of the churches and how we can plan for the next season. I hope you will join us when we meet at your Church and be part of the next season. Amen.

Services

Monday Morning Prayer at Kings Caple Church – 9.30am – 10am

Wednesday 14th Jan 6pm St Andrew's and St Mary's, How Caple, Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 18th Jan (white) Epiphany 2 - Isa 49:1-7 and John 1:29-42

9.30am **St Peter's, Peterstow**, Book of Common Prayer, Morning Prayer

9.30am **St Bridget's, Bridstow**, Common Worship Communion

11.15am **St Michael's, Sollershope**, Book of Common Prayer Communion

6pm 'The Sanctuary' will be cancelled this month and re start Feb 15th due to uncertain weather

Sun 25th Jan (white) Epiphany 3 - Isa 9:1-4 and Matt 4:12-23

9.30am **St Tysilio's, Sellack**, Communion (Readings tbc at St Tysilio's)

9.30am **St Andrew's and St Mary's, How Caple**, Book of Common Prayer Morning Prayer

11.15am **St Bridget's, Bridstow**, Common Worship Communion

4pm **Kings Caple Old School, Christingle Service** (to follow on from the drop inn 3pm – 4pm this Sunday)

Alpha Course, this will start on Monday 9th Feb 7.15pm – 9.30pm finishing prompt – and include a meal to start with – this is an eight week course (will be local possibly at the Kings Caple Rectory) and there will also be an away day (Near Ross) on Saturday March 28th – this is an introduction to the Christian faith, for anyone who wants to just know more or wants a refresher on the basics – email revlaurajane@gmail.com to book on (we need to know numbers) – and share with anyone you think may be interested, blessings Laura

KINGS CAPLE: Every 4th Sunday, “DROP INN” at Kings Caple Old School 3. – 4.30pm for Coffee, tea cake and chat. Also: is anyone interested in Bell Ringing ask if you are interested! **And we are STILL in need of a treasurer can you help URGENT NEED!**

BRIDSTOW: Church coffee morning 1st Wednesday of the month

– Bridstow Village Hall 10.30am – 12noon, coffee, chat, raffle, bring and buy table.

AND JOIN OUR FUN QUIZ ➔

Anyone want to join the Bridstow Village Hall Committee – next meeting is on Monday 5th January 7pm if you want to know what is involved (mtgs are just over an hour) – please contact Carrie Jones (the secretary/booking clerk) on bvhallsecretary@gmail.com

HOW CAPLE: 1st TUESDAY of the month – ZIGGISAURUS' in Church Playgroup 10 am – 12 noon. Lots of fun for everyone.

Every Friday 'gardening club' in the churchyard' all welcome contact Hilda: auersperglee@outlook.com

PETERSTOW: Coffee Mornings at St Peter's 1st and 3rd Monday each month

SOLLERSHOPE: Sunday 8th Feb Concert 3pm Dawn on our Darkness – musical hope in winter from the May Hill Quintet and Octavo – tickets £10 eventbrite or just turn up.

All proceeds are going to the Church. ➔

Join our Fun Quiz !
Make up a table of 6 friends
Saturday 24th January
7 – 9.30pm
at Bridstow Village Hall

Adults: £12 -- u/16yrs: £6
includes cheese platter & biscuits
Please bring your own drink

  

Proceeds to Bridstow Church New Facilities Fund
Book with Marcia on 01989 769021

Dawn on our Darkness

Musical Hope in Winter from the May Hill Quintet and Octavo
Sunday 8th February 2026 at 3pm
St Michael's Church, Sollers Hope

Including half time tea and cake!
Schubert – String Quintet in C major
+
Choral pieces from Mendelssohn, the Russian masters and Finzi



ZOOM Meetings:

Mid-day prayer – Tuesday and Thursday ID: 922 223 7750 Password: 77.

Wednesday Bible Study – led by Bishop Anthony (no theological background needed) For more info please contact Ann Owen (ann@owenfamily.me.uk) ID: 862 6084 4541 Password: Bible

PILGRIMAGE MEETING FOR BENEFICE: We had a great last meeting we will be meeting again on Tue 17th March at 7pm Peterstow to continue the discussions – please come and anyone is welcome who could not make the last meeting.

OTHER REGULAR SERVICES:

2ND Wednesday of the Month (14th Jan) – Celtic Evening Prayer at How Caple 6pm – 6.30pm

3rd Sunday of the Month – Sanctuary (next one Feb 15th) – Contemporary worship service, with discussion and prayer – Bridstow Village Hall 6pm – 7pm

2nd Monday of each month, (9th Feb) we will have Contemplative Prayer Space – 2pm until 3pm hosted by Ann Owen – please ask Ann or Laura if you would like to attend for the address

We pray for: all who are unwell, for Mike Swinnerton, Mike Tunnicliff, Margaret Artus, Eric Powell, Maggie Lewis, Mary Purry, Ann Owen, Hugh Thompson, Jack and Marian Everitt, Robert Stewart

John Fallon at the loss of Kath and details of Kath Funeral – please pray for all who knew Kath – she was a loved member of the Bristow Church, with a deep faith, she will be very missed.

Funeral will be held on Friday 23rd January 3.30pm at the Forest of Dean Crem, with refreshments at the Bells Hotel, Coleford afterwards (if you are going please let me know as the family need numbers) – they are planning to set up live streaming of the service as an option for those who can't get there.

(Rector) Reverend Laura Hewitt email: revlaurajane@gmail.com Tel: [07500345048](tel:07500345048) Day off: **Friday**

(Curate) Reverend Christine Cattanach email: RevCatt@yahoo.com Tel: [07810701679](tel:07810701679) Days off: **Thur/Fri/Sat**

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