The Parishes of Alfrick-w-Lulsley; Crown East,Rushwick; Suckley; Leigh & Bransford; Lower Teme Valley; Martley and Wichenford

Pew Sheet for the 29th November 2026

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday

10.30am Benefice Advent Carol Service Leigh

This will be Anne's last service before retiring. All welcome to the service and a lunch afterwards at Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall

Sunday 6th December – 1st Sunday after Advent

9.00 am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion	Cotheridge
10.30 am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Leigh
10.30am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Martley
10.30 am	All age Service	Broadwas
4.00 pm	Christingle and Tree	Suckley
6.00pm	Evensong	Alfrick

Sunday 13th December – 2nd Sunday after Advent

9.00 am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion(said)	Bransford
3.00 pm	Carols	Knightwick
4.00 pm	Carols/Christingle	Crown East
4.00 pm	Carol Service	Wichenford

Sunday 20th December – 3rd Sunday after Advent

9.00 am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion	Alfrick
10.30 am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Suckley
5.00 pm	Carols/Christingles	Martley
4.00 pm	Carol and Crib Service	Broadwas
6.30 pm	9 Lessons and Carols	Leigh

Collect for the Sunday before Advent
Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Readings for the Sunday before Advent
Isaiah 64.1-9, Psalm 80.1-8,18-20*,1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-end

Midweek Communion during December 2026
Wednesday 9th December, Heaton House, Martley at 10.15am
Wednesday 23rd December, Heaton House, Martley at 10.15am
Midweek Celtic Morning Worship
Wednesday 2nd December, St John the Baptist Church, Suckley at 10am

29th November - Advent Carol service - Leigh Church 10.30 am.
This will be Anne's last service before retiring. There will be an extended choir and Animato. All welcome to the service and a lunch afterwards at Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall.

Contactless Devices for Rural Churches
50 of the Diocese's rural churches will have the opportunity to apply for a CollecTin contactless giving device for just £40 thanks to a grant from the Healthier Churches Fund

To find out more and how to apply see:
https://cofe-worcester.org.uk/contactless-devices-for-rural-churches/

Final Rambling's from the WWRT Rector

THANK YOU
Mike and I are looking forward to the next phase of our life and all the adventures that, we hope, lay ahead of us – starting with setting up a new home and seeing more of our lovely family including the nine grandchildren. However, this is the time to say a huge thank you to you all. As in all walks of life there are some days which are not so good, some folk with whom it is harder to connect, and others who didn't like or agree with some of my decisions. Yet, I feel very blessed as most of the people I have had the privilege and honour to encounter in the eleven years and nine months, since my licensing initially as the Team Vicar and subsequently the Team Rector, have been a great joy to serve and work with. I shall miss aspects of my role as incumbent such as taking services including hatches, matches and despatches, the

PCC members (but not all the meetings!), the congregations and most of all the amazing opportunity to serve Christ across the parishes within the WWRT.

To echo the words of that wonderful hymn 'Now thank we all our God' I am filled with gratitude to all those who, in so many ways, put into action their calling to be disciples of Christ. My ministry would not have been as fulfilling without the commitment of so many of you to the life and work of your parishes. Keep up that good work, even as you get older! Every God given gift is appreciated, and especially prayer in which everyone of us can be involved – individually and in community.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Advent Carol Service in Leigh Church on Sunday at 10.30 am and EVERYONE is invited to my retirement lunch party after the service in Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall.

The parishes will be going into Vacancy from January 1st 2027 (I officially retire on Dec 31st) and I hope and pray it will not be too very long before a new incumbent is licensed, knowing that there is quite a process to go through in putting together Parish Profiles to create a Benefice Profile (telling any prospective candidates that you are a wonderful bunch of parishes), advertising, praying for applicants, shortlisting, interviewing and an appointment made (bearing in mind that person may have to give three months' notice). In other words, my successor won't be joining you in a hurry.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a personal huge thank you to Alison Khan, our parish administrator, who has put up with me through the good and not so good times, who has served the parishes in so many ways quietly, and with humour, in the background. Not to mention the weekly Pew sheets, sending out the fortnightly YouTube communion, alongside the constant stream of invoices including follow up when necessary. Alison will be finishing as the WWRT Parish Administrator on December 31st Don't panic there is someone else stepping into Alison's shoes and you will all find out very soon. In the meantime, I am sure you all join me in expressing your thanks and appreciation to Alison and wish her all the very best.

And so to conclude - THANK YOU and may God bless you and keep you now and forever. Rev Anne

Opening times of church buildings for private prayer

Crown East - Everyday 9am – 5pm
Suckley– Open 10am to 5pm Weds, Sat and Sun in term time, and daily in the holidays
Alfrick - Everyday
Leigh - Everyday 10am - 6pm (from 30th March—4pm till then)
Broadwas - Everyday 11am—5pm
Cotheridge - Everyday 9am - 5pm
Wichenford Everyday10am—4pm
Martley - Everyday

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