NEW FOREST EDGE BENEFICE

NEWSLETTER – Sunday 22nd November 2026

Please send all newsletter contributions by Wednesday evening to pam.masonsmith@gmail.com or text 07850 984571

Services for Sunday 22nd November – Last Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00 Hinton - Matins with Dan Sanderson
9.00 Thorney Hill - Matins with Jan Farrow
10.30 Bransgore - Service with Oliver Rundell and Sue Barrett
10.30 Burley - All Age Service with Jan Farrow and Pat Simpson
11.00 Sopley - Service with Rev. Mo Pimenta





CHRIST THE KING –
A king to worship- A Saviour to Love - A Lord to Follow.

NEXT SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER
First Sunday of Advent

OUR NEW FOREST EDGE BENEFICE SERVICE
at St. Mary's Bransgore
10.30am

Followed by Lunch – Don't forget to sign up!



Sharing the Bible with children through

OPEN THE BOOK

Come to our Benefice Service on Sunday 29th November 10.30 at St. Mary's Bransgore to find out more from Steff Shepherd

Open the Book Regional Training and Development Officer (South East)

Could you be a Storyteller?

Would you like to join a team going into Sopley/Burley schools and telling a story from the special storytelling bible, designing props, having fun and making a difference at the same time!

Why not stay for lunch after the Benefice Service?

No cooking and a chance to chat about Open the Book with your friends!

Sunday 29th November
St Mary's, Bransgore



Jacket potato with a choice of toppings followed by ice cream

No charge but donations appreciated

Please sign up at your own Churches this Sunday

Friends of Sopley Church AGM

28th November

2.30 p.m

Sopley Church



Come along and find out what we do

New members welcome

Ask about volunteering on our committee

Wreathmaking and Bauble Decorating

at St Mary's Church

Ringwood Rd, Bransgore, Christchurch BH23 8JH

Saturday 28th November 2026

1 Bauble Decorating

(All ages welcome)



3:00pm – 4:00pm

(max no. 20)

£5pp

2 Wreathmaking Session

(Adults)



4:30pm – 6:00pm

(max no. 30)

£15pp

3 Wreathmaking Session

(Adults)



6:30pm – 8:00pm

(max no. 30)

£15pp

Get creative this Christmas!

A fun and festive afternoon and evening of crafts in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church.

Book with QR code



DON'T BE ON YOUR OWN ON CHRISTMAS DAY

JOIN US AT

BURLEY VILLAGE HALL

We'll be serving a Christmas lunch with all the trimmings for Burley or Bransgore residents who might otherwise be alone this

CHRISTMAS DAY

Doors open at 11:30am for lunch at noon.

We can provide transport for those who need it.

To book a place call

Tracey Cooper on 07554 775581

Or email

Soopercooper16@gmail.com

before 20th December, 2026

If you know of anyone who might be alone this Christmas, be it a neighbour, relative, or friend, please show them this advert or call on their behalf.

The **Community Christmas Lunch** at **Burley Village Hall** is supported by **Burley Parish Council** and **Bransgore Parish Council.**

Christmas Tree Festival at Burley Parish Church

BH24 4AP

Thursday – Sunday
10 – 13 December

Thurs – Sat	Sunday
10 – 6	11.30 – 6

Mulled wine and mince pies

Trees all decorated by local Burley groups to the theme

Christmas around the world

Donations for charities
Compassion and Teen Challenge Dorset

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Help needed

Could you help for an hour or two with stewarding or serving refreshments?

There is a rota at the back of Burley Church or call/text Pam 07850 984571

We will be painting our hall windows at Burley Church on Tuesday 1st December from 9.30am and continuing during our coffee morning!

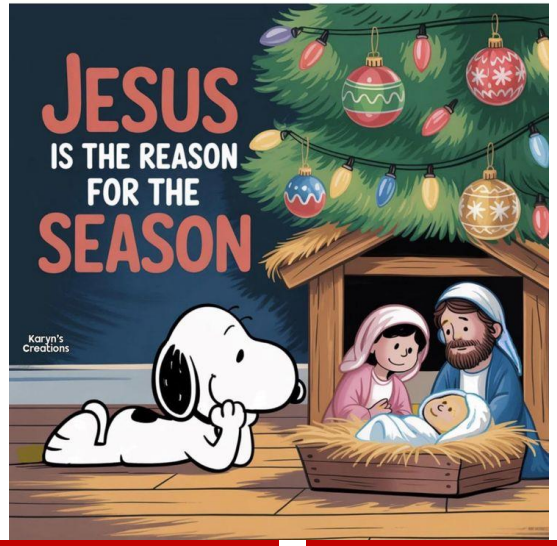
All offers of help appreciated – Stencils provided!

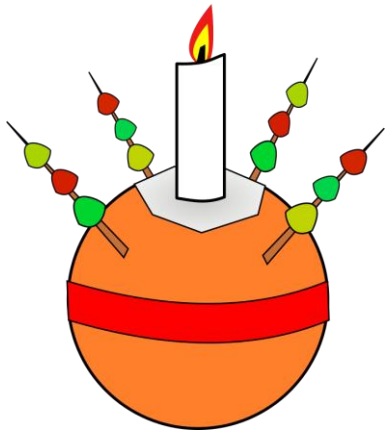
Come along and have Some fun or just watch whilst relaxing with a coffee...

(This one was painted By Suzan – we do the Smaller windows!)



Only 1 more week until Advent and only 36 days till Christmas! Our Christmas services are starting .....





Christingle at St. Mary's, Bransgore – Sunday 6th December at 10.30













Crib Dressing and Christingle Service

At St Michael and All Angels, Sopley

Sunday 6th December at 11am







The Craft Day at St Mary's run by Hinton was a great success! We all had fun and made a Christmas elf, snowflakes, angel keyrings and more as well as a candle holder made from a paperback and folding the pages of the WHOLE Book!

The friends of Sopley Church are looking for a secretary – could YOU help? Why not go to their AGM on 28th Nov?

Our administrator Tristan, and Pam - CW of Burley, attended a Growing Rural Parishes Learning Day this week at the diocese which was a great follow up to our recent Vision day. It was lovely to be able to share ideas and to see how other parishes like our own are also trying to grow and merge as a Benefice. We are grateful that this initiative is funding our administrator and helping us on our journey.















