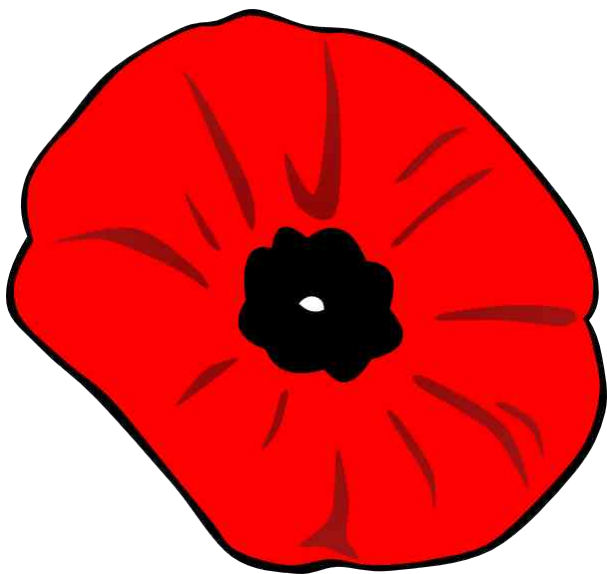


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"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" Mark 16:15

2025 Benefice Worship Pattern

1st Sunday of the month

8am	St Paul's	BCP* Holy Communion
9:30	St Paul's	Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Worship
11am	St Mary's	Worship

2nd Sunday of the month

8am	St Mary's	BCP* Holy Communion
9:30	St Paul's	Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
11am	St Mary's	All-age Worship

3rd Sunday of the month

9:30	St Paul's	Holy Communion
11am	Holy Trinity	BCP* Morning Worship
11am	St Mary's	Holy Communion

****These are services using the Book of Common Prayer***

4th Sunday 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion

***January, April, July, October at Holy Trinity Badgeworth
February, May, August, November at St Mary's Great Witcombe***

March, June, September, December at St Paul's Shurdington

5th Sunday Benefice Service at 10am "Let's Worship"

usually in Shurdington Church of England Primary School

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@GreenwayChurches

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School Lane, Shurdington

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Badgeworth Village Hall Management Committee

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Events may be booked by following the 'Bookings' link on our website : shurdingtoncomcentre.net

Email: bookings@shurdingtoncomcentre.net

Tel: 07483 303190

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Pastoral Letter

Vaughan
writes



November
2025

Dear Friends

By the time you read this the clocks will have been put back and the evenings will be closing in, as if the year, in nature at least, is closing down for a rest. Which in a way it is. The Church's year is also approaching its end, though a little earlier than what we normally take to be the end of the year, December 31st.

In the Church November opens with the last principal feast of the liturgical year, All Saints' Day (which is preceded by All Hallows' Eve, October 31st, which has become more familiarly known as 'Halloween'), and the liturgical year closes with the day before the fourth Sunday before Advent, and after which you can begin opening your advent calendars! Coincidentally this year this Sunday, marking the move into the new liturgical year, falls on the last day of November, November the 30th. In the Church the period between these two dates is a period of reflection on the reign of Christ in earth and heaven.

Now all this must seem a long way removed from our usual concerns at this time; and in a way it is. Christmas started a long time ago as far as shops and online advertising are concerned; the competition for one's custom, the pressure to enjoy the Christmas period is already building up. As well as this, this particular year may well be harder financially for many with the prospect of still rising costs and little relief in sight. A budget in late November may well add to the collective gloom. It seems as if at this time of the year time speeds up rather than winds down, propelling us forward under all sorts of pressures.

So there is a contrast here; if ordinary life can be a bit hectic, for the Church it is a quieter time. This I think can be a positive for all of us. Our faith enables us to take a step back, to find some quiet

time, if only for a few moments, in the midst of all the busyness. The causes of pressures that might appear overwhelming will not necessarily go away but the 'felt' pressures themselves can be reduced by re-framing our perspective on things; living in the life of Christ, offering Him attention, opens us to receiving that gift of peace 'that passes all human understanding'. So we live in two different times, in two different realities and each requires our attention. Worth perhaps reflecting on as we approach the end of the year (in both senses).
Vaughan Kerry (reader).

NOVEMBER, the ninth month of the Roman year, became the eleventh by the insertion of January and February.

By our Saxon ancestors it was called Blot-monath, from the Word blotan, to slay; because at this time it was necessary to kill and salt the flesh of the animals which were to furnish the winter's board with provision.

In old pictures November is represented as a man in a changeable suit of green and black: he holds in his hand a bunch of culinary roots, and wears upon his head a crown of evergreens.

As the short days advance upon us, we do well to keep in mind that

Nature soon, in Spring's best charms
Shall rise refreshed from Winter's grave,
Expand the bursting bud again,

Alan Pilbeam Talks

Tuesday November 25th

Tuesday January 27th

Tuesday February 24th

These talks start at 7pm each night at Shurdington Chapel
Paddy Brownrigg

Benefice Diary

November

Saturday	1	Coffee and Chat	28
Friday	7	Quiz at Badgeworth	34
Monday	10	Open Monday	12
Tuesday	11	MU	23
Friday	14	Book Club	13
Saturday	22	Coffee Morning + Bingo and Fish'nChips	25 19
Monday	24	Open Monday	12
Tuesday	25	Alan Pilbeam talk	3
Wednesday	26	Julian Meeting	9
Sunday	30	Christingle Service	

December

Saturday	6	Coffee and Chat	28
Monday	8	Open Monday	12
Tuesday	9	MU	23
Monday	16	Community Carols	
Friday	12	Book Club	13
Monday	22	"Blue" Christmas service	20
Monday	29	Open Monday	12
Wednesday	31	Julian Meeting	9

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) Greenway Gifts
Every Thursday in term-time Community Choir

Special Church Services November & December

Our usual pattern of services is on the inside back cover of this magazine. Here are the additional services for November and December.

Care Home Worship

Please contact us to confirm, but usually, Badgeworth Praise is held on the first & third Wednesdays of each month, at 11:30am in Badgeworth Court – contact Rachel Cottell. On the third Wednesdays, we usually offer Holy Communion. For Chargrove Praise at Chargrove Lawn please contact Sue Padfield. Holy Communion is offered at Atherton House in the lounge, usually on the first Wednesdays of the month at 11am – contact Reverend Daniel.

Thursday prayers:

On 6th November and 4th December, prayers will be in school at 8:30am, followed by 9am morning prayer in St Paul's church.

Usually, on other Thursdays in the month (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th), morning prayer is online at 9am on zoom. Please email greenway.bswb.office@gmail.com for the link to the meetings.

ALL SOULS 2nd November

This service is for all who have lost someone. It might have been many years ago or quite recent. All are welcome to this gentle time of prayer and remembering our loved ones. 3pm at Holy Trinity.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9th November

We invite you to our services of Remembrance. 9:30 at St Paul's, **10:50** at Holy Trinity and **10:55** at St Mary's. There is also the usual 8am service that morning, but it isn't specifically a Remembrance Service.

FAREWELL TO ARCHDEACON HILARY 23rd November

At Gloucester Cathedral at 3pm, all are welcome to say farewell as Archdeacon Hilary moves on from her role.

ADVENT SUNDAY 30th November

At **10am** we will have a service in **school** for Advent – singing “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*” and “*Hills of the North Rejoice*”, among other favourite Advent songs, and lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath.

At **3pm** you are invited to our **Christingle** Service at **Witcombe Village Hall**, where you get to make your own Christingle as part of the service, and we sing our first Christmas carols!

DECEMBER EXTRAS

Fridays 5th, 12th & 19th 9pm

Night Prayer (Compline) either online or at St Mary's

Sunday 14th 6pm

Carols by Candlelight at Holy Trinity

Monday 15th 6pm

Community Carols at Shurdington School (*including children on Ukuleles and Greenway Community Choir*)

Wednesday 17th 6pm Carols in Witcombe and Bentham (*more details in the December/January magazine*)

Thursday 18th 7:30pm Carols with Greenway Community Choir at Shurdington Church Hall

Sunday 21st 4pm

Carols by Candlelight at St Paul's

Also **21st 6pm** Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's

Monday 22nd 6pm

Blue Christmas at Holy Trinity. *A quiet Christmas service for those who find celebrating difficult, perhaps due to bereavement or current painful circumstances.*

Christmas Eve:

Crib Services at 4pm both St Paul's and St Mary's (*suitable for all ages, come dressed as a nativity character if you wish*)

Also **11:30pm** Midnight Mass at St Paul's

Christmas Day Communions

9:30am St Mary's and St Paul's, **11am** Holy Trinity

Dates of other opportunities to sing carols will be in the December/January magazine, on our Facebook page and on posters at the churches.

Greenway Benefice Churches

How to find us:

Holy Trinity Badgeworth
Church Lane
Badgeworth
Gloucester
GL51 4UL

(Registered Charity number 1209315)

St Paul's Shurdington
School Lane
Shurdington
Cheltenham
GL51 4TF

St Mary* the Virgin Witcombe with Bentham
Great Witcombe
Gloucester
*GL3 4TS**

**turnings off Ermin Way or Birdlip Hill*

You can also see more information on A Church Near You.

Simply type "A Church Near You Badgeworth" or "A Church Near You Shurdington" or "A Church Near You Witcombe" into your search engine.



Useful Phone Numbers:



Furniture Recycling Warehouse	01452 331333
Removal of Bulky Waste	01684 295010
Glos Highways	0800 0 514 514
Faulty Streetlights	0800 0 514 514
Police (non-emergency)	101
101 is 15p, the local call number is	01452 726920
Fire/Police/Ambulance	999
(emergency only)	
NHS 'Out of Hours'	08454 220220
NHS Help line	111
Adult social services and	
District nurses	01452 328224
Samaritans	116123
Citizens Advice	01452 527202
Children's social services	01452 328213
CARE direct	0800 444000
Electricity Power Loss	0800 328 1111
Water Services &	0800 783 4444
Emergencies	
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Emmaus*	01452 413095

*at Chequers Road, Gloucester:

Collections and Sale of furniture, electrical goods etc.

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Julian Meeting

Meeting in silence with God

Please do join us for 30 minutes of silent prayer followed
by a cup of tea together.

Time: 2:30pm Wednesday November 26th 2025

Place: 52 Lambert Avenue, Shurdington. GL51 4ST

Ian & Wendy Davies (01242 861293)



Shurdington church and village organisations

Churchwarden	Mr Andrew Spence	(01242) 862101
PCC Secretary	Mrs Lisa Pearson	(01242) 862538
PCC Treasurer	Mrs Christine Langham	(01242) 861218
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Mothers' Union	Mrs Janet Holmes	(01242) 862989
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Verger		
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Scout Group	Mrs Louise Slee	
	15thcheltenhamscoutgroup@gmail.com	
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Friendship Club	Mrs Maureen West	(01242) 863991
Children's Society	Mrs Helen King	(01242) 862505

In time of illness if you would like a visit and / or to be remembered in prayer please contact Clare Stewart (01242) 862598, Sue Padfield (01452) 862509.

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Witcombe Under 5s	Kyla Hill	thevictoria@btinternet.com



Badgeworth church and Village organisations

Churchwardens	Mr Roger Brown	(01242) 239179
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PCC Secretary	Mrs Antoinette Wilson	(01452) 856907
PCC Treasurer	Mrs Hazel Cotton	(01452) 857180
Gift Aid Officer	Mr Roger Brown	(01242) 239179
Sacristan	Mrs Sue Avery	(01242) 520388
Verger	Mrs Rachel Cottell	(01452) 715034
Captain of Bells	Mr David Turner	(01452) 712302
Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Roger Brown	(01242) 239179
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs H.L. Jones	07840073143
Village Hall	Mrs Rachel Cottell	(01452) 715034
Friends of Church	Mrs Beverly Pickering	(01452) 712907

Open Mondays at Shurdington Community Centre

Century Hall from 11am – 4pm
Second and last Monday of the month.

Refreshments

No charge and all are welcome.

Newspapers, jigsaws, table tennis, charge your phone or just have a chat.

Between 2pm and 4pm, there will be a family film showing on our cinema system.

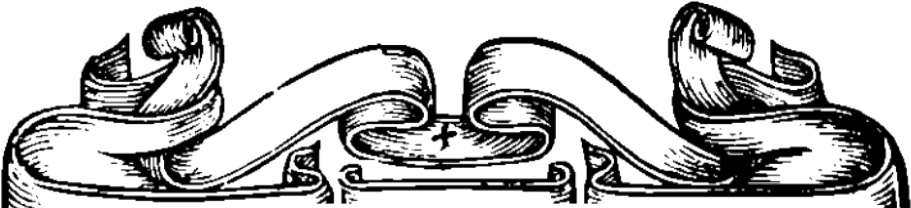
Play facilities for children and on the last Monday of the month, an **NHS run Baby Hub**.

All welcome



Supported by: **Shurdington Parish Council, Tewkesbury
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Gloucestershire Community Foundation**



BOOKS AND BANTER

book club

We are a friendly bunch of book lovers, meeting ten times a year in Beauty and the Teacup in Shurdington at 6pm, usually on the second Friday of the month.

New members are always welcome.

Our next meeting is on Friday 14th Nov.

And the remaining date for 2025 is

12th December

If you'd like to join, please email

revsusancooke@gmail.com or ask Wendy in Beauty and the Teacup or just turn up! All welcome!

Susan & Wendy.



Shurdington Community Wellbeing activities

Event	Day & Time	Details	Contact
Bingo @CC	First Friday of every month	£8 to play, profits go to charity.	Just turn up
Books and Banter @BATT	Monthly, on Fridays, 6pm	Reading group (10 meetings a year)	Susan Cooke revsusancooke@gmail.com 01242 321806 or
Busy Hands @SC	2 nd Weds of each month, 10am 12noon	Monthly crafting activity, open to all	Beth Jones 07411121806 or Charlotte
Cards and socialising @BATT	After lunch till 3pm, Weds – Sun	Come along for a game of cards or a board game	Just turn up!
Chair Based Exercise Class @CC	Every Thursday 11am	Free Tea, coffee and snack. Suitable for everyone	miles@pendulumfitness.co.uk Or call Miles on
Clubbercise Combat @CC	Saturday 9am - 9:45	£6 per session, pay on the door	
Crafty Afternoon @BATT	1st Weds of the month 2pm-4pm	Join in with a craft project or bring your own	Wendy Lovett or Beth Jones

50+ Dance Fitness Class @CC	Thursdays, 10am 11am	First class free	Prue Howlett pruehowlett@gmail.com
Friendship Group Lunch @BATT	Thursdays 12:30pm	All welcome, no need to book. Special offer meal, pudding & hot drink = £12.95	Wendy Lovett w.lovett63@gmail.com 07786986002

Greenway Community Choir @SPCH	Thursday evenings, term time only 7:30pm	All welcome, no auditions, free of charge	Susan Cooke
Greenway Gifts @SPCH	Mondays 9 to 10am (except Bank Holidays) And on 3 rd Mondays, this includes cake and chat	Village foodbank, no referral necessary	Susan Cooke
Open Mondays @CC	11am - 4pm 2nd & 4th Mon of month	Refreshments, games, relax, family film from 2pm, free	Just turn up
Pilates Classes @CC	Every Tuesday 6:30 7:30pm	Suitable for all levels and ages	Call Kate on 07974370572 or email kp@elkstonegrove.c
Prize Bingo @BATT	Last Fri of the month, 7pm	Families welcome	Wendy Lovett

Theatre trip @BATT	Thursday matinee, once a month		Wendy Lovett
Whist Weds @BATT	Every Wednesday 7pm		Wendy Lovett

Venue key CC = Community Centre BATT = Beauty and the Teacup

TBI – The Bell Inn SPCH – St Paul’s Church Hall SC = Shurdington Chapel

Awe, light and cheer at Festival of Wonder 2025

Anticipation is building for Stroud's annual Festival of Wonder, held in St Laurence Church: a celebration designed to help recapture a sense of awe and wonder of God's creation, bringing light, cheer and wonder to the darkness of winter.

Now in its fourth year, the festival will run from 21 to 23 November, bringing together both professional and amateur performances of music, drama, comedy, and circus. There will also be workshops, children's activities, a creche, a reflective space, the famous Wall of Wonder, food, warmth, and community.

Almost all the events are free and suitable for all ages.

Bryan Court, chair of the Festival of Wonder operations team, said: "The festival is a gift to our community and the ethos behind it is to encourage a re-imagining of what Church could be like, and certainly how the church building might be used to the benefit the whole community. Unfortunately, a lot of people consider church buildings as dark and unfriendly spaces – somewhere you go for funerals or weddings, and often where fundraising is a predominant feature. Our hope is the festival will challenge some of these misconceptions and may just spark in some people the beginning of a journey of faith."

One of the highlights is a trapeze performance inside the church. "It really does encourage people to view the church in a fresh way," Bryan said.

This year's storyline is based on the parable of the Pearl of Great Price, symbolising the pricelessness of the Kingdom of Heaven. Inclusivity is a key aspect of the festival, with two free Relaxed Performances for people with additional needs.

"For these two shows, the circus performance is adjusted in a way that makes it accessible to those whose needs are special, whether it be a physical disability or a neurodiverse factor where sometimes just the sheer excitement of being in a crowded place can be

overwhelming,” Bryan said. Throughout the weekend there will be chaplains and a quiet space for reflection so that people can make sense of all that they have seen and experienced. The festival partners with the Diocese of Gloucester, receiving support through the LIFE Together Fund and other donors.

Kathryn Warner, Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Officer, said: “Festival of Wonder is very grateful for the funding they’ve received from the Diocesan LIFE Together Fund to both invest in delivering this year’s event, and in developing opportunities to grow and develop over the coming years, in partnership with colleagues across the diocese. They have also received funding from Sylvanus Lysons towards this year’s event.”

Visit the Festival of Wonder website at <https://festivalofwonder.org>.

Historic chapel revived as ‘The Shepherd’s Hut’ in Little Sodbury

An abandoned chapel in Little Sodbury has been restored and reopened as ‘The Shepherd’s Hut’, offering traditional Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion services and new outreach initiatives.

The once-derelict chapel has been transformed with comfortable seating, a kitchenette, and donated furnishings, including a locally painted image of *The Shepherd* symbolising its renewed purpose. During restoration, the Revd Thomas Powe discovered 19th-century chapel minutes which expressed hope that the building would be used in future to “forward the Gospel of Christ.” He said, “It’s extraordinary that it became a church, ceased to be one, and has now returned to Christian ministry.”

Led by father and son team, David and Thomas Powe, the project aims to help people explore faith through traditional worship. Regular BCP services will take place at 10am on Friday 14 November and 12 December.

If you are interested in attending, email revthomaspowe@gmail.com.

The Missing Peace book launch

Bishop Rachel will join author Chris Whittington at Pip and Jim’s, Cheltenham, on Thursday 20 November to celebrate his new book

The Missing Peace. The evening (6.45pm to 9.15pm) features discussion, reflection, and a signing exploring how silent prayer can reveal inner peace and divine love. Admission is free for donors or £10–£20 suggested. Find out more:

<https://gloucester.anglican.org/2025/bishop-rachel-to-join-the-missing-peace-book-launch/>

Events and training

More details for all these events at gloucester.anglican.org/events

Autumn fair, Quedgeley Community Centre, School Lane, Quedgeley, GL2 4PN, Saturday 8 November, 2pm to 4pm

A fair organised by St James' Quedgeley and Kingsway for the autumn season, with stalls, Christmas gifts, refreshments, raffle and a tombola.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1220499783451917&set=a.550903577078211>

Civic remembrance service, Gloucester Cathedral, GL1 2LX, Sunday 9 November, 3pm

A service to honour those who gave their lives at this special county service in the Cathedral. <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/county-service-of-remembrance-25>

Gloucester lantern parade, Gloucester Cathedral, GL1 2LX, Saturday 15 November, 4pm

Gloucester's annual lantern parade begins at Gloucester Cathedral with a 4pm carol service, then winds through the city centre showcasing 'community in nature' lanterns created by local schools and community groups. <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/gloucester-lantern-parade-p3818703>

Gloucester City Mission's Christmas carol concert, Gloucester Cathedral, GL1 2LX, Friday 28 November, 7pm

Gloucester City Mission is performing Christmas carols at the Cathedral, featuring local choirs and a chance to learn about the charity's work with the homeless and vulnerable.

<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/gloucester-city-mission-s-christmas-concert-25>

ALL WELCOME
ANOTHER FUN EVENING at WITCOMBE



BINGO & FISH'nCHIPS

at Witcombe with Bentham Village
Hall GL34TB

on Saturday, 29th November, 7pm

★CHRISTMAS-THEMED PRIZES★RAFFLE★

Tickets: contact Christine 01452 862399
christinedyermmx@btinternet.com

*Organised by WSF/St Mary's PCC in aid of
Church & Community*

*Monday 22nd December 2025
Beginning at 6:00 pm in
Holy Trinity Church,
Badgeworth*



Maybe times are, or have been, hard for you – for whatever reason (bereavement, illness, estrangement, worry) – and Christmas seems to accentuate, rather than ease, the difficulties. Or maybe in an overly busy life, you just want a little space to reflect, recall, regroup.

Whatever the reason, whatever the need, you will be welcome at this service.

Wide Valley Calendars 2025

A number of **Wide Valley calendars** are available (over and above those for which orders have already been placed), **with profits going to St Mary's**. Like almost everything else, the cost of production has again increased, but I have managed to keep the sale price per calendar to £15 (plus p&p, where applicable); if, however, you are prepared voluntarily to pay a little more for the sake of the hard-pressed coffers of St Mary's, it will be very gratefully received.



As usual, all the photographs were taken in the "Wide Valley" - the whole sweep encompassed by the Cotswold escarpment, from Cooper's Hill in the south to Shurdington Hill in the north - each one in the month which it illustrates,

though in a range of different years.

Orders to me, please, by **e-mail (preferred)** or 'phone (robintaylorgilbert@btinternet.com; 01242.862284).

Robin Gilbert



ADVENT SUNDAY SERVICE



30th November 10am

*Please come along to a service to celebrate the
start of Advent.*

Singing traditional Advent carols, lighting our first candle on the Advent Wreath, and thinking about Advent as we start our journey towards Christmas.

Music will be provided by children from the school playing ukuleles, supported by Greenway Community Choir.

All are welcome to Shurdington Church of England Primary School, for worship, with good access for buggies and wheelchairs and refreshments afterwards.



It was good to meet together again for our October meeting. Mark King was welcomed as our speaker and we began with Prayers led by Gill, remembering Janet, George, John and John, and Vi Wright, a lifelong member of MU at Longlevens who has recently died at the age of 99 years. We then read and signed the minutes of the September Corporate Communion Service. After this we sorted out arrangements for our Coffee Morning on the 18th October. Janet then announced a few notices and then she introduced Mark King who presented a most lively and informative presentation with pictures on a tiny island in Papua New Guinea so small it doesn't even show on a map!

Mark said he had visited this island twice and it has changed very little. Only women are allowed to own land and they are responsible for birth, growth and farming, the men for death and funerals. We saw some beautiful pictures, one of a Church built as Noah's Ark! Thank you Mark for such an interesting afternoon.

Tea was then served, raffle drawn and the afternoon closed with the Grace at 4.10pm.

Next Meeting 11th November - Rev. Daniel Newman - His Journey to Ordination.

Future Date 9th December - Preparation for Christmas.

THE GREENWAY BENEFICE

A CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTINGLE

Sunday, 30th November, 3pm

WITCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME



COFFEE MORNING PLUS



RAFFLE, BOOKS, PLANTS COFFEE, CAKE, BRIC-A-BRAC

SHURDINGTON CHURCH HALL
10-12 NOON

4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH



22nd November

IN AID OF THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHURCH HALL

POSADA ADVENT 2025



What is Posada about? - it's Spanish for a hotel or inn - from Advent Sunday, 30th November, until Christmas Day, a Nativity set with Mary and Joseph will travel on a rota basis round the Benefice visiting a succession of different families or places.

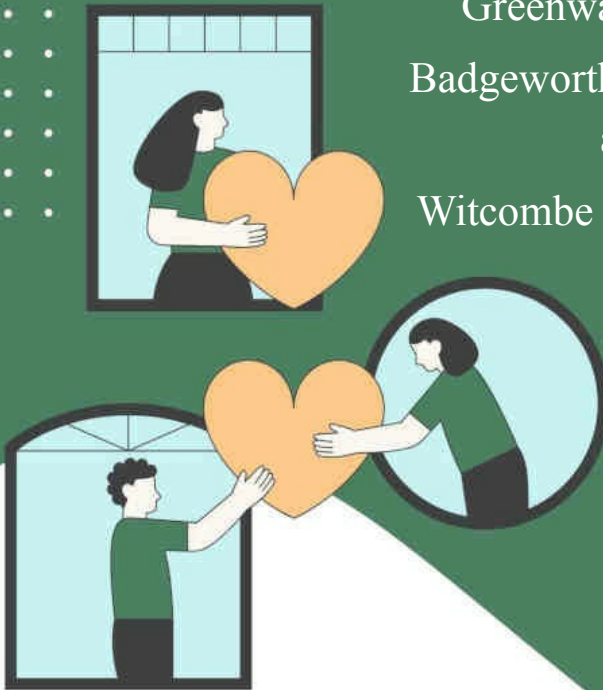
We hope that many homes in the Benefice or of members of the congregations will be prepared to host Mary and Joseph on their journey.

The time when Mary and Joseph 'stay' provides a great opportunity to share together with family, community or friends the true meaning of Christmas; perhaps with Carols, the telling of the story for children or with prayers. A short suggested service can be provided if wished.

As a rule, the procedure is for the Nativity set to be delivered to you at a pre-arranged time and for you or your organisation to take it on to the next hosts, but this can be altered according to circumstances

If you would like to be involved, please sign up by contacting Sue Padfield: 01452 862509; suepadfield@btinternet.com or speak to the Vicar or a Churchwarden.

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1st Nov, 6th Dec.

10am-12noon

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Please bring items for the Foodbank box.

A community event organized by Holy Trinity Church and sponsored by Badgeworth Village Hall

Christmas Cover Competition 2025!

Closing Date 10th November

Children (preschool and primary aged) - We would love you to design a nativity-themed front cover for our Christmas 3in1 magazine. We may also use one of your entries for our church Christmas card. There will be prizes!

Please create your design on a piece of A5 paper. **Try to fill the whole space, make it bold and colourful, remembering that we are looking for things relating to the baby Jesus being born.**

Parents/carers/adults – please fill in the details below and return your entries to school/ preschool/ nursery/ church/ cubs/ beavers/ chapel/ Shurdington church hall by Mon 10th November. Thank you!

Child's

name: _____

(Please make sure we can read the name clearly)

Child's age: _____

School/Preschool/Meadows/Church/Cubs/Beavers/Chapel/Villager* *please delete as appropriate

I confirm that this is my child's own work (parent/carer/adult please sign) _____

If you don't attend one of the groups mentioned, please remember to include your address so that we can find you if you win! Any entries can be posted into the post box at the church hall on School Lane in Shurdington. Open to all three parishes.

Reverend Susan and the team.

Greenway Gifts



Food Bank

If you need some help with groceries, please come along to our non-referral food bank, every Monday, **except Bank Holidays**, between 9am and 10am, at St Paul's Church Hall. This is for Shurdington, Witcombe, Bentham and Badgeworth, and those associated with Shurdington School and Shurdington Preschool.



Cake and Chat

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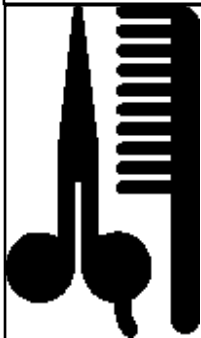
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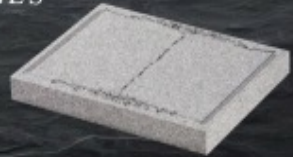
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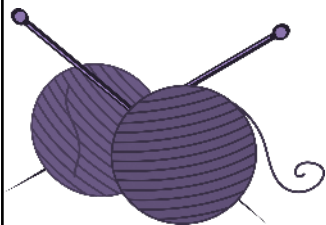
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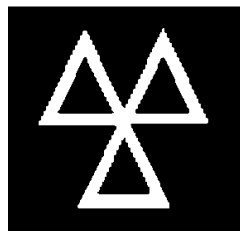
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