Please pray for....

- All who have recently died. For Susan (Kaye's daughter) and Zebedee (aged 17). Pray for God to comfort their family and friends. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- Those who find this season difficult. May they feel God's strength, peace and hope in their lives
- Our schools, that all involved in school life may grow in faith as they prepare to celebrate Christmas

And for those who are unwell and have asked for prayer:

Ruby, Lynn, John and Jo, Jane

You can send a prayer need anytime to our dedicated email prayer network and our members will pray for you. You can also become a member of the prayer link. Simply email with your prayer need and/or your request to Tony Parker.

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Readings for December 21st

Isaiah 7:10 - 16 Romans 1: 1 - 7 Matthew 1: 18 - end

The Two Rivers Benefice News Sheet.

for the parishes of Spetisbury, Charlton Marshall, Blandford St Mary, Langton Long, Tarrant Rushton with Tarrant Rawston and Tarrant Keynston with Tarrant Crawford.



'Seeking God, serving others, stronger together'.

Sunday December 14th

9:30 - Communion at St Mary's Church, Blandford St Mary

11:00 - Christingle at St Mary's Church, Tarrant Rushton

15:00 - Carol Service at All Saints Church, Langton Long

Readings

Isaiah 35:1 - 10 James 5:7 - 10 Matthew 11: 2 - 11

Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

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.

Post Communion prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen

Looking Ahead....

Tuesday Dec 16th

18:00 - Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church, Blandford St Mary Sunday Dec 21st

9:30 - Family Carols at St Mary the Virgin Church, Charlton Marshall

9:30 - Communion at St John the Baptist Church, Spetisbury

11:00 - Reflective service at All Saints Church, Langton Long

18:30 - Carols by Candlelight at All Saints Church, Tarrant Keynston

Monday Dec 22nd

18:00 - Carols by Candlelight at St John the Baptist Church, Spetisbury

Wednesday - Christmas Eve - Dec 24th

17:00 - Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church, Tarrant Rushton

23:30 - Midnight Communion by Candlelight at St Mary's Church,
Charlton Marshall

Thursday - Christmas Day Dec 25th

9:30 - Communion at St John the Baptist Church, Spetisbury

10:00 - All Age Worship at St Mary the Virgin Church, Charlton Marshall

11:00 - Communion at All Saints Church, Langton Long



Sunday Dec 28th

9:30 - Communion at St Mary the Virgin Church, Charlton Marshall

11:00 - Communion at All Saints Church, Langton Long

Morning Prayer - Every Thursday by Zoom, 9:00am.

The code for all Zoom services is: 820 689 2802, passcode:QjL26S



What's Happening....



Coffee and cake

on Thursday 18th December from
10.00am to 11.30
at St Mary's Church,
Blandford St Mary DT11 9ND
With another opportunity
to view the
Christmas Windows display



1st and 3rd Friday of every month

All Saints Church, Langton Long

Langton Lunches

Hospitality - Warmth - Food

12-2pm - eat in or take away

Donations welcome

Looking ahead....

New Years Day Bonfire and fireworks

A fun family event at Clapcotts farm, Spetisbury
Hot dogs * Refreshments * Mulled wine * Bar * Toilets

1st January from 5:00 pm

Adults £5.00, Under 16s £3.00 Under 5 free



COME AND JOIN US FOR CRAFTERNOONS'

St. Mary's Church, Blandford St Mary DT11 9ND
Mostly 1st Thursday every month 2pm to 4pm
Dates for 2026: 8th Jan, 5th Feb, 5th March,
2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 6th Aug,
3rd Sept, 1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec.
£3.00 including refreshments

