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'.

Advent Sunday
Sunday 29th November

10.45am Communion Service at Spetisbury Church

Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13: 24-end

Collect – Advent Sunday

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 6th December
10.45am Together Communion at Langton Long Church
3.00pm Christingle Crafts and Tea followed by
4.00pm Christingle at Charlton Marshall Church

Sunday 13th December
9.30am Communion at Blandford St Mary Church
11.00am Christingle at Tarrant Rushton Church
3.00pm Carol Service at Langton Long Church

Tuesday 15th December
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight at Blandford St Mary Church

Sunday 20th December
9.30am Family Carols at Charlton Marshall Church
11.00am Reflective Christmas at Langton Long Church
4.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Spetisbury Church
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight at Tarrant Keynston Church

Tuesday 22nd December
5.30pm Christingle at Blandford St Mary Church

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Tarrant Rushton Church
11.30pm Midnight Communion at Charlton Marshall Church

Christmas Day
9.30am Communion at Spetisbury Church
10.00am All Age Worship at Charlton Marshall Church
11.00am Communion at Langton Long Church

Sunday 27th December
10.45am Communion at Blandford St Mary Church

Morning Prayer - Every Thursday by Zoom, 9:00am.
Use link below or join meeting with ID & Passcode
https://tinyurl.com/TwoRiversBen
The code for all Zoom services is: 705 869 3298, passcode:zB3Med

Home Group - Next meetings December 2nd and 16th. Spent. All welcome.
For more information please contact Robin at robin.turnbull@gmail.com

What's Happening

Events in December

Thursday 3rd December
2pm-4pm Crafternoons at Blandford St Mary Church £3.00

Friday 4th December
1.00pm Lunch Club at Charlton Marshall

Monday 7th December
10am-12pm Christmas Crafts and Festive Refreshments at Spetisbury Church

Saturday 12th December
3.30pm Bellringers Carol Service at Spetisbury Church

Thursday 17th December
10.00am-11.30am Festive Coffee and Cake at Blandford St Mary Church

7.00pm *Christmas Concert at Charlton Marshall Church*

Friday 18th December
11.00am Spetisbury Manor Carol Service
(please speak to Revd Carolyn if you would like to join the singing)

Charity Stall

All Saints, Langton Long have a Charity table at the Corn Exchange in Blandford on Thursday 10th December. We will be selling home-made cakes, crafts and jewellery. There will also be a Tombola and we would be grateful for any donations towards this. Items may be brought to the Together Communion at Langton on Sunday 6th December.



Christmas Wreaths

A great time was had at the recent children's Christmas Wreath Workshop at Blandford St Mary Church. Do pop along if you are able to view the wreaths from mid – December. The church is open every day.



Coffee and Cake
Spetisbury Church
1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 10:00 -11:30am

Coffee Stop at Charlton Marshall Parish Centre
10:30 - 12:30 Tues - Friday every week.

Looking ahead….


NEW YEAR'S DAY


1st January 2027 from 5.00pm
Fireworks
A fun family event at Spetisbury School Entrance £6.00 Children £3
Hotdogs * Refreshments * Mulled Wine
Car Parking School and Old Parlour

The postponed inter parish quiz will now take place on Saturday April 24th 2027 at 7pm in the Charlton Marshall Village Hall.

Please pray for ….

- Very sadly Canon John Goodall has recently died. Please pray for Jo, his family and friends and all who mourn him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
  There will be a Requiem mass held for him in Blandford St Mary Parish Church on Monday December 7th at 1pm.
  **Please note that if you are planning to attend the service there is free parking at Tescos, which is a short walk from the church. Please try to avoid parking in the new housing development at St Mary's Hill or if you do please be mindful not to block entrances or lines of vision for residents*.
  The limited parking at the church is being reserved for family and those with mobility issues.

- For Winston Leese who died recently and for his family and friends. There will be celebration of his life at Spetisbury Church at 12.30pm on Monday 30th November.

- For those who are unwell and have asked for prayer:

  Felicity, Mary, Vivien, Ellie, Alex

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