

Sunday 22nd December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

Reading: *Micah 5:2-5a or Hebrews 10:5-10* Gospel: *Luke 1:39-45(46-55)*

Psalm: 80:1-8 YEAR: C Liturgical Colour: **PURPLE**

Your services this Sunday

9am Holy Communion: *Chute, Shalbourne & Little Bedwyn*

11am Holy Communion: *Ham & Collingbourne Ducis*

6pm Carols: *Collingbourne Kingston & Burbage*

On Saturday 21st we have Carols at 6pm in Shalbourne

The Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our
saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Your Christmas Services

Please speak to clergy for readings. Purple until midnight mass then Gold/White.

Tuesday 24th

Burbage: 5pm Crib

Buttermere: 3pm Crib

Shalbourne: 3pm Crib

Chute: 4pm Crib & 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Collingbourne Ducis: 3pm 'Come to Bethlehem' & 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Tidcombe: 6pm Carols and Prayers

Great Bedwyn: 4pm Crib & Carols & 11pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th

Burbage: 11am Family Communion

Shalbourne: 9.30am Holy Communion

Ham: 9.30am Lay Morning Worship

Chute: 11am Family Communion

Collingbourne Kingston: 9.15am Holy Communion

East Grafton: 11am Holy Communion

St Katharine's: 9.30am Holy Communion

Little Bedwyn: 9.30am Holy Communion

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Andrew to take the 11pm service at Great Bedwyn on the 24th and Archdeacon Alan Jeans to take the 11am service at East Grafton on the 25th.

We keep in our prayers the family and friends of Michael Bendall whose funeral takes place on Friday 20th December at St Michael and All Angels, Shalbourne. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

On Monday 23rd January we celebrate the marriage of Steve Connor and Samantha Philips whose service takes place at St Michael & All Angels, Shalbourne. God Bless the new Mr & Mrs Connor and their family on this special day.

Will you be alone this Christmas?

Once again, the kindest invitation is extended by Wendy and Dave Skardon for you to join them for Christmas Lunch in Marten at 3pm. So, if you would like some company instead of being by yourself and can transport yourself to and from their home, please contact Wendy on 07989 228864 or wendy.skardon@outlook.com
No couples please, lone guests will be warmly welcomed.

Brass & Carols at The Tipple

Collingbourne Ducis Thursday 19th December 7.30pm.
Enjoy mulled wine with mince pies and the Phoenix Brass Band playing carol requests.

East Grafton Parish Council present Carols on The Green with refreshments. Sunday 22nd December 4pm

Sunday 29th December 2024

1st Sunday of Christmas

Reading: *Colossians 3:12-17* Gospel: *Luke 2:41-52*

Psalm: 148 Year: C Liturgical Colour: White

11am Team Holy Communion Service at St Mary's, Great Bedwyn

Followed by Sherry and Mince Pies. We do hope you can join us then!

Mid - Week Holy Communion

Join us every Wednesday at 12pm in the North Transept of St Mary's, Great Bedwyn.

**THE NEXT SERVICE AFTER 18th DECEMBER
WILL BE ON 22nd JANUARY**

'Coffee club' 10.30am to 12 noon in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall every first and third Wednesday **NO MEETING ON 18th DECEMBER OR 1st JANUARY**

'Fill the Gap' 12noon to 2.00pm every Tuesday in Burbage Church Centre **NEXT MEETING 7th JANUARY**

'Thursday Club' 12-2pm in the South Transept of St Mary's, Great Bedwyn. **NO MEETING ON 26th DECEMBER**

New Year's Day Bells Service

Wednesday 1st January 2025

St Michael & All Angels, Shalbourne

*We invite ringers from any tower to ring between
11am and noon.*

This is followed by a short Church service at midday led by Revd Dr Colin Heber-Percy. Everyone is welcome to join us to listen to the bells, to attend the service and to enjoy mulled wine afterwards.

Burbage House Groups are finished for 2024 and will resume in the new year. For further info contact

Teresa ter.wil@yahoo.co.uk or Joy joynguy@googlemail.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday 5th January 2025

2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany

Please speak to clergy for readings. Liturgical colour White.

9.30am Holy Communion: Little Bedwyn 11am Holy Communion: East Grafton & Ham

11am Family Service: Chute 11am Morning Prayer: Great Bedwyn

11am Lay Morning Prayer: St Katharine's

4pm Children's Service: Burbage

6pm Lay Evensong: Collingbourne Ducis

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Thought for the week

I ask you to hold in your prayers some amazing people: Jo & Colin, Ann, Clifford, Gerald, Howard, Keith, Patrick, Robert, Sue & Vanessa. Our resident clergy are working more than overtime at present and without our retired clergy helping us we would be very short on eucharist services. Special thanks to all the Lay Leaders for filling the gaps where needed and keeping our beautiful churches alive. God Bless & Happy Christmas! *Sammy.*