



The Benefice of
Eggardon & Colmers

PEWS NEWS

14 December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent
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SERVICES

Sunday 14 December	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 14 December	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 14 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Symondsbury
Friday 19 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Dottery
Saturday 20 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Loders
Sunday 21 December	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 21 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	North Poorton
Sunday 21 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Eype
Monday 22 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Broad oak

Click on this [link](#) if you would like to see who is taking each service.

Please note that this Sunday's 10.30am Morning Worship at Dottery has been cancelled.



Collect

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.

CAROL SERVICES



Starting this Sunday and over the next few weeks, we have carol services taking place at all the churches in the Benefice.

Details of the services are outlined on page 1 and 8.

Do come and join us this Christmas time.

WEEKLY WORDS



[Fade to Pink | Rev Chat Podcast 280](#)

Gaudete Sunday, a chance to rejoice in light amidst the winter darkness. Click on the link above to view.

PHOTOS FROM ADVENT SUNDAY



We have some super photos to share from Advent Sunday at Powerstock church, which was conducted by Rev Chris Grasske and Rev Juliette Hulme.

Peter Nardone, Choir Director and organist, is also featured.





presenting The
Dorset Fiddlers

*Join us for a concert of old and new traditional
music from the county ... and beyond*

—
Eype Centre for the Arts, St Peter's Church
13th December, 7pm

—
Tickets on door or via Ticket Source:
£16 Adults / £8 Children



Visit www.dorsetfiddlers.com

CAROLS, POEMS & MUSIC 13 DECEMBER POWERSTOCK



An hour of carols, poetry and folk music followed by refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies!

Saturday 13 December at 5pm, St Mary the Virgin, Powerstock.

All welcome.

CAKE - WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY

CAKE

Our next CAKE café is Wednesday 7 January from 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

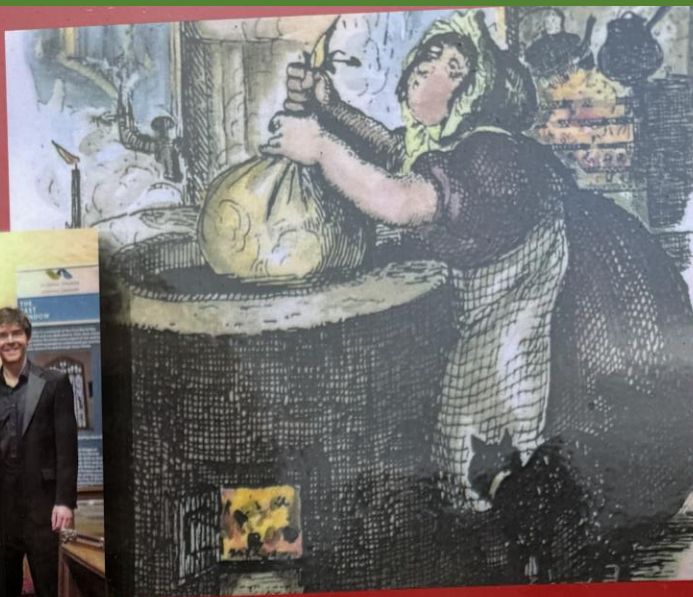
Come and join us – all welcome.

Theme: 'Into 2026'

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Details and lifts from Liz Guard, Lay
Pastoral Assistant, 01308 485463.





Figgy Pudding

Wednesday 17th December at 7pm (ends around 8.45pm)

St Mary Magdalene Church, Loders DT6 3RZ

The five singers of Opus Anglicanum, along with narrator Alex Knox, present a joyous programme of Christmas fun with festive readings mixed with carols, music-hall, and folk songs.

Tickets are £20 at www.ticketsource.co.uk/music-in-loders or on the door



Drinks and nibbles will be available during the interval

*Music in Loders
2025*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Christmas Eve	6.30pm	Carol Service	Askerswell
Christmas Eve	9.00pm	Eucharist	North Poorton
Christmas Eve	11.00pm	Midnight Mass	Loders
Christmas Eve	11.00pm	Midnight Mass	Symondsbury
Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Crib Service	Symondsbury
Christmas Day	9.30am	Eucharist	Askerswell
Christmas Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Christmas Day	11.00am	Carol Service	Powerstock
Sunday 28 December	11.00am	The After Feast	Powerstock

TWELVE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme for 2025 revolves round a single word: Joy!

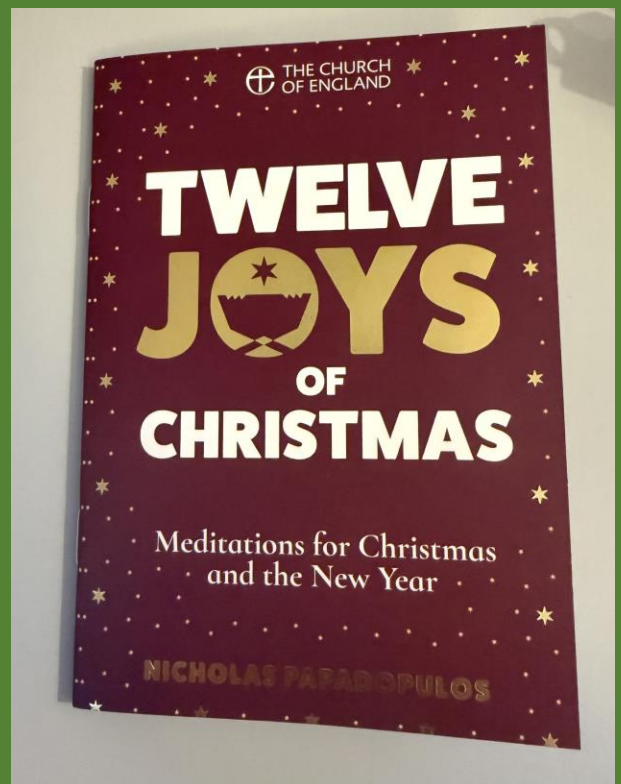


Our churches and cathedrals will - as always - be seeking to make the most of the opportunity December brings to share *The Joy of Christmas* with their communities.

Click on this [link](#) to find out more from The Church of England website.

To help you enter deeper into prayer this Christmas, a set of funny and profound reflections for the festive period have been created by The Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos, the Dean of Salisbury, who explores twelve classic hallmarks of the festive season - from Christmas jumpers to the Pantomime - in search of a deeper truth about the good news of God's love.

Rev Chris has secured a number of these booklets that will be available in Church.



"SAY ONE FOR ME..."

If you have any concerns that you would like Rev Chris to pray for, he has a list of people and things that he prays for every day and would happily add your request to that list.

To be added to his prayer list, send him an email or text message with "Say one for me" in the subject heading.

07977 136750 or
revcgrasske@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER VIA ZOOM 8.00AM

Each Wednesday morning, Rev Chris holds a Morning Prayer Service over zoom starting at 8.00a.m. If you are interested in joining this service, please contact Rev Chris by email and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

PRAYER TREES



We also have twisted willow 'Prayer Trees' in our four larger churches, where you can hang a prayer on the tree.

These are collected regularly and included in the prayers at 'Cake' before being passed on to Rev Chris.

CHURCH DONATIONS

We now have facilities at Loders to take contactless donations and at Askerswell, Powerstock and Symondsburry donations can be made through QR codes.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations that help support our churches.



LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

[Our Facebook](#)

[Our Website](#)

If you have any relevant newsworthy items for inclusion in future editions of The Pews News, please send them to our email address below. Ensure they arrive by Thursday 12 noon so we can get them published the same week. Thank you.

CONTACTS & INFORMATION

To receive your weekly **Pews News** and other updates from the Benefice, please email the administrator using the link here:

[Benefice Administrator Email](#)

Neighbourhood Watch: If you live in the Benefice and would like any help, advice or a chat, please contact the administrator who can arrange for someone from one of the local teams to get in touch.

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