

The Benefice of
Eggardon & Colmers

PEWS NEWS

29 November 2026
Advent Sunday

BENEFICE EUCHARIST WITH ADVENT CAROLS & LIVE MUSIC

This Sunday we have just one service in the Benefice at St Mary the Virgin, Powerstock at 11.00am.
There will be advent carols and live music, and we look forward to seeing you at the weekend.



Click on this link if you would like to see who is taking each service.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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



The Collect

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.

DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 6 December	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Powerstock
Sunday 6 December	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
Sunday 13 December	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 13 December	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 13 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Symondsbury



Friday 18 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Dottery
Saturday 19 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Eype
Sunday 20 December	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 20 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Loders
Tuesday 22 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	North Poorton
Wednesday 23 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Broadoak
Christmas Eve	6.30pm	Carol Service	Askerswell
Christmas Eve	9.00pm	Eucharist	North Poorton
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
Christmas Day	11.00am	Eucharist	Loders

WEEKLY WORDS

Stay Awake | Rev Chat Podcast 314

Advent Sunday and the beginning of the festival season.
Click on the link to view.



BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES

It is with sadness that we share that the funeral of Nigel Foot will take place on 1 December at 11am, St Michael & All Angels.

The funeral of Fred Crabb will take place on 4 December at 12pm, Loders, following his recent sad passing.

It is with much sorrow that we share the sad news that Wendy Stevens recently passed away, and her funeral will take place on 11 December at 12.30pm Loders.

CAKE WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER

CAKE



Our next café is Wednesday 2 December

From 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

Theme: 'Sing'

lizguard@ymail.com

Details and lifts from Liz Guard, Lay Pastoral Assistant,

07789 168077

Everyone welcome!

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2026

This Advent and Christmas, the Church of England 'invite you to focus on the first and greatest Christmas gift of all: the gift of God being born as one of us in Jesus Christ.'



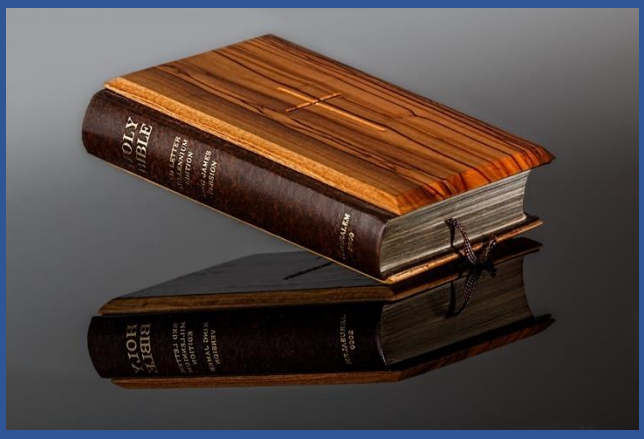
If you would like more information on the Church of England's theme for Christmas 2026 – The Gift of Christmas – click on this link. Here you can find useful digital resources for churches.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER VIA ZOOM 8.00AM



On a 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 (revcgrasske@gmail.com) and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in.
Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GROUP



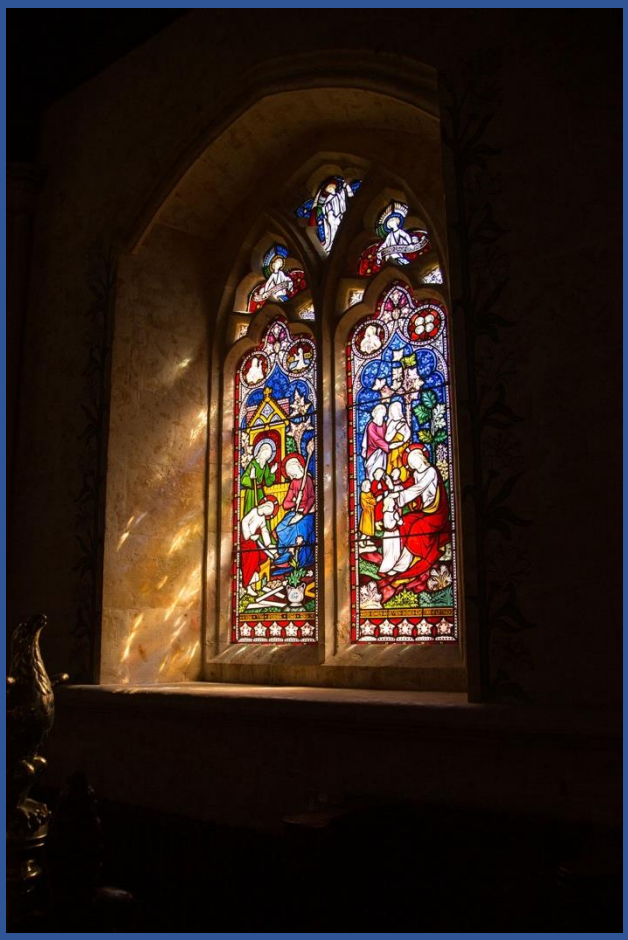
The Benefice Bible Discussion group meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 4-5pm at Merriott House, Powerstock, DT6 3SZ.
For more details contact Angelica Kennard
tel: 07837287366

“SAY ONE FOR ME…”

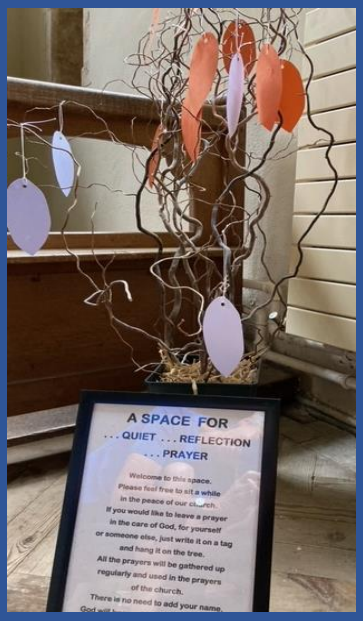
If you have any concerns that you would like Rev Chris to pray for, he has a list of people and things that he prays for every day and would happily add your request to that list.

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



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 Symondsbury 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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