



Welcome to the Churches of the

OKEFORD BENEFICE

serving the parishes of:
Child Okeford with Manston, Hammoon,
Okeford Fitzpaine, and Shillingstone.

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*(Work Days - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
Days off - Monday and Thursday)*

The OKEFORD BENEFICE PEW SHEET for week commencing 12th November 2023

Kingdom Season

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

- 10.45am Child Okeford by the Cross (Rev'd Andrew)
10.45am Shillingstone at the War Memorial (Sue Rawlinson) **** See note below
10.45am Okeford Fitzpaine in the Churchyard (Chris Jay and Steve Vestbirk)
1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25. 1-13.

Sunday 19th November – 2nd before Advent

- 10.30am Holy Communion in the Shillingstone Church Centre (Rev'd Andrew)
Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30
4.30pm BCP Evensong at Manston.
Psalm 89.19-29; Revelation 1.4-18; Luke 9.1-6

Sunday 26th November – Christ the King/St Andrew

- 10.30am Holy Communion at Okeford Fitzpaine (Patronal) (Rev'd Andrew)
Ezekiel 34, 11-16,20-24; Ephesians 1. 15-end; Matthew 25. 31-end

**** Coffee will be served in Shillingstone Church Centre immediately after the

Act of Remembrance Service in Shillingstone. Everyone is welcome ****

MIDWEEK MORNING PRAYER on Zoom – 9am - strength and fellowship through the week

Tuesday	Morning Prayer	Meeting ID: 477 411 962	Password: 078302
Wednesday	Morning Prayer	Meeting ID: 786 031 572	Password: 022630
Thursday	Morning Prayer	Meeting ID: 612 970 430	Password: 022861
Friday	Morning Prayer	Meeting ID: 943 031 333	Password: 078758



Church Giving! Please do continue to support the work and ministry of the church. Giving to the church is about supporting the life and work of the local church. On the Okeford Benefice website, just click on the blue 'donate' button, and find the picture of your village church – there are various ways of giving money including by card, PayPal or BACS. (There is a separate tile for the reordering project at St Andrew's, and the re-roofing at Holy Rood).

(Church of the Holy Rood, Shillingstone)

The Funeral of the late George Marshall will take place on Friday 17th November 2023 at Noon, at Poole Crematorium, to which all are invited, and then afterwards at "Wistaria Cottage", Shillingstone.
Family flowers only.
Please wear colour!

The Funeral of long-time Shillingstone resident Gerald Kellaway-Moore will take place in Holy Rood Church on Thursday 23rd November at 2pm.

All are welcome.

St Andrew's Church, Okeford Fitzpaine

The PCC is looking for a new Treasurer following the decision by the current Treasurer to retire at the end of the year.

If you are interested or perhaps know of somebody who may be interested, could you kindly contact either Sue or Chris Jay (Churchwardens) on 01258 860153.

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Given a mountainous burden of grief at Remembrance it helps to have specifics in view each year, giving perspective on recent events of conflict, and terror and the intimidating geopolitics of our age. This November falls soon after the 80th WWII anniversaries: of the start of an Italian Campaign in 1943 in Sicily and the South; of Italy changing sides after defeat in North Africa, of its Civil War and Resistance movement; of colossal human losses from fighting on mountainous terrain, not only to Monte Cassino in 1944, but all the way North to Spring 1945; so much for Churchill's 'soft underbelly' of Southern Europe!

This longer perspective reveals spiritual issues too. The complexity of Italy's place in that war emerged from populist aspirations to revive a Roman Empire personified in Mussolini, embroiled in critical moments such as the Spanish Civil war, in an unravelling of Southern Europe and a wider competition of empires as Italy gravitated to a Nazi Axis. Sadly 'Christian Europe' was unable to resist the lure and consequences of empire or to resolve the conflict of nations. Populism then and now easily unravels a delicate Peace, Empires (soft or hard) still seek powerful global alliances and new advantages that seem to enhance the risk of domination, expansion, even a multiplying of theatres of war. Beyond traditional geo-politics, religious fundamentalisms allied with rabid force have proven their terrifying outcomes all too clearly.

In contrast the spiritual preparation for professional military service has a long history. Recent events show the necessity of an appropriate military discipline under the severest provocation. Remembering is not to glorify battle, but to reckon with the cost of war: personal, communal, national and global. Listen to Micah:

'What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.'

Join Andrew or others at your Act of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November
from 10.30am
as we pray for all who continue to suffer,
remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives have been given and taken away,
and as we commit ourselves afresh to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may yet live in freedom, justice and peace.

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OTHER NEWS

The Licensing of me as Rector by Bishop Karen has now moved location. All are welcome to this at Sung BCP Evensong on Sunday 3rd December at 2pm in St Nicholas Church, Child Okeford.

This is a brief service. Afterwards you will also be welcome to an Ecumenical Advent Songs of Praise at St Gregory's Church, Marnhull at 3.30pm - both events celebrating the newly reconstituted Pilgrim Group of Churches.

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There will be a fortnightly Book Group on offer this Winter:

Wednesdays at either 2pm-3pm or 7.30pm-8.45pm: 29th November and 13th December.

3rd, 17th and 31st January 2024.

Locations or Online to be confirmed.

Our book is entitled '**Virtue Reborn**' by Prof Tom Wright, a historian and NT scholar who was formerly Bishop of Durham

This is a fresh look at debates Christians have had and are still having about the way we live, in particular how we draw on the life, love and Spirit of God as practicing Christians. If it is about following the Rules, achieving authenticity or forming a Christian character, what then are the consequences? Wherever you start, your participation is welcome.

New copies of this book will cost around £12, but second-hand copies might be cheaper - Please contact Andrew speedily with your preference for timing, your book needs and an expression of interest. Then we will confirm locations.

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BENEFICE INFORMATION. The nature of our regular Sunday Services, outreach and pastoral care is shaped by our Ministry Team, made up of a Benefice Priest, Lay Minister (PTO), Lay Worship Leader and Lay Pastoral Assistants. Contact details for them are as follows:

Rev'd Andrew Gubbins, Benefice Priest - 07734 393906
Abi Rudd, Lay Worship Leader - 01258 861367
Carolyn Angelucci, Lay Pastoral Asst - 01258 860049

Sue Rawlinson, Lay Minister (PTO) - 01258 863733
Ruth Allen, Lay Pastoral Asst - 01258 860068
Jill Burton, Lay Pastoral Asst - 01258 860487

Contact details for a Churchwarden in each Parish are as follows:

Child Okeford with Manston – Keith Allen – 01258 860068. Hammoon – Charlie Poë – 01258 860325.
Okeford Fitzpaine – Chris Jay – 01258 860153. Shillingstone – Lesley Gasson – 01258 861690.

All enquiries concerning Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals should be directed to the Benefice Priest.

For any upcoming events/notices to be included in the 'Pew Sheet,' please contact me, Diana J Lewis, via email at pentridge@btinternet.com by Noon each Thursday. Emails will receive confirmation of receipt.

The 'Pew Sheet' will also be distributed by me!

Please do use this, and the website, to stay up to date with news and information.

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

At the Portman Hall

Saturday 18th November

Listen or Dance to
Jon Jenkins and Graham Rains



play a selection of
Country Rock
Rhythm and Blues
plus Pop Classics

Back by popular demand

7.00 to 9.15

Licensed Bar

Tickets £15 per couple
Available From
Lesley Gasson 861 690
Ann Powell 861 397