



Welcome to the Churches of the

OKEFORD BENEFICE

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

Benefice website: okefordbenefice.org
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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 26th November 2023

Sunday 26th November – Christ the King/St Andrew

10.30am Holy Communion (Patronal) Okeford Fitzpaine (Rev'd Andrew)
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1. 15-end; Matthew 25. 31-end

Sunday 3rd December – **ADVENT SUNDAY**

9am Holy Communion at Hammoon (Rev'd Andrew)
Isaiah 64. 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13. 24-end

Bishop Karen's Licensing of Rev'd Andrew Gubbins (Okeford Benefice) as Rector of the Okeford Benefice

2pm Evening Prayer at Child Okeford - BCP Evensong and Licensing
Psalm 25; Isaiah 1: 1-20; Matthew 21: 1-13

3.30pm Advent Carols / Licensing of Rev'd Gaenor Hockey + Refreshments follow at
St Gregory's Church, Marnhull

Sunday 10th December – Advent 2

10.30am Holy Communion at Child Okeford (Rev'd Andrew)
St Nicholas' Gift Service for Nourish/Women's Refuge
Isaiah 40: 1-11; Mark 1: 1-8

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



(St Nicholas', Manston)

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).

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.

FROM Rev'd Andrew

I can now confirm that the two Book Groups, meeting together on alternate Wednesdays to consider **Tom Wright's 'Virtue Reborn'** will meet as follows on 29th November and 13th December and then 3rd, 17th and 31st January 2024.

Afternoons 2pm-3pm in Shillingstone Church Centre

Evenings 7.30pm - 8.45pm at 19 Portman Drive, Child Okeford

At the Licensing, any financial offering is likely to be for Diocesan links with Sudan. However we would especially like people to feel able to collect and donate on the day **whatever ambient food** for our two Food initiatives that serve the Benefice: Nourish (Blandford Foodbank) and the Vale Pantry. It would not be too late to complete any intended 'reverse advent' gift boxes. Please see charity websites for the most requested items.

See the link below for the invitation to the Licensing Service:-

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ayKviawnvE7lj8Y484XWGB79Jqvq9_2uGLhc4m0P8n0/edit?usp=sharing

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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.  
Okeford Fitzpaine – Chris Jay – 01258 860153.

Hammoon – Charlie Poë – 01258 860325.  
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](mailto: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.

**And finally... 'THANK YOU for all that YOU are in the life of the villages and churches of The Okeford Benefice.'**

Welcome to all new readers of the weekly Pew Sheet !

Good to have you with us!