



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 5th November 2023

Sunday 5th November – All Saints' Sunday

9am Holy Communion at Hammoon – Rev'd Andrew ('A Great Multitude')
Revelation 7. 9-17; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

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)
10.45am Okeford Fitzpaine at the War Memorial (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

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 of the Holy Rood, Shillingstone)

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).

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!



Mighty Okes meets weekly! A lot of fun and a bit of God, this is a youth service for ages 13+. There's no charge to come, but a tuck shop is available. Come along to Shillingstone Church Centre every Sunday, from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. We'd really love to see you!

For more details, contact Steve Sexton on 01258 450931.



This is a club for children aged 9–14 and runs every Sunday at Okeford Fitzpaine Church from 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

There are games, quizzes, craft, a Bible story and a tuck shop. Apart from the tuck shop, everything is free. Younger/older children can often be accommodated too but please check with Steve first on 01258 450931.

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### **The November letter from the Bishop - The Rt Rev'd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury**



#### ***Forward to Adventure!***

In my former parish, there were various experiments we made to make the most of the unique atmosphere of preparation and excitement accompanying Advent. Shortest-lived was what we called the Nativity Crawl, which involved the familiar festive cast dressed in costume and released in stages onto the high street, to work their way along the five pubs situated there, finding 'no room at the inn' until culminating (with Carols and swaddled doll) in Carols at the last pub en route. It was fun but didn't quite catch light.

More successful was what we called The Adventure, whereby each evening in Advent, a small space around the benefice – someone's garage, or a school porch – would open for just one hour to give a glimpse of something festive and hope-filled.

Different households or groups would take responsibility for one night each, so the load was spread: some would simply sing Carols and serve Mulled Wine, others were more adventurous and creative, but all were exciting steps along the way to Christmas Eve, which took place in the Lychgate of one of the churches.

I recall this project (which wasn't my idea, by the way) fondly, because it began to change the rumour about church in the community and brought alive a

season that still kindles spiritual yearnings among so many.

My seventeen-year-old Daughter told me that 'getting ready for the party is better even than the party itself'.

In Advent, I'm inclined to agree.

# **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**

**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:

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|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Rev'd Andrew Gubbins, Benefice Priest - 07734 393906 | Sue Rawlinson, Lay Minister (PTO) - 01258 863733 |
| Abi Rudd, Lay Worship Leader - 01258 861367          | Ruth Allen, Lay Pastoral Asst - 01258 860068     |
| Carolyn Angelucci, Lay Pastoral Asst - 01258 860049  | Jill Burton, Lay Pastoral Asst - 01258 860487    |

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

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| 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](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.