



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

Rector: Rev'd Andrew Gubbins
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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

17th December 2023

Sunday 17th December – Advent 3

10.30am Holy Communion at Shillingstone (Rev'd Andrew)
Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday 24th December – Advent 4

9am Holy Communion at Hammoon – said service – Rev'd Andrew
Romans 16: 25-end; Luke 1: 26-38

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – SEE SEPARATE PAGE

Sunday 31st December – 1st of Christmas – NEW YEAR'S EVE

10.30am Morning Worship at Child Okeford (Abi Rudd and Rev'd Lorraine)
Isaiah 61: 10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2: 15-21
3pm Evensong at Shillingstone (Sue Rawlinson)
Psalm 132; Isaiah 35; 1-10; Luke 2: 15-21

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).

Concert by 'Palida' and friends
on **Saturday 16th** December 2023 6pm–7pm
in St Nicholas Church, Durweston.

You are warmly invited to a festive concert during this
Christmas season.

Wine and nibbles will be served from 5.30pm.

'Palida,' conducted by Karen Wilmhurst, is a well-known and loved
acapella choir based in Shaftesbury. Its broad musical range will include
well-loved seasonal songs.

Donations are invited to raise funds for our lovely
St Nicholas Church, Durweston.

We look forward to the pleasure of your company.

Chrissie Anderson 07757 627692

Come and sing
Christmas Carols
In Shillingstone





CHRISTMAS CAROLLING in OKEFORD FITZPAINE

ALL are WELCOME at our traditional celebration of Christmas singing around the village on Wednesday 20th December at 5.30pm. We meet inside The Old Dairy clear of junction with Higher Street. Please bring with you - hi-vis clothing and your Santa hat, torch, enclosed lanterns - cup for hot drink, warm clothing - good voice and cheer!

We will sing at locations in the village, before retreating to St Andrew's for hot drinks, maybe more . . .

MUSICIANS: If you can play a portable instrument outdoors and support our singers, please get in touch

HELPERS PLEASE: marshals, servers, goodie bakers, and carol sheet monitors.

Dilys Gartside 01258 860157 dilysgartside@gmail.com



Christmas Carol-singing

Saturday 23rd December at 2.30pm - 3.30pm with the residents

at Millbrook House,

Child Okeford. If there are any volunteers, singers / players / chatters willing to add their dulcet tones to my own, you would be most welcome!

The Rector

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

RECTOR Rev'd Andrew Gubbins - 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:

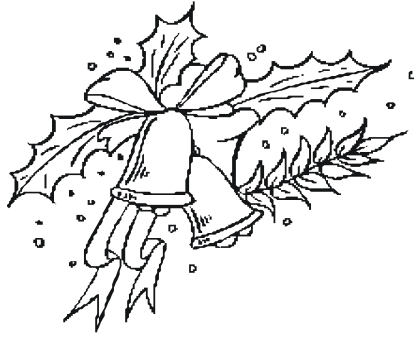
Child Okeford with Manston – Keith Allen – 01258 860068. Hammoon – Charlie Poë – 01258 860325.
Okeford Fitzpaine – Chris Jay – 01258 860153. Shillingstone – Lesley Gasson – 01258 861690.

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

The weekly **OKEFORD BENEFICE PEW SHEET**. 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.

If, dear reader, you know of anyone who would like to receive the weekly Pew Sheet and doesn't already, please let me know and I will include the contact's email address on my Mailing List. Thank you. Diana.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES in the OKEFORD BENEFICE

Child Okeford Saturday 16th December **at 7pm** – Carol Service

Sunday 24th December at 4pm – Crib Service

Hammoon Thursday 21st December at 6pm – Carol Service

Manston Friday 22nd December at 6pm – Carol Service

Okeford Fitzpaine Sunday 17th December at 5pm – Carol Service

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served after the service.

Sunday 24th December at 5pm – Crib Service

Monday 25th December at 10.30am - HC

Shillingstone Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm – Carol Service

*Following this service, Mulled Wine (or soft drinks) and Mince Pies will be served.
Come and enjoy the seasonal singing, and seasonal goodies!*

Sunday 24th December at 3.30pm – Crib Service

Sunday 24th December at 11.30pm – Midnight HC

