



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

7th January 2024

Sunday 7th January – Epiphany

9am Holy Communion at Hammoon (Rev'd Andrew)
Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12
4.30pm Evensong at Manston (Rev'd Andrew)
Psalm 98: Isaiah 60: 1-9; John 2: 1-11

Sunday 14th January – 2nd of Epiphany

10.30am Holy Communion at Child Okeford (Rev'd Andrew)
1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Revelation 5: 1-10; John 1: 43-end

Sunday 21st January – 3rd of Epiphany

10.30am Holy Communion at Shillingstone (Rev'd Andrew)
Genesis 14: 17-20; Revelation 19: 6-10; John 2: 1-11

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, Child Okeford)

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).



Bishop Andrew's New Year Message

as he welcomes us into the New Year with a reflection.

He asks, "What can we leave behind in 2023 and what do we want to enter in to more in 2024, that would be truly lifegiving for us and our communities?"

He recalls the prayer in the old prayer book which begins 'Prevent us, O Lord': "Both in the modern sense, of keep us from harm or from wrong turnings and the old sense of go before us on the road ahead.

Prayer:

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings,
with thy most gracious favour,
and further us with thy continual help;
that in all our works begun, continued,
and ended in thee,
we may glorify thy holy Name,
and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closure of St Andrew's Church, Okeford Fitzpaine

Please note that the first work phases of the "St Andrew's needs a Loo" Project will be commencing on Monday 8th January 2024. These entail electrical re-wiring and new power supply installation works followed by the replacement of rotten flooring.

During this period all Services and 'Trailblazer' activities will be held in the Village Hall. We hope that the works will be completed by the end of February.

Chris and Sue Jay, Church Wardens

PLEASE NOTE the CANCELLATION of
the *Christingle at Candlemas* service on FRIDAY 2nd February at
5pm in Holy Rood Church, Shillingstone.

**The service will however be held in St Nicholas Church,
Child Okeford.**

The fortnightly Book Group continues to offer this Winter on Wednesdays at 2pm-3pm in the
Shillingstone Church Centre on 17th and 31st January 2024 7.45pm – 8.45pm.

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
Rev'd Andrew.

Okeford Fitzpaine Carols - Dilys Gartside - PCC Okeford Fitzpaine.

Our Village Carolling on 20th December 2023 had a wonderful atmosphere when sixteen singers
accompanied by Rev'd Andrew's agility and ability on Clarinet roamed the village's housing sites with a
quick call to *The Royal Oak* before retreating to the warmth of St Andrew's for hot punch and
savories. Thank you to all who made it a success.

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.

**Should you know of anyone who would like to receive the weekly Pew Sheet,
please let me know and I will include the contact's email address on my Mailing List. Thank you.**