



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](http://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**

**28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> of Epiphany

10.30am Holy Communion at Okeford Fitzpaine **IN THE VILLAGE HALL** (Rev'd Andrew)  
Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Revelation 12: 1-5a; Mark 1: 21-28

#### **FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

3.30pm - 5.15pm The Okefords' Christingle for Candlemas at Child Okeford (Rev'd Andrew)

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Candlemas

9am - Holy Communion at Hammoon (Rev'd Andrew)  
Malachi 3: 1-5; Hebrews 2:15-end; Luke 2: 25-40  
10.30am -11.15am First Sunday Breakfast Service in **Shillingstone Church Centre** (Rev'd Andrew)  
4.30pm - BCP Evensong at Manston with Hanford Choir (Rev'd Andrew)  
Psalm 122: Haggai 2: 1-8; Romans 12:1-8

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday next before Lent

10.30am – Holy Communion at Child Okeford (Rev'd Andrew)  
2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

#### **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)*

### ***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***

### **COFFEE MORNINGS and VILLAGE MARKETS in the SHILLINGSTONE CHURCH CENTRE Jane Joseph - 01258 721735**

Dates are - Saturday 3rd February, Saturday 2nd March, Saturday 13th April and Saturday 4th May. Hope you will be able to join us on these dates!

As usual there will be the monthly Village Market - perhaps you are having a clear out? A good opportunity to sell unwanted items!

We now have a Bring and Buy table - all proceeds of which will go to the Holy Rood Church Roof funds.

Our usual Raffle will be there too - we are grateful to receive Prizes please!

I am always looking for volunteers to help with serving the tea and coffee! It's very social and a great way to meet new people. Please contact me if you can help. Thank you.

The Library will be open to browse, after you have enjoyed your coffee and cake!

Look forward to welcoming you all!

**The final Book Group** on offer is on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 2pm-3pm in the Shillingstone Church Centre ..... 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.

### **Help local people**

Currently most-needed at Blandford Foodbank:-

Tinned meat    Toilet Rolls    Washing Up Liquid    Coffee (small jars)  
Tinned Carrots    Tinned Green Beans

Donate in supermarkets,

or at Blandford United Reform Church -Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 2pm

You are warmly invited to

Valentine's Day

Ash Wednesday

**JUST AS I AM**

on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in the  
Shillingstone Church Centre.

A short, informal service including well-known hymns,  
followed by a cup of tea and cake.

All are welcome - Elderly persons / Companions / Carers  
Dementia friendly

Please join us if you are able .....

Contact Jill - 01258 860487 (leave a message)  
or Carolyn Angelucci - 01258 860049  
or you can speak to Sue Rawlinson.

**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.**

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

**STOP PRESS !**

Readers of the **FEBRUARY/MARCH** issue of the *Shillingstone Parish Magazine* ... please note an amendment on page 36 about the "6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, D Day."

The last line should read - "**There is no charge, but donations would be welcome. Coffee and a biscuit will be available.**"

WANT TO BRING LIGHT TO YOUR WORLD?



**COME to 'The OKEFORD CHRISTINGLE'  
at St Nicholas' Church CHILD OKEFORD  
Friday 2nd February.**

**3.30pm REGISTRATION & CRAFT**

**4.15pm DECORATION & DRINKS**

**4.45pm-5.15pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

**What happens at this Service? Craft, Music, Story, Food**

**Text us you're coming on 07734 393906.**

## **SERVICES FOR CANDLEMAS, 2-4 FEBRUARY**

### **FRIDAY**

**3.30-5.15pm Christingle 4 Candlemas at Child Okeford**

### **SUNDAY**

**9am Holy Communion at St Paul's Church,  
Hammoon**

**10.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast Service  
(Shillingstone Church Centre)**

**4.30pm Evensong at St Nicholas' Manston  
with the choir of Hanford School**

**1st Sunday  
Breakfast  
Services  
at Shill CC  
10.30-11.15  
Doors open 10.15**



*What if...*



*'Jesus said -  
"Come and have Breakfast!"*

Sun 4th Feb

Sun 3rd Mar

Sun 7th Apr

*Info? Text Andrew*

*on 07734 393906*



***Would you come? You're WELCOME !***