



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)

OKEFORD BENEFICE PEW SHEET for WEEK COMMENCING 4th October 2026

Sunday 4th October

9am Harvest Communion at Hammoon

Isaiah 5. 1-7; Phil 3. 4b-14; Matthew 21. 33-46

10am Breakfast Service in SCC. *A Fair Share?*

6.30pm Harvest Evensong at Manston

Psalm 65; Joel 2.21-27; 1 Tim. 2.1-7.

Sunday 11th October

10.30am Harvest Communion at Child Okeford

(Non-perishable produce and stewardship pledges)

Deut 26. 1-11; Phil 4. 4-9; John 6. 25-35

**4pm-5pm Cream Tea Church - a modern church service with cake
in the Shillingstone Church Centre for all ages.**

Sunday 18th October - St Luke's

10.30am Sung Eucharist at Shillingstone *(Prayer for Healing)*

Isaiah 35.3-6; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 8. 40-56

Memorial Service to honour loved ones recently deceased.

Holy Rood - Gathering 3.30pm tea & cake. 4.15pm Service.

PLEASE NOTE -

The Breakfast Service in SCC on Sunday 4th October

WILL take place.

The next Breakfast Service will be held on Sunday

1st November.

The "Just As I Am" service on Sunday 22nd November

is CANCELLED.

The service will now be held on

Sunday 13th December.

**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

Roof Works at Holy Rood, Shillingstone

Although the roof works are progressing very well they are still creating a lot of dust so to protect the interior the church will remain closed.



(St Andrew's, Okeford Fitzpaine)

Church Giving! Please continue to support ministry of the church. Giving to the church supports 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 – to give by card, PayPal or BACS. (There are separate tiles for the reordering at St Andrew's, and re-roofing at Holy Rood).

Lady's ring found under a pew in Holy Rood Church, Shillingstone. We believe it was lost recently, possibly at Evensong on 12th September.

Please contact Anne - 01258 861397.

"In the forty years that John and I have been resident in Shillingstone, I have never seen our lovely church so full of villagers as happened at the funeral of dear Richard Watts on Friday 25th Sept. In spite of the terrible sadness at losing dear Richard, the church was filled with garden flowers in his memory and also filled with love for this dear man who was so loved by all of us. I wish to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped to make the church so beautiful (in spite of the ongoing roof works!) and also especially to Anne and Mike Powell for organising and overseeing the layout of the chairs etc. What would Holy Rood do without the support that these few volunteers give to keeping our church alive and thriving?

My heartfelt thanks to everyone."

Pam Glanville

Do you need to update your Safeguarding Training?

Sue and Margaret will be running two sessions in the Shillingstone Church Centre which will be open to all as follows:

Basic - Saturday 3rd October, 2pm - 4pm

Foundation - Wednesday 7th October, 2pm - 4pm

If you want to come along, please either turn up on the day, or even better, let Margaret know in advance - magsdaviesob@gmail.com

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Because of suffering with Vertigo this week, my apologies for the delay in sending this Pew Sheet to you all! *Diana*

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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 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  
Sue Rawlinson, Lay Minister (PTO) - 01258 863733  
Abi Rudd, Lay Worship Leader - 07792 727299  
Ruth Allen, Lay Pastoral Asst - 01258 860068  
Carolyn Angelucci, Lay Pastoral Asst - 07486 450203  
Jill Burton, Lay Pastoral Asst - 01258 860487

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

Contact details for Churchwardens in each Parish are as follows:

Child Okeford with Manston - Simon Baird - 01258 860477. Ruth Allen - 01258 860068  
Hammoon - Charlie Poë - 01258 860325. Steven Vestbirk - 01258 860910  
Okeford Fitzpaine - Chris Jay - 07884 019750 and Sue Jay - 07884 256447  
Shillingstone - Lesley Gasson - 01258 861690

Try our...

# Cream Tea Church



4pm - 5pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of each month

Shillingstone  
Church  
Centre

*...a modern church service with cake*

# *In aid of Dorset Historic Churches Trust*



THE OAK PANELLED BOW-FRONTED GALLERY WAS BUILT IN 1794 TO HOUSE THE ORGAN MADE BY GEORGE PIKE ENGLAND  
1794-1815

**IN BLANDFORD FORUM PARISH CHURCH AT 7 PM**

**ON FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026**

**ORGANIST: GRAHAM SCOTT**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, BRYANSTON SCHOOL**

**TICKETS FROM TICKETSOURCE.COM**

**£12.00 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS**

**Blandford Parish Centre  
The Tabernacle,  
Blandford Forum DT11 7AX  
Registered Charity No: 282790  
BFPC registered Charity No 1132519  
Contact: [conserve.funding.events@gmail.com](mailto:conserve.funding.events@gmail.com)**

**Programme of music to include  
Bach, Handel, Stanley & other**