

Local abbreviations

BR : Broomfield CH : Cheddon Fitzpaine
KSM: Kingston St Mary WM: West Monkton

Trad HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer
HC: Holy Communion
Morn. Wsp: Morning Worship;
Eve Wsp: Evening Worship

DATE	BR	CH	KSM	WM
22 nd Dec			8.30am Trad HC	10.00am HC 6.00pm Carol Service
24 th Dec		9.00pm Christmas HC	4.00pm Crib service 11.30pm Midnight HC	4.00pm Crib Service
25 th Dec	10am All Age HC			10am All Age HC
29 th Dec			10.00am United Benefice HC	
5 th Jan	4.00pm Eve. Wsp		10.00am HC	8.30am Trad HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
12 th Jan			8.30am Trad HC 6.00pm Deanery Reflective Service	10.00am HC
<i>Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom</i>				
Morning Prayer in Kingston church: Normally Rev Jim Cox will say Morn Prayer in Kingston church on Mon – Weds at 8.00am do come and join him if you wish.				

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OFFICE CLOSED 24th Dec – 2nd Jan inclusive

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“To know, share and spread the love of God”

Welcome

4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024

Collect for 4th Sunday of Advent

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age, to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: Hebrews 10: 5-10 and Luke 1: 39- 45

For your prayers:

Peter Wright, Maureen Doble, Andy, Nancy Lyons, Tony Knight, Joan F, Philippa, Bob Pettitt, Carol W, Roger Osmond, Ray Cleave, Sandy & Brian Adams, Bob Padgham. *If you know of someone who wishes us to pray for them, please obtain their permission before you contact the Office*

Those who have died and those who mourn them:

Esme Padgham – Thurs 9th Jan 11am in Kingston (please avoid black & wear colourful clothes)
Hazel Adams – tba
Margery Gillett – tba
Also remembering Gerald and Agnes Hooper of Kingston St Mary

Receiving Communion:

If you want to receive bread intincted in the chalice come to the LEFT half of the altar rail and to drink from the common cup to the RIGHT.

(a collection for the work of the church may be taken during the service)

Readings 29th Dec: 1st Sunday of Christmas

Colossians 3: 12-17 and Luke 2: 41-52

PRAYERS:

Please pray for the events taking place across the Benefice, that we make Christ known in all we do and in all our conversations.

For weddings, banns of marriage, baptisms and funerals please contact the benefice office.

DIARY DATES:

December

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Jim Off: 25th Dec 11.30am – 4th Jan inclusive

Sun 29th Dec 10am Benefice communion in Kingston

January

Sat 4th 10am WM church 'Coffee & More'

Weds 8th 7pm Musicians rehearsal at Ruth's

Sun 12th 6pm Deanery Reflective service in Kingston

church with the musicians

Mon 13th 2.30pm M.U. meet in the church Office

Weds 15th 2.30pm CH PCC meet in the church office

Weds 15th 7.00pm Mens Group Talk by Brian Hill 'All at Sea' in Cheddon Memorial Hall

Mon 27th 7.00pm WM PCC in the BACH

February

Weds 5th 10.00am Wardens Meeting in the Office

Mon 10th 2.30pm M.U. meet in the Benefice Office

Weds 12th 2.00pm Mens Group – Ham Wall
'Murmurings'

Sun 16th 3.00pm Renewal of wedding vows in
Kingston church – for all those who are married

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Carol Service :

Sun 22nd 6pm West Monkton

Village Carol Singing:

Tues 24th 5.30pm West Monkton

Meet at 2 Monkton Heights.

Collection for ARC inspire. Bring a torch.



Crib Services on Christmas Eve:

4.00pm Kingston St Mary

4.00pm West Monkton

Christmas Communion:

24th Dec 9.00pm – Cheddon

24th Dec 11.30pm – Kingston

25th Dec 10.00am – Broomfield

25th Dec 10.00am – West Monkton

Sat 4th Jan 10am West Monkton Coffee & More

Everyone welcome for cake, coffee & company

Reading: Luke 1: 39-45

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the

Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Pew Sheet reflection on Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Some people who think that the church should be more directly engaged with secular politics might see Mary's song of praise almost as a socialist manifesto. However, Mary's humility, her obedience and her faithful surrender to God's will reminds us that it is God alone who can ultimately bring about a just society. Rather than empower the church as some kind of political power player we can trust that God seeks to accomplish this through the example of Jesus and the community of faith, the church. By its quality of life, its compassionate ministry, its service and all it stands for in the world, the church can bear witness to this.

Peter Wright



*A Big THANK YOU
to all the clergy team, Readers,
worship leaders and
churchwardens,
along-side all those who carry out
the very many unseen tasks that
enable us to keep our churches open
and welcoming for our local
communities.*

*We could not function without each
and everyone's contribution.*

THANK YOU ALL !!!