

## 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
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec			10.00am United Benefice HC	
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4.00pm Eve. Wsp		10.00am HC	8.30am Trad HC  10.00am Morn.Wsp
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan			8.30am Trad HC  6.00pm Deanery Reflective Service	10.00am HC
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.am HC	9.30am HC	10.00am HC	8.30am Trad HC  <u>11am</u> Plough Sunday service & lunch
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan			8.30am Trad HC  6.00pm Choral Evensong	
Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom				
<b>Morning Prayer in Kingston church:</b> Normally Rev Jim Cox will say Morn Prayer in Kingston church on <b>Mon – Weds at 8.00am</b> do come and join him if you wish.				

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**OFFICE CLOSED 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan incl**

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

# Welcome

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

We welcome Rev Nicola Mitra

### Collect for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love;  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Readings:** Colossians 3: 12-17

Luke 2: 41-end

### 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:

Hazel Adams – Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm in West Monkton

Esme Padgham – Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am in Kingston  
(please avoid black & wear colourful clothes)

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 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: Epiphany

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

### 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

**OFFICE CLOSED 24<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> Dec & 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan incl.**

**Jim Off: 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.30am – 4<sup>th</sup> Jan inclusive**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am Benefice communion in Kingston

January

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10am WM church 'Coffee & More'

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm Musicians rehearsal at Ruth 's

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm Deanery Reflective service in Kingston church with the musicians

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm M.U. meet in the church Office

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm CH PCC meet in the church office

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

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm WM PCC in the BACH

February

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Wardens Meeting in the Office

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm M.U. meet in the Benefice Office

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Mens Group – Ham Wall 'Murmurings'

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

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**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am West Monkton** Coffee & More  
Everyone welcome for cake, coffee & company

**Reading: Luke 2: 41-end**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup> He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must

be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

**Pew Sheet reflection on Luke 2: 41 – end**

Losing a child in a crowd is every parent's nightmare. My wife once lost our 5-year old boy in a very large, crowded and busy supermarket. Panic stations, but eventually she found him at the lost property point to where he had confidently made his way and where he was cheerfully enjoying the doting attention of the staff. He knew where he was. Joseph and Mary thought they'd lost their boy but Jesus knew where he was. He was not lost but found. Found not in stimulating intellectual debates about the scriptures but in fascination that through the scriptures God made known his divine will, a divine will he was to know more and more in his earthly life. In reading scripture not only with the head but importantly with the heart, and prayerfully in the spirit, God speaks to us through scripture too.

*Peter Wright*



*A Big THANK YOU*

*We could not function without each  
and everyone's contribution in  
helping to keep our places of  
worship open.*

