



Bewsborough Bulletin

The weekly newsletter for Barfreestone, Coldred, Guston, Eythorne & Elvington, Waldershare, Shepherdsweil and Whitfield

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Coming Up

Sat 29th November

6.00pm | Christmas Light Switch On
Shepherdsweil Village Green

Sun 30th November

10.30am | Holy Communion | St. Andrew's
10.30am | Let's Worship | Whitfield School Hall
1.00pm | Baptism of Athena | St. Peter's
3.00pm | Messy Church | Shepherdsweil Vill. Hall

Tues 2nd December

12.30pm | Let's Eat Christmas! | Elvington Comm. Ctr

Wed 3rd December

9.30am | Let's Play! | Guston Village Hall
9.30am | Let's Chat | Whitfield Rec. Pavilion

Thur 4th December

11.30am | Informal Communion | SS Peter & Paul's
7.00pm | Advent Small Group | Whitfield

Fri 5th December

9.30am | Let's Play! | Whitfield Community Centre

Sat 6th December

11.00am | Baptism of Finley | St. Martin's
6.00pm | Community Carols | Whitfield Village Hall
6.30 pm | St. Nicholas Night Carols | St. Nicholas'

Sun 7th December

9.00am | BCP Communion | St. Nicholas
10.30am | Holy Communion | St. Andrew's
10.30am | Let's Worship | Whitfield School Hall
6.00pm | BCP Communion | St. Martin's

Advent Sunday

BEHOLD, the Bridegroom cometh: go ye out
With lighted lamps and garlands round about
To meet Him in a rapture with a shout.
It may be at the midnight, black as pitch,
Earth shall cast up her poor, cast up her rich.
It may be at the crowing of the cock
Earth shall upheave her depth, uproot her rock.
For lo, the Bridegroom fetcheth home the Bride:
His Hands are Hands she knows, she knows His Side.
Like pure Rebekah at the appointed place,
Veiled, she unveils her face to meet His Face.
Like great Queen Esther in her triumphing,
She triumphs in the Presence of her King.
His Eyes are as a Dove's, and she's Dove-eyed;
He knows His lovely mirror, sister, Bride.
He speaks with Dove-voice of exceeding love,
And she with love-voice of an answering Dove.
Behold, the Bridegroom cometh: go we out
With lamps ablaze and garlands round about
To meet Him in a rapture with a shout.

by Christina Rossetti

For Our Prayers

Please pray for the following people, all known to God, who need our prayers and for those who tend to them and show them love and care:

Tallulah, Michael, Pauline, Ian M, David B, Whitney, Janet B, Madge, Jill R, Ian, Marion G, Margaret C, Suzie, Kelly W and Susan. C.

Our friend and church family member, Paul Adesanya has asked us to raise an altar of prayer for his home country, Nigeria. In his words, 'it saddens my heart to see the targeted killing of mainly Christians and other ethnic groups by Fulani jihadist who are land grabbing land for earth minerals.' Please pray for an end to these troubles which is affecting the country and Christian communities deeply.

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Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2:1 – 5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Psalms 122

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'
- ² Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
- ⁴ To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- ⁵ For there the thrones for judgement were set
up,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.'
- ⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'
- ⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Romans 13:11 – 14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36 – 44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'



Sunday and Mid-Week Worship for December

Date	Location	Service
Thur 4th December	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
6th December	St. Martin's, Guston	11.00am Baptism
7th December Purple Advent 2	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am Holy Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	Whitfield School Hall Mayfield Road Site	10.30 Whitfield Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm Communion
Thur 11th December	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Holy Communion
14th December Purple Advent 3	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Morning Worship
	Whitfield School Hall Mayfield Road Site	10.30am Whitfield Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	1.00pm Baptism
Thur 18th December	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Holy Communion
21st December Purple Advent 4	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am Morning Worship
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Whole Church Worship
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30am Family Communion
28th December White Christmas 1 / Holy Innocents	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	Whitfield School Hall Mayfield Road Site	10.30am Whitfield Worship





Christmas Services & Events

Saturday 29th November

6.00pm | Carols on the Green | Shepherdswell Village Green

Saturday 6th December

6.30pm | Carols for St. Nicholas | St. Nicholas', Barfrestone

6.00pm | Community Carols | Whitfield Village Hall

Sunday 14th December

4.00pm | Carol Service | SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington

6.00pm | Carols by Candlelight | St. Andrew's, Shepherdswell

Saturday 20th December

10.00am - 12.00pm | Festive Warmth | St. Andrew's, Shepherdswell

Sunday 21st December

4.00pm | Lessons & Carols | St. Pancras', Coldred

6.00pm | Carol Service | St. Martin's, Guston

Monday 22nd December

10.00am - 12.00 | Messy Christmas | Whitfield Village Hall

Tuesday 23rd December

10.00am - 12.00 | Messy Christmas | Guston Village Hall



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loving our communities,
growing disciples



Christmas Services & Events



Christmas Eve

St. Andrew's Church, Shepherdswell

3.30pm | Crib Service

9.30pm | Midnight in Bethlehem Communion Service

Whitfield Village Hall

3.30pm | Christingle Service

St. Peter's Church, Whitfield

9.30pm | Midnight in Bethlehem Communion Service

St. Peter & St. Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington

3.30pm | Christingle with blessing of the Crib

9.30pm | Midnight in Bethlehem Communion Service

Christmas Day

St. Nicholas' Church, Barfreestone

9.00am | Christmas Morning Communion

St. Pancras' Church, Coldred

9.00am | Christmas Morning Communion

St. Andrew's Church, Shepherdswell

10.30am | Christmas Morning Worship



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Joy

CONVERSATION WITH REFUGEES

Stories of Courage, Hope, and Resilience

WHERE: Dover Boys Grammar School
Astor Avenue, Dover CT17 0DQ

WHEN: Wednesday, 26 November 2025

Arrive 5:30–6:00 pm for refreshments

Event: 6:00–7:30 pm

Admission: Free



Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The Green, Shepherdswell

Saturday, 29 November at 6pm

Come and join us for

Switching on of the lights on the Village Christmas Tree

Carols

Hot chocolate and mince pies



All are welcome!

Organised by Shepherdswell Village Green Association



St. Andrew's
your church



Sunday 30th November
3.00pm to 4.30pm

Young or old, ALL are welcome!

Christingle
Activities,

Food
& Fun!

**Please bring an orange if
you wish to make a
Christingle!**

**A collection will be
made for the Children's
Society which supports
children in this country.**

Come & Join
St. Andrew's Church
at

Shepherdswell Village Hall



Come and enjoy some Festive Warmth

at

St. Andrews Church, Shepherdswell

on Saturday 20th December 2025

10am - 12 noon

Festive refreshments

Raffle & Tombola

All welcome - with or without your Christmas jumpers!

Free entry

Raising funds for your Church



Let's PLAY

term time
wednesdays

9.30am – 11.30am

Guston
Village Hall

term time
fridays
9.30am – 11.30am
Whitfield
Village Hall

everyone
welcome!

For babies to
pre-schoolers, come and
join us at our stay and play
sessions!

Plenty for little ones
to do and play with!



Find us on
Facebook.

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St. Peter's
St. Martin's





Reverse Advent Calendar

Please check our website for Christmas opening times, and to see what we may be running short of. Thank you!

1 Tinned soup	2 Shampoo	3 Variety tins or boxes	4 Tinned tomatoes	5 Microwave Rice	6 Deodorant
7 Box of biscuits or chocolates	8 Nuts and confectionery	9 Tinned fish	10 Coffee	11 Jam	12 Breakfast cereal
13 Tea bags	14 Chocolate bars	15 Long-life fruit juice	16 Instant mash potatoes	17 Tinned vegetables	18 Cooking sauces
19 Tinned potatoes	20 Tinned meat	21 Toilet rolls	22 Rice pudding	23 UHT long-life milk	24 Tinned fruit



Dover

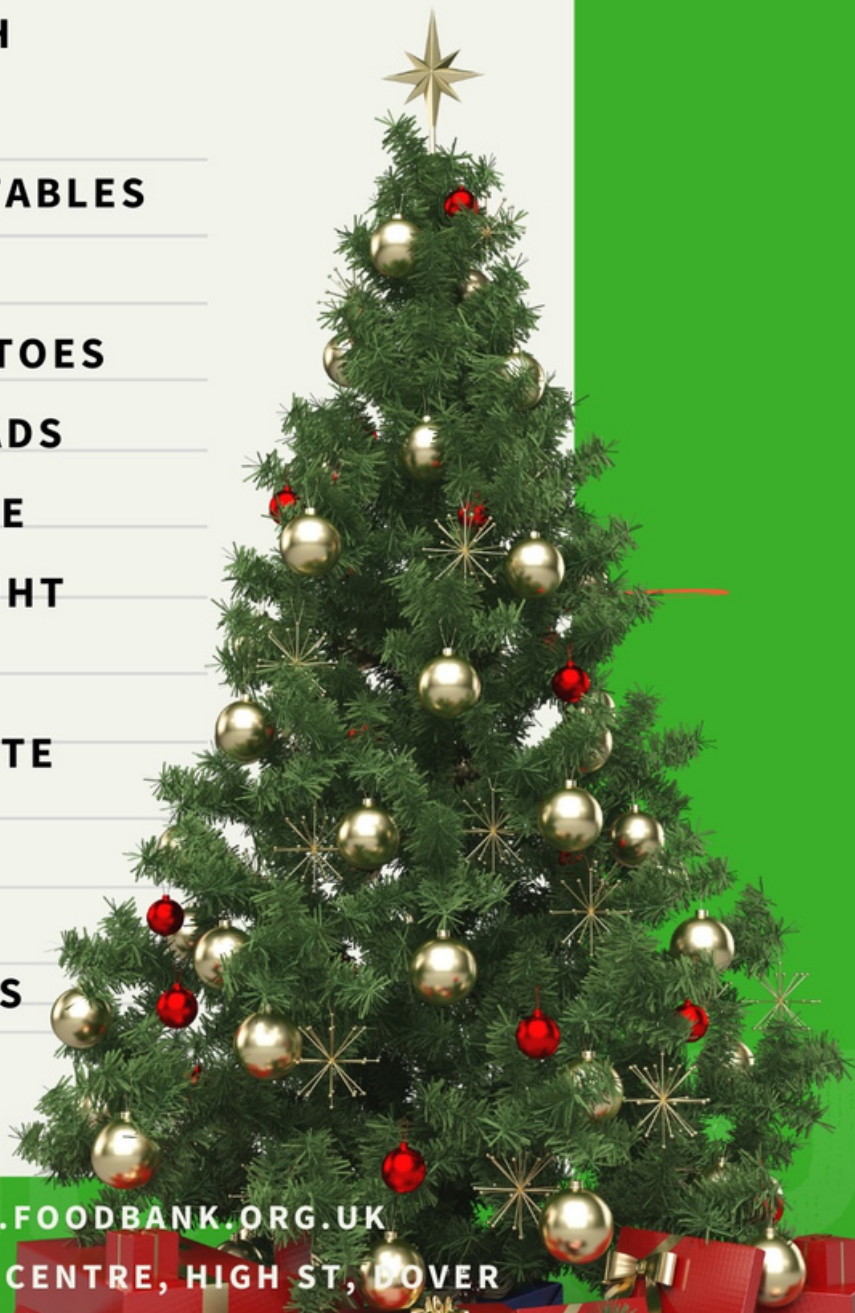
Foodbank

Together with Trussell

MOST *needed* ITEMS

CHRISTMAS 2025

- ☒ INSTANT MASH
- ☒ CEREAL
- ☒ TINNED VEGETABLES
- ☒ TINNED MEAT
- ☒ TINNED TOMATOES
- ☒ JAM OR SPREADS
- ☒ MICROAVE RICE
- ☒ FRUIT JUICE UHT
- ☒ BISCUITS
- ☒ HOT CHOCOLATE
- ☒ TOOTHPASTE
- ☒ DEODORANT
- ☒ SIZE 7 NAPPIES
- ☒ SHAMPOO



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