



Bewsborough Bulletin

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

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Coming Up

Sun 14th December

9.00am | BCP Communion | St. Pancras'
10.30am | Morning Worship | St. Andrew's
10.30am | Let's Worship | Whitfield School Hall
1.00pm | Baptism of Annie | St. Martin's
4.00pm | Carol Service | St. Peter & St. Paul's
6.00pm | Lessons & Carols | St. Andrew's

Wed 17th December

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

Thur 18th December

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

Fri 19th December

9.30am | Let's Play! | Whitfield Village Hall

Sat 20th December

10.00am – 12.00 | Festive Warmth | St. Andrew's

Sun 21st December

9.00am | Morning Worship | St. Nicholas'
10.30am | Whole Church Worship | St. Andrew's
10.30am | Family Communion | St. Peter's
4.00pm | Carol Service | St. Pancras'
6.00pm | Carol Service | St. Martin's

During this week we also have the joy of leading school Christingle services with each of the 5 school sites that we visit regularly. A privilege for us as we share time with our school communities and tell them of Jesus, the light of the world, in fun and engaging ways.

Over these Advent weeks, the Bulletin has posters and flyers for the services and events that are taking place across the parish. Please share these locally and on social media, as Rev. Sean does not always get chance to do that in all of our village communities!

Advent Jouney

O Lord,
Let Advent begin again
In us,
Not merely in commercials;
For that first Christmas was not
Simply for children,
But for the
Wise and the strong.
It was
Crowded around that cradle,
With kings kneeling.
Speak to us
Who seek an adult seat this year.
Help us to realize,
As we fill stockings,
Christmas is mainly
For the old folks —
Bent backs
And tired eyes
Need relief and light
A little more.
No wonder
It was grown-ups
Who were the first
To notice
Such a star.

David A. Redding, from If I Could Pray Again

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, Susan. C, Sheila, Olivia, and Margaret. S.

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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



Loving God,
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

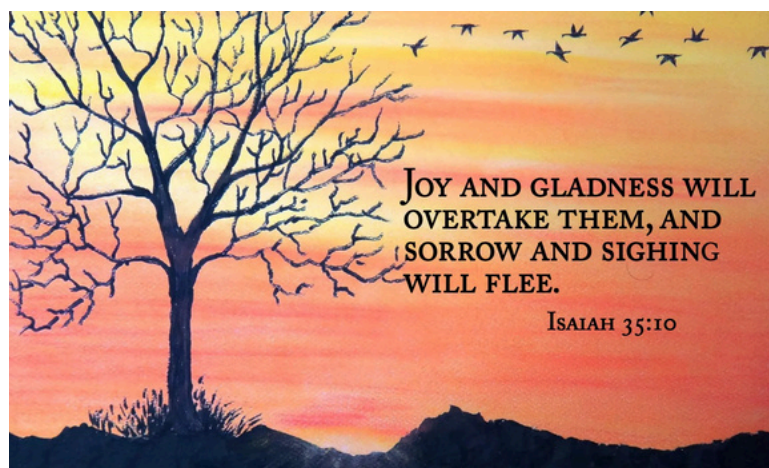
Sunday and Mid-Week Worship for December

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



Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.



James 5:7-10

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11:2-11

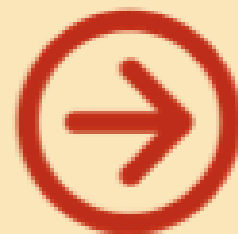
When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

- ¹ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- ² From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
- ³ He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.
- ⁴ He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- ⁵ Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
- ⁶ He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
- ⁷ He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy,
- ⁸ The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever. (Luke 1.46-55)

THE WONDER OF PRAYER

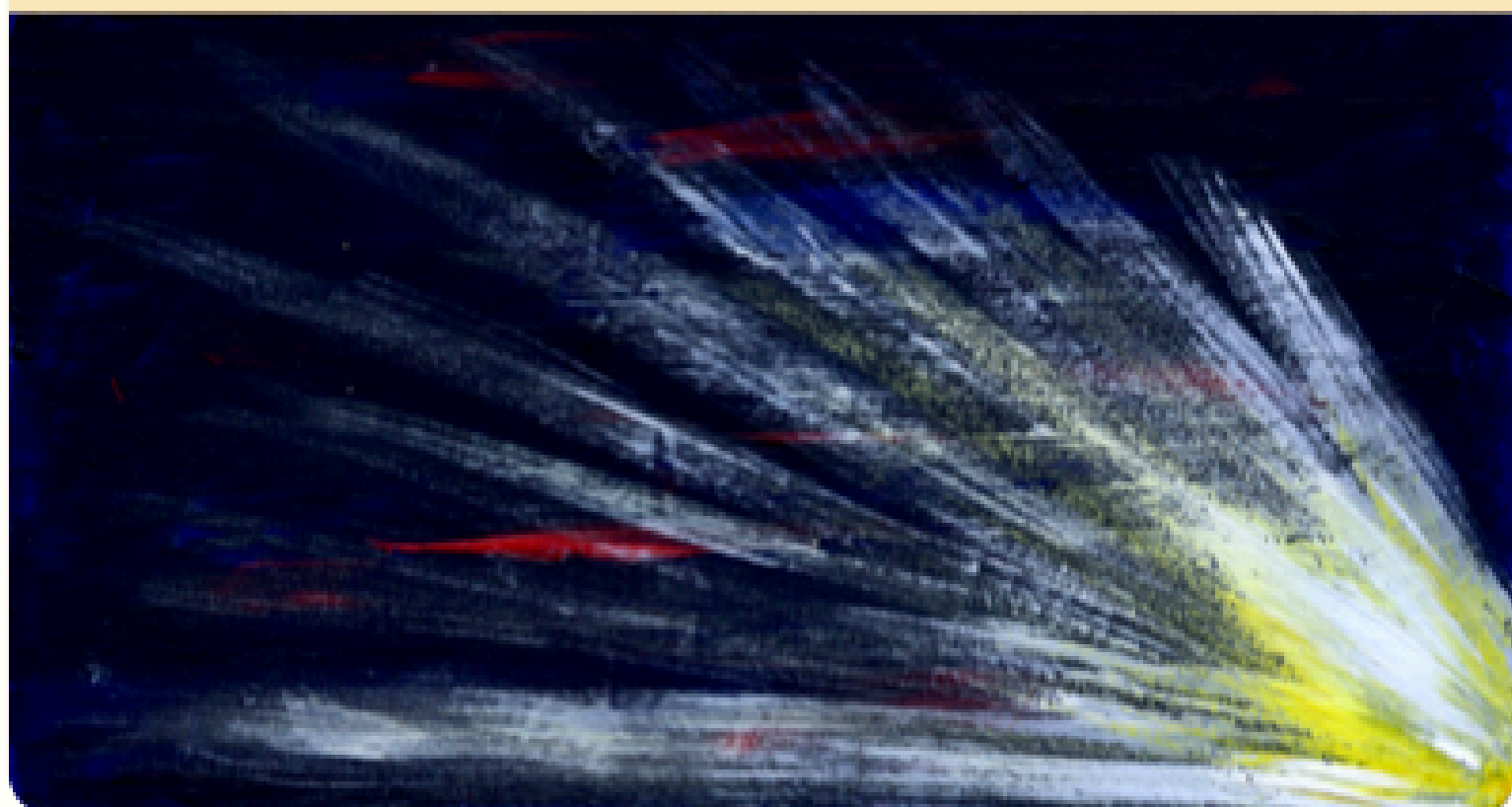
ADVENT - THE LIGHT OF LIFE



'In him was life, and the life was the light of all people'
(John 1:4 NRSV)

Jesus Christ, Light of the World -

- Shine your light on us, that others may see you reflected in our lives.
- Shine your light of wisdom on the churches of our diocese, that we might discern the things you are asking us to prioritise.
- Shine your light of grace into hearts bruised by disappointment, that hope might grow again.
- Shine your light of love on this land, that the joy of Christmas might bring healing to fractured communities.



Christmas

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

Luke 2:7, New Revised Standard Version



Carol Service

Sunday 14th December
4.00pm



**St. Peter & Paul's
Church**

For more information contact:
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Carols by Candlelight

**Sunday 14th December
6.00pm**

**Come and join us for a traditional service of
readings and carols as we journey towards
Christmas.**



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



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Sunday 21st December
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Church**

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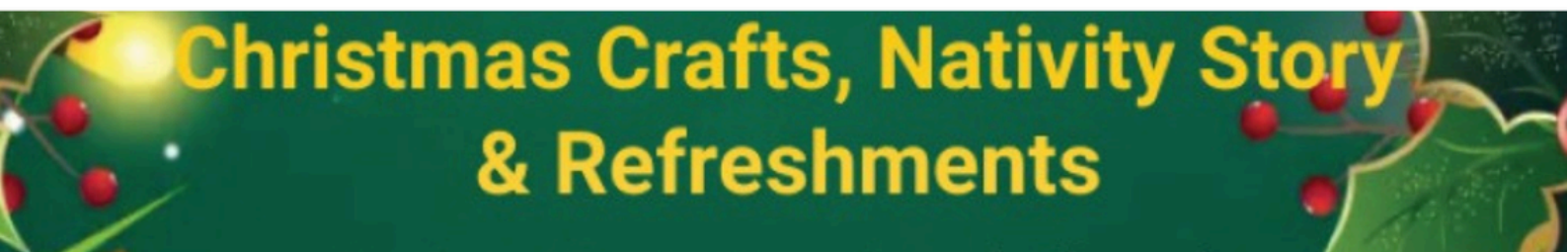
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Church**

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Monday 22nd December

10.00am to 11.30am



**Come & Join
St. Peter's Church
at**

Whitfield Village Hall





**St. Martin's
Church**

Messy Christmas

Tuesday 23rd December

10.00am to 11.30am

**Christmas Crafts, Nativity Story
& Refreshments**

**Come & Join
St. Martin's Church
at**

Guston Village Hall

For unto us
a child is born!

All are welcome!
Come as you are,
or dress up as one of the
characters of the Nativity
and help us as we tell
the Christmas Story.



Christmas Eve
Crib
Service 3.30pm

st. Peter's
your church in the community

For unto us
a child is born!



A family friendly service
of carols and the
Christmas story.

ALL WELCOME!



WHITFIELD VILLAGE HALL
Christingle Service
Christmas Eve

3.30pm

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Crib & Christingle Service

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St. Peter &
St. Paul's
Church



Midnight in Bethlehem
Communion Service
with carols

CHRISTMAS EVE

9.30PM



Midnight in Bethlehem
Communion Service
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JOY

Midnight in Bethlehem Communion Service with carols

CHRISTMAS EVE

9.30PM



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Church**

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St. Andrew's
your church

JOY 
to the
WORLD

Christmas Morning Worship 10.30am

Why not come and join us on
Christmas Morning
as we celebrate the greatest gift
ever, Jesus!





St. Nicholas
Church

JOY
to the
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Christmas Morning Communion 9.00am

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St. Pancras
Church

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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!



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st. Peter's
st. Martin's

