

Our 11.15pm Christmas Eve

Midnight Communion Service

Welcome

Carol 13 O come, all ye faithful

Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Prayer of Preparation

Prayers of Penitence

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Light of the World

The Collect

Reading Isaiah 9: 2-7

Carol 12 Joy to the World

Gospel Reading John 1: 1-14

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of Intercession

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Carol 11 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Preparation of the table

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Carol 9 Hark! The Herald-angels sing

The Blessing

This service will not be live streamed

This week and upcoming

Sunday 21st December

8.30am Holy Communion

NO Morning Worship

6pm Carol Service

followed by mince pies and coffee

This service will not be live streamed

Monday 22nd December

NO Prayer Hour

NO Toddler Group

Tuesday 23rd December

9.30am Morning Prayers in Church

Wednesday 24th December

4pm Crib Service in Church

11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion Service

This service will not be live streamed

Thursday 25th December

10am Christmas Holy Communion at

St James Sevenhampton

10.15am Christmas Holy Communion in Church

Saturday 27th December

NO Coffee Morning

Sunday 28th December

10.15am Morning Worship

The office will be open on Tuesday 23rd December
between 10am-12pm.

It will be closed from 24th-29th December,
reopening at 10am on Tuesday 30th December.

It will also be closed on
Thursday 1st January 2026.

Julie and Sarah wish you all a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year



Sunday 21st December 2025

King of Kings yet born of Mary, you come to dwell among us in great humility, you reveal the great love of God towards us and that we are called to be his own people.

Come now among us and give us your peace, that we may live to your praise and glory, Christ our Saviour, who is alive and lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Join us for Prayer

Prayer Hour:

The next prayer hour is on
Monday 12th January 2026 in the Church Room.

Please do consider joining us.

It is vital that we join together to pray for our
church, our community and the wider world.

Tuesday Prayers:

Prayers are held in church every
Tuesday morning from 9.30am.

**The final prayers for 2025 will be
on 23rd December.**

We come together to pray for the week ahead.

Friday Blessings:

Blessings are held in church every Friday
morning from 9.15-9.45am. It is a time for
everyone to come together to bless the Town.

Blessings return on 9th January 2026.

Get in touch

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

For Prayer

***May familiarity not dull the
message of Christmas!***

Give thanks to God - for **light** has come!
- light for a dark world and darkened lives.

Give thanks to God - for **truth** has come!
- truth that challenges the proud
and lifts up the lowly.

Give thanks to God - for **life** has come!
- the life of God in the Christ-child,
and the new life of the Kingdom of God.

Give thanks to God - for **the King** has come!
- the King who brings peace and healing and love.

***O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord! Amen***

Prayer Chain

To commit to join the prayer chain or if you have
something for which you would like specific or
urgent prayer, please email
smprayerchain@yahoo.com All requests are
confidential.

News and Events

Highworth Carol Service

If you can help with candle lighting and the
offertory during the service please let Pam or
Andy B know on Sunday evening.

We are also looking for helpers to man the coffee
pots in the kitchen following the service.

Bags of Hope

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with Bags
of Hope. 88 families received bags this year. We
will leave the collecting of donations towards the
costs open until the end of the year.

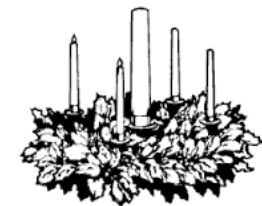
Coffee Mornings

No coffee morning on Saturday 27th December.
From 2026 we will be holding the usual drop in on
the second Saturday in Church and Christian Aid
coffee morning in the Church Room on the fourth
Saturday.

We have been unable to recruit new volunteers to
run the coffee mornings on the other Saturdays so
these will not be continuing.

Eco Tips - Christmas

Buy some presents from a charity shop this year.
Buying second-hand items can save on resources
needed to make new products. We have some lovely
charity shops in Highworth!





Our 10.15am Christmas Day Service

Welcome

Carol 13 O come, all ye faithful
Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Prayer of Penitence

Absolution

Collect

Reading Titus 3: 4-7

Gospel Reading Luke 2: 1-20

Carol 3 Away in a manger
Talk

Song Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called
Affirmation of Faith

Prayers

The Peace

Carol 10 In the bleak midwinter
Prayer

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Invitation to Communion

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Carol 9 Hark! The Herald-angles sing
The Dismissal

This service will be live streamed
We will not be serving refreshments today

Christmas Services Carol

21st December

4pm Carol Service - Hannington

6pm Carol Service - Highworth

6pm Carol Service – Blunsdon

Christmas Eve

24th December

Blunsdon

3pm Crib Service

11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion

Highworth

4pm Crib Service

11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion



Christmas Day

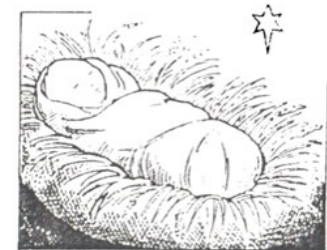
25th December

10am Christmas Day HC -
Sevenhampton

10am Christmas Day HC - Blunsdon

10.15am Christmas Day HC -
Highworth

10.30am Christmas Day HC -
Hannington



Curates Corner

Advent 4: the coming king

Someone.

Over the last few weeks we have been clearing the loft space over our garage extension in readiness for repairs to the ceiling.

The original builders did not secure it properly and it's now split and coming loose from the beams.

Now if the room is to useable, something has to be done.

The good news of Advent is that we await the coming of a king who will make things right, who repairs and restores us.

A King who gives us value, who brings us a real sense of fulfilment, who brings purpose, hope and light in these increasingly dark and troubled times.

In order to repair fallen humanity, God did something. Jesus comes alongside us, as one of us - yet faultless and perfect.

His death and resurrection makes it possible for each of us to be forgiven, to have the cracks in our lives healed, the wounds of sin not just covered up, but removed and promises a new start - Jesus called this being 're-born' [John 3.7].

In his own words this King comes to:

“... to proclaim good news to the poor.

... to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

Luke 4.18-19

At the CAP Christmas party last week they played this video. Take a minute to watch it and give thanks for The King who is coming.

Take a look at this video, 'someone is coming video'

<https://share.google/yFReNjGWpizuCN7Z>

Rev. Andy