

Merry Christmas from The Athelney Benefice

The Churches in Burrowbridge, Lyng, North Curry and Stoke St Gregory

Hello,

It is a hectic time of year, trying to find ways to be in so many places at the same time, perhaps. Finding time to shop for gifts, write cards, decide what to feed people and all the time wanting to enjoy this thing we call "Season's Greetings". In the churches of the Athelney Benefice we have a variety of ways in which you might wish to find the time and space to discover the peace and hope that is at the heart of the Christmas story.

The services listed on this card are open to all. It doesn't matter whether you have been to church since last Christmas. It doesn't matter if you have any understanding of the Christmas message beyond Father Christmas and the desire to be with your loved ones. Coming to church at Christmas is one certain way to discover that God loves us no matter what.

So, please do look carefully at the services, and if you wish to come along, just do. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

In this tricky world, and on behalf of everyone in the parish churches of this Benefice, may Peace be with you all this Christmas.

With blessings



Revd Simon Bale, Vicar

Carols in open air

During the week before Christmas, each parish will be hosting its very own Carol singing outside. These are a half hour of informal carol singing perhaps around the tree or in the square. Hopefully it will be dry evening, but please come dressed appropriately. It is highly likely that in Stoke St Gregory there will be a special visitor for children (young and old).

Carol Services

We are also holding the more traditional readings and carols, in a candlelit church. Come along and be a part of the build up to this special time of year.

Christmas Services across the Benefice

(All dates during December)



Carol Services

Lyng: Sunday 15th at 4.30pm

North Curry: Sunday 22nd at 4.00pm

Burrowbridge: Sunday 22nd at 4.30pm

Stoke St Gregory: Sunday 22nd at 6.30pm

North Curry Methodist Church: Sunday 22nd at 3pm

Carols "In the open air"

North Curry: Monday 16th at 6.00pm

Burrowbridge: Wednesday 18th at 6.00pm

Stoke St Gregory: Thursday 19th at 6.30pm

Lyng: Friday 20th at 6.30pm

Other Events

Stable Tableau: A nativity with a local slant, Baptist Church (with Parish Church), Stoke St Gregory: Thursday 5th at 5pm.

Advent Taize: at North Curry Methodist Chapel on Friday 6th at 7pm

Christmas Messy Church

Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church: Sunday 8th at 10am

Crib Services

Stoke St Gregory: Christmas Eve at 3pm

North Curry: Christmas Eve at 5pm

Christingle

School Christingle: North Curry Church, Thursday 19th at 2pm

Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church, Christmas Eve, 4.30pm

First Masses of Christmas

Burrowbridge: Christmas Eve at 6.00pm

Lyng: Christmas Eve at 7.30pm

Stoke St Gregory: Christmas Eve at 10.00pm

North Curry: Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

Christmas Day

United Benefice Christmas Morning Worship at 10am in North Curry

take time

SPACE TO ENCOUNTER JESUS

Take Time at Christmas with our Advent Reflections

Feeling rushed and stretched? You are invited to step outside the Christmas hubbub at a peaceful "Taketime" break. This will be a quiet led relaxation based on the Christmas story. You are welcome to simply come and enjoy the quiet for half an hour or if you wish you can also stay for refreshments and informal chat about the reflection.

Thursday November 28th 4pm, Stoke St Gregory.
Tuesday December 3rd 6pm, Lyng
Tuesday December 10th 6pm, Burrowbridge
Tuesday December 17th 6pm, North Curry



The Athelney Benefice comprises the four churches of

St Bartholomew, Lyng
St Gregory, Stoke St Gregory
St Michael, Burrowbridge
St Peter and St Paul, North Curry

Each church has its own identity and its own way of worshipping. Each is joined through the Athelney Benefice with one focus: to be disciples of Jesus Christ in a world that needs, as much as ever, to know Peace.



Check on the website for further details just in case something changes
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