

ADVENT WREATH

Prayers for Advent 2

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide and show all the world God's love. Amen



After twenty three and a half years of producing these Sunday Notes for the parishes, it's now time to pass this happy task on to others. Having prepared around 1250 editions and printed around 150,000 copies, the days of "typos" have hopefully come to an end.

The purpose of these notes has not only been to Inform but to Inspire, that those who read them or discover them in one of our Churches will see that we are a people of prayer, faith and action. It has been important to have words of hope and inspiration, sometimes from the pen of Pastor Graham and also the Twitturgies from Gerard Kelly. Sometimes updates on our local Prayer Pastors, Christians against Poverty, Food Banks, Healing on the Streets, the Lantern Centre and of course our Church School – St Nicholas and St Laurence. To inform and to be encouraged about the work of the Gospel in the Deanery, the Diocese, the Anglican Communion and the universal Church. To bring before the Church the needs of our own people as well as others. To challenge us as a thinking and praying Christian community, that we may see beyond our own needs to the needs, hopes and fears of others.

So it's time to sign off. We leave the Rectory at 526 on Wednesday with lots of happy memories and will continue to hold you in our hearts as four lovely Churches with lots and lots of amazing people. May the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless us all. *Richard & Sue Simmons*



The Weymouth Ridgeway Benefice

Including

**Bincombe with Broadway,
Upwey and Buckland Ripers**

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel.

Church, you are most welcome here today

December 6th

Broadway	10.30am
	3.00pm
Bincombe	9.15am
Upwey	10.30am
Buckland	9.15am

Second Sunday of Advent

(St Nicholas Day)

Family Worship (David Parsons)
Oddfellows Carol Service
Holy Communion (Ada Whittock)
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The Prayer for Today

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins & wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Introduction to the Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you. **and also with you.**

COMMUNION We welcome all who are members of their own Churches to receive the sacrament at any of our Communion Services.

Gluten Free Wafers are now available for Communion. Please speak to the presiding minister if you wish to receive one at the Lord's Table

The Gospel for Today Luke 3. 1- 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracoonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the desert,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all mankind will see God’s salvation.”

Philippians 1.3-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

Of his own free volition our maker has decided to effect our rescue.

He is coming. Angels sing good news, not good advice

(Gerard Kelly @twitturgies Nov 30)

www.theweytojesus.org.uk

Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion – St Laurence Upwey
Tuesday	10.30am - - 12Noon	Coffee and Bring and Bring and Buy Jackie & David Johnson, 104, Church Street
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion – St Nicholas Broadway
Saturday	10.30am - - 12.30pm	David and Judy Parson invite you to a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy At the Bungalow on the Nothe In Aid of their link Russian Orphanage

December 13th

Broadwey	10.30am	Family Worship (Ada Whittock)
Bincombe	9.15am	Holy Communion (Ada Whittock)
Upwey	10.30am	Holy Communion (Pat Jones)
Buckland	6.00pm	Evening Worship (Tim West)

Third Sunday of Advent

Family Worship (Ada Whittock)
Holy Communion (Ada Whittock)
Holy Communion (Pat Jones)
Evening Worship (Tim West)



In Our Prayers...

St Nicholas and St Laurence VA Primary School
our Church School – Head Teacher - Mrs Helen Williams

Those of our armed forces currently engaged in the defence of the realm

**Our Weymouth Street Pastors, Prayer Pastors, and Food Banks. –
Christians Against Poverty, Healing on the Streets,
and the Lantern Centre.**

**Many thanks to all those who helped and supported the
St Laurence Christmas Fair last Saturday. The amount raised was
£730:41. Well done to all who worked hard for such a good total.**

**Co-ordinated by Weymouth Family Church, the Churches of Weymouth
and Portland came together last night to wrap 24 Christmas hampers** for
Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Clients. Each hamper will go to a family,
couple or individual working hard to get out of debt over the festive season.
Many of our clients who are on tight budget are worried or anxious about being
able to afford the food items we traditionally purchase at Christmas, in light of
this Church members across Weymouth and Portland have donated food items
or money that has enabled CAP to buy and gift clients with a hamper.