

Calendar

Sunday 25 th	<i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>
Monday 16 th	<i>St Stephen, Deacon, Protomartyr</i>
Tuesday 27 th	<i>ST JOHN, Ap</i> 19:30 Candlelight Holy Communion with Healing – Preston
Wed. 28 th	<i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</i> 07:30 Morning Prayer – Littlemoor 09:00 Morning Prayer – Broadway 10:00 Holy Communion – Preston 10:00 Holy Communion – Upwey
Thursday 29 th	<i>St Thomas of Canterbury, Abp, M</i> 10:00 Holy Communion – Broadway 19:30 Prayer group – Littlemoor
Friday 30 th	<i>Feria of Christmas</i> 19:30 Candlelit Vigil Service – Preston
Saturday 31 st	<i>Feria of Christmas</i>

Sunday 1st January The Naming of Jesus

Bincombe	NO SERVICE TODAY
Buckland Ripers	09:15 Holy Communion (Philip Elliott)
Broadway	10:30 Holy Communion (Philip Elliott)
Upwey	10:30 Holy Communion (Brian Ellis)

**We regret that there will be no service at Holy Trinity, Bincombe
on Sunday, January 1st January 2017.**

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BINCOMBE WITH BROADWEY; UPWEY AND BUCKLAND RIPERS Part of the Weymouth Ridgeway Benefice

Sunday 25th December 2016
CHRISTMAS DAY

The Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Readings

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
Old Testament	Isaiah 62 : 6 - 12 Psalm 97	Isaiah 63 : 7 - 9 Psalm 148
New Testament	Titus 3 : 4 - 7	Hebrews 2 : 10 - end
Gospel	Luke 2 : 1 – 7, 8 - 20	Matthew 2 : 13 - end

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Sunday 25 th	Diocese of Durham Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness Church of Norway: Diocese of Oslo The area of Nyang in South Sudan
Monday 26 th	Salisbury St Thomas and St Edmund
Tuesday 27 th	Salisbury and District Hospital and Fountain Way Hospital
Wednesday 28 th	St Nicholas Hospital
Thursday 29 th	Alderbury Deanery
Friday 30 th	Bourne Valley Benefice
Saturday 31 st	The Clarendon Team

In Our Prayers

- **Our Church School and Headteacher Mrs Helen Williams.**
- **Our Street Pastors & Prayer Pastors**
- **Food Banks & Christians against Poverty**
- **The Lantern Centre**

Remembering those who have passed into God's presence...

Margaret Smith, Barbara Glover, Don Collins, Philip Pierce,
Christina Gutteridge

Remembering the sick...

Will, Kath and Samuel Stewart, Stella Knight, Louise Freeman, David Parson,
Karl Lantree, Georgi Mann, Alan & Pat Gardner, Sheelagh Matcham,
Gill Demuth, Mike M, Gerry Dunwoody, Richard Matcham, Marjorie Peat,
Michael Manning, Annabel Bunce, Daniel Washington, Betty Cornick,
Lesley Randall, Beryl Dibben, Neil & Chris Scott, Beattie Gale, Jessica Smith,
and all others in our community who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Remembering others...

Family & friends of Nigel & Simon Davis,
and all others who we know need our prayers.

Thank you

My sincerest thanks to all who did so much to make our Christmas Services the joyful occasions they were: to our superb choir; those who lead music and worship; decorate and beautify our churches and their grounds; our churchwardens, treasurers and many, many others who contributed to and attended our services and events.

Thanks to each one of you.

Without you we wouldn't be the community we are.

Wishing you all the joy and peace of this Holy time of Year.

Intimations

We have no certainty the soul but dreams
When it rises far above this life
Above man's journey from cradle to grave,
Whispering of things that words will not reveal
Though we may force them far beyond their limits
Like stars into the vast eternal space.
Has not the soul a story of its own?
A dark ebb strangely murmurs in its depths
On distant shores we cannot reach, on shores
Where memory was lost in wrecks stupendous
Of some great world of worlds.
Are the stars above
As splendid and divine as poets sing?
Their power sublime on our responding spirit
May it not be the hold of memories dim
Of far diviner scenes, radiant of God?
The stars are in us! And all poetry
Is but a recollection of our past,
Or premonition of what shall be.
What mortal man lives now who ever feels
The sudden spin of a long forgotten world
Flashing across his path
Or brushing the tip of a long promontory of memories?
Our imaginings, who can
prove or disprove that they are fragments strewn
On a deep sea, the wreck of a nobler life,
And that the soul in stupor lies, until
Restored by the ever-seeking, living breath
Of poetry? O Blessed hour, when God
Appears, a Sun in Majesty above
Earth's many days, and the Holy Spirit's path
A ray of light on the world's broken tracks
Lighting the way back to those heights Divine!

Islwyn (William Thomas 1832 – 78) translated from the Welsh by DM Lloyd