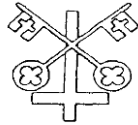


# St Peter's Church Welcome



<b>Rector:</b>	Position vacant (interregnum)	
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	John Ingram	Tel: 810337
	Chris Taylor	Tel: 810880
<b>Resident Minister:</b>	Revd David Stokes-Harrison	Tel: 551117
<b>Rural Dean:</b>	Revd Keith Hodson	Tel: 750774

## 3 December 2017 ADVENT SUNDAY

7:45 am	Holy Communion at Edgmond - JG
10:30 am	Family Communion at Edgmond - Revd Rich Cresswell
12:30 am-4:30 pm	Christmas Tree Festival in Church
6:30 pm	From Darkness to Light Service

### Common Worship Year B begins today

<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 13:24-37	Alison Matthews
<b>Intercessions are led by:</b>	Beryl Ingram	
<b>Offertory Procession:</b>	Margaret Matthews & Anne Furniss	

The Church has an Inductive Loop System for the hard of hearing.  
Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position

**Large print hymnbooks are available – please ask a Sidesperson if you require a copy**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE FOR MULLED WINE AND A MINCE PIE**



DSH = David Stokes-Harrison; PL = Paul Lewis;  
JI = John Ingram; JG = Jane Gill;  
PB = Phillip Brook; JF = John Fowler

### Monday 4 December

11:00 am-4:00 pm Christmas Tree Festival in Church (Final Day)

### Tuesday 5 December

7:30 pm Harper Adams University Carol Service in Church

### Wednesday 6 December

7:30 pm Bellingring Practice



### Thursday 7 December

9:30 am Holy Communion at Edgmond  
2:15 pm Mothers' Union Meet in Church - see notice 5  
7:30 pm Choir Practice  
NO Compline



### Friday 8 December

2:00-4:00 pm **St. Lawrence's Church invite you** to join them for Coffee and Cake (or Tea) in Church at Preston



### Saturday 9 December

2:00-4:00pm Children's Advent Workshop in Church

### Sunday 10 December - Advent 2

7:45 am Holy Communion at Edgmond  
10:30 am Sung Eucharist at Edgmond - DSH  
12:30 pm Holy Baptism at St Peter's - Preb. Ward  
3:00 pm Provincial Masonic Carol Service in Church  
6:30 pm Healing Service - JF



## NOTICES

- 1 **During the interregnum** our first point of contact should be the churchwardens, John Ingram (810337) or Chris Taylor (810880); then Revd David Stokes-Harrison, (551117) if the wardens not available; and then the Rural Dean Keith Hodson (750774), if Revd David Stokes-Harrison is not available. For an urgent need of a priest then Revd David Stokes-Harrison or the Rural Dean should be approached first.

2 **Second round of advertisements for appointment of new Rector** - The advertisement for the position of Rector of the six parishes has appeared in the Church Times again on 17 and 24 November, and plans are in hand for the interview(s) to be held on **Monday 5 February**.

Details of the arrangements for the Familiarisation day and the Interview day will be made later.

3 **ADVENT SUNDAY SERVICE "FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT"** - This evening at 6:30pm at St Peter's, Edgmond, there will be a candlelit service to mark the start of the season of Advent. The service begins with the church being in complete darkness representing the world before the coming of Jesus, and as the service proceeds with readings and hymns telling us of the prophesied coming of Jesus, so more candles are lit until, at the Gospel reading of the Annunciation (the Archangel Gabriel visiting the Virgin Mary), the whole church is full of light. **Everyone is welcome** at this service which marks the start of our preparation for Christmas. (You may find a small torch useful to read the hymns.)



4 **Mulled Wine and Mince Pies** will be served during Advent/Christmas at St Peter's, (as well as coffee etc. for those who would prefer that option), after the 10:30 service. If you can supply mince pies over the coming weeks, please could you complete the sheet at the back of St Peter's Church? Thank you



5 **The Mothers' Union** meet this Thursday in St Peter's Church at 2:15pm. The speaker will be Paul Benton with "Advent Thoughts". Everyone is welcome. For further information and/or help with transport please contact Margaret Matthews on 825976.



6 **The Advent Children's Workshop** will take place here in St Peter's Church **next Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December from 2:00-4:00pm**. Offers of help would be very much appreciated - male or female. Please let Jane Norton at 3 Bayley Hills or Diana Corlett on 811139 know if you are available.



7 **The Gallery Singers Present "Northern Lights"** - A collection of songs for Christmas at All Saints Church, Forton on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3:00pm**. Ticket are £8 and available from Janet Guest (at All Saints) on 820080 or at the door.

8 **PCC MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:** The next PCC meeting will be held in Church on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 7:30pm.



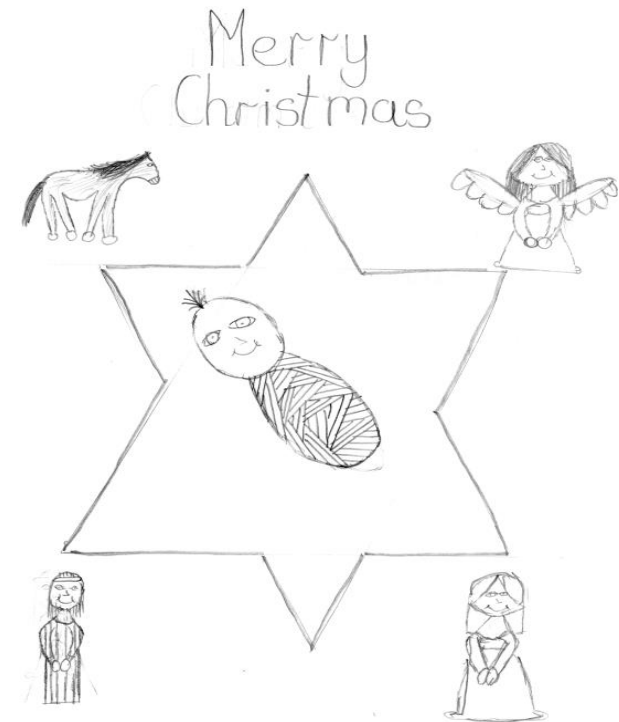
9 **St Peter's Church Carol Service** will take place here in Church on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December** at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

### The First Advent Candle is Lit:

**Leader:** One candle in the darkness and the dark is filled with light. God is Light, and our lives are judged in the light of God's love and we hope for the time when God's will is done and the Kingdom comes. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, light has dawned on them, dwellers in a land as dark as death.



**ALL:** God of all hope, fill us with joy and peace that when there is darkness in our lives we may be comforted by the light of your presence and renewed in hope, looking for the coming of Christ as light in our world.



Maisie Gallier

Thank you to pupils at St Peter's School for pictures drawn for the pew sheets during Advent

The Pew Sheet can also be found on our website at:  
<http://www.stpeterschurchedgmond.org>