

FROM AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

The wonder, love and hope of Christmas

A long time ago, the psalmist wrote "When I consider your heavens ... what are mere mortals that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them ...? (Psalm 8:3)

He was struck by the sheer wonder of the fact that God, the creator of the universe, was concerned for the welfare of humanity.

Christmas is a celebration of just how much God cares for us. The psalmist used the evidence of his eyes and mind; we have the evidence of Jesus.

Christmas celebrates God becoming flesh and entering into history in the form of a vulnerable

baby born to a poor, teenage mother in a dirty animal shelter. How wonder-ful is that! God became like us to bring us back to God - why? Simply because of his love, for us and all his creation.

Jesus' arrival was to make our salvation (restoration) possible - it heralded "peace on earth, good will toward humanity". He is "the mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace." The man Jesus would call on his disciples to turn the other cheek, practice humility, walk the extra mile, put away their swords, love their neighbours (even their enemies) and said that in his kingdom, it is the

peacemakers who will be called the children of God. Christ will end our warring ways, bringing reconciliation to God and to one another.

The world celebrates the 'magic and sparkle' of Christmas, we are invited to celebrate the 'wonder, love and hope' for our present life and for our eternal future which is possible because of Christ's birth.

Please join with one of these local fellowships during this season - you will receive a warm welcome.

Have a wonder-ful Christmas!

John Nockels

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



CHRISTMAS SERVICES - TIMES & CHURCHES

ST LAWRENCE CofE - Rode
Sunday 14th December
4.30 pm Carol Service
Sunday 21st December
3pm 3rd Sunday Together - Outdoor Nativity
Wednesday 24th December
11pm Holy Communion
Thursday 25th December
10.30 am Family Service

ST MARY CofE - Hardington
Saturday 20th December
3pm Carol Service - with The Bath Veterans Brass Band

HOLY TRINITY CofE - Trinity Street
Sunday 21st December
10.45 am Morning Service
6.30 pm Candlelit Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December
4pm Christingle Service - *bring your own Christingles & we'll supply candles*
8pm Candlelit Communion
Thursday 25th December
9am Holy Communion (said)
10am Christmas Family Service - *Come and bring a present to show everyone!*

ST MARY'S CofE - Orchardleigh
Sunday 14th December
11am BCP Matins

ST PHILIP & ST JAMES CofE - Norton St Philip
Sunday 14th December
6pm Candlelit Carol Service
Tuesday 16th December
11.30 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 24th December
11pm Holy Communion
Thursday 25th December
10.30 am Family Carol Service

ALL SAINTS CofE - Rodden
Sunday 14th December
11am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 21st December
6.30 pm Lessons & Carols
Thursday 25th December
9.15 am BCP Holy Communion

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CofE - Hemington
Sunday 14th December
3pm Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December
9.30 pm Holy Communion

ST GEORGE CofE - Whatley
Sunday 14th December
9.30 am Morning Service
Sunday 21st December
6.30 pm Carol Service
Thursday 25th December
9.30 am Holy Communion

ROOK LANE CONGREGATIONAL
Friday 19th December
10.30 am Blue House Carol Service
Sunday 21st December
10.30 am Carol Service - at Cricket Club

ST DOMINIC RC - Manor House Mells
Sunday 14th December
11.30 am Mass
Sunday 21st December
11.30 am Mass
Thursday 25th December
11.30 am Mass of Christmas Morning

ST ANDREW CofE - Mells
Sunday 14th December
9.30 am Parish Communion
Sunday 21st December
5.30 pm Mince Pies
6pm Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December
11.30 pm Christmas Communion
Thursday 25th December
9.30 am Christmas Day Family Service

ZION URC - Frome Community College, Room M5
Sunday 21st December
10.15 am Carol Service

ST MARY'S CofE - Berkley
Sunday 14th December
9.15 am Family Service with Carols
Wednesday 24th December
6.00 pm Lessons & Carols

ALL SAINTS CofE - Tellisford
Sunday 14th December
9am Matins
Thursday 25th December
9am Christmas Day Holy Communion (said)

FROME BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday 14th December
10.30am Morning Service with guest speaker, James Shone at Frome College
Sunday 21st December
4pm Carols by Candlelight - at Frome College
Thursday 25th December
10am Christmas Day Family Service at Beckington Baptist Church

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CofE - Buckland Dinham
Sunday 14th December
3pm Carol Service
Sunday 21st December
11am All Age Service
Thursday 25th December
10.30 am Holy Communion

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CofE - Cloford
Monday 15th December
7pm Carol Service

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CofE - Laverton
Sunday 14th December
11am Holy Communion
Sunday 21st December
6pm Carols and Mulled Wine
Thursday 25th December
11am Holy Communion

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CofE - Wanstrow
Saturday 20th December
2.30 pm to 6pm Christmas Celebration Afternoon with Carols
Sunday 28th December
11am Family Communion

ALL SAINTS CofE - Lullington
Sunday 21st December
11am BCP Matins
Wednesday 24th December
6pm Lessons & Carols
Thursday 25th December
11am BCP Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS CofE - Downhead
Monday 22nd December
6pm Carol Service

ST GILES CofE - Leigh on Mendip
Sunday 21st December
3pm Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December
11.30 pm Holy Communion

ST KATHARINES CofE - East Woodlands
Sunday 21st December
11am Carol Service
Thursday 25th December
11am Holy Communion

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CofE - Innox Hill
Sunday 21st December
9am Sung Eucharist
3pm Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December
10am Said Eucharist
2pm and 6pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass
Thursday 25th December
10am Sung Eucharist

ST CATHARINE RC - Park Road
Sunday 14th December
9.30 am and 5.30 pm Mass
Sunday 21st December
9.30 am and 5.30 pm Mass
Wednesday 24th December
6pm Vigil Mass with Children's Tableau
11.30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Thursday 25th December
9.30 am Mass of Christmas Morning

ST MICHAEL CofE - Stoke St Michael
Sunday 21st December
6pm Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December
4pm Crib Service
Thursday 25th December
9.15 am Holy Communion

BVM, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ALL SAINTS CofE - Witham Friary
Sunday 21st December
6pm Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CofE - Bath Street
Sunday 14th December
4pm - Carols at The Blue House
Sunday 21st December
8am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December
3pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Service
Thursday 25th December
9.30 am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S CofE - Beckington
Sunday 14th December
10am - BCP Matins
4.15 pm - Children's Carols
Sunday 21st December
10am All-age Holy Communion with Berkley
6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight with Beckington Village Choir
Wednesday 24th December
11pm Midnight Holy Communion
Thursday 25th December
10am All-age Holy Communion

ST LEONARD CofE - Marston Bigot
Wednesday 24th December
6.30 pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

WESLEY METHODIST - Wesley Slope
Sunday 14th December
10.30 am Holy Communion
Friday 19th December
6.30 pm Coffee & Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 21st December
10.30 am Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December
3pm Crib Service
11.15 Midnight Communion Service
Thursday 25th December
10.30 am Christmas Day Family Service

ST MARY MAGDELENE CofE - Great Elm
Sunday 14th December
9.30 am Morning Service
Sunday 21st December
5.00 pm Carol Service
Thursday 25th December
9.30 am Holy Communion

CHRIST CHURCH CofE - Christchurch Street West
Sunday 21st December
8am Holy Communion (1662)
10.45 am Sung Mass
6pm Carol Service
Monday 22nd December
7pm Christ Church Singers Candlelit Concert
Tuesday 23rd December
7.00 pm Mass for Healing
Wednesday 24th December
4.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass
Thursday 25th December
8am Holy Communion (1662)
10am Sung Mass

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - Trudoxhill
Sunday 21st December
10.30 am Carol Service

ALL SAINTS CofE - Nunney
Wednesday 24th December
3.30 pm Crib Service
Thursday 25th December
10.30 am Holy Communion

PORTWAY METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday 14th December
10.30 am Morning Service
Sunday 21st December
No Morning Service
3pm Carol Service

HOLY TRINITY CofE - Chantry
Sunday 14th December
11am Toy & Carol Service
Sunday 21st December
11am Morning Service
Wednesday 24th December
10.00 pm Christmas Communion

BAPTIST CHURCH - Beckington
Sunday 14th December
3pm Afternoon Service
Sunday 21st December
3pm Service of Lessons and Carols
Wednesday 24th December
5pm Christmas Eve Crib Service
Thursday 25th December
10am Christmas Family Service led by Frome Baptist Church

If you have not been to church recently why not make a comeback this Christmas!
If you've never been, then give one of the churches close to you a try!