

## Weymouth Ridgeway Churches Worship Times

### St Andrew's, Preston

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8.00am	Communion BCP
Every Sunday	9.15am	Communion (1st Sunday Café Church in Church Rooms)
Every Tuesday	7.30pm	Candlelight Worship (Communion 1st Tuesdays)
Every Friday	12noon	Prayer Meeting

### St Francis', Littlemoor

Every Sunday	10.30am	Morning Worship (1st Sunday Communion +bring & share meal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	10.30am	Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6.30pm	Celtic Evening Prayer
Every Monday	7.30pm	Evening Prayer/Compline
Every Tuesday	12.45pm	Prayer Group
Every Thursday	8.00am	Morning Prayer

### Holy Trinity, Bincombe

Every Sunday	9.00am	Communion/Matins
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### St Laurence, Upwey

Every Sunday	10.30am	Communion/Morning Prayer
Every Tuesday	10.00am	Communion

### St Nicholas, Broadwey

Every Sunday	10.30am	Communion/Morning Prayer
Every Thursday	10.00am	Communion & Coffee Morning

### St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers

1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays	9.00am	Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	4.00pm	Sunday Worship

### St Osmund's Church

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10.30am	Morning Worship
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays	8.00am	Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	10.30am	Communion

### Please note

There will be no 8am service at St Andrew's on Sunday 5th January

### Contact

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## Happy New Year!

Week commencing  
Sunday 5th January 2025  
Second Sunday of Christmas



The Roman God Janus was the god of beginnings and ends and of gateways. He is depicted with two faces one looking forward and one looking backwards. It is from Janus that the month of January is named, which is very appropriate. As we enter another new year it is good to look back at what has been and forward to what might be to come. Maybe we look back with mixed emotions, have had a year of mixed fortunes. Maybe we look back joyfully, have had a good year, or with sorry and sadness after a difficult one. We look forward to the unknown that is to come. One tradition I always do on New Year's Eve, is to open the backdoor to let the old year out before opening the front door to let the New Year in. It was a tradition my parents did, symbolizing letting the old year go before entering the new one.

In his Christmas message at the end of 1939 King George VI quoted the word of "God Knows" by Minnie Louise Hawkins, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'give me a light that I may tread safely into the un-known.' "He replied to me, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be better than light and safer than a known way.' A very appropriate quote for a time when the country faced very difficult times. It is also a good message for us today, as we face the challenges of life here.

As Christians, we of course don't have to rely on a mythical two faced god to help us to look back or face the future, we have The one true God, revealed to us in Jesus and empowering to face whatever is coming by the power of His Holy Spirit. May we all, whatever the New Year brings, be able to face it with courage and confidence, certain in the knowledge that God walks with us and that he is in control.

May I wish you a very Happy New Year.

Capt Paul McDonough C.A. LL.M.

**Readings**

Jeremiah 31. 7-14  
 (Ephesians 1. 3-14)  
 John 1. [1-9] 10-18

**Collect**

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen



**An opportunity to explore  
 faith together  
 over food**

Starts 7pm Tuesday 14th January  
 Free  
 Littlemoor, venue tbc

To sign up, or for more info, contact  
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**Stay Curious  
 Try Alpha**

**Epiphany Carol Service**

4pm Sunday 5th January  
 Holy Trinity, Bincombe

**Christians Against Poverty**

We are so grateful for all your support in 2024.

If you are interested in supporting us by funding a debt coach for Weymouth and Portland in 2025 you can donate to our Giving page which is open until 6th January at 3.59pm. Everything you give up to £250 is matched by the Aviva Community Appeal. All donations large and small are really appreciated.

The link for online donation is through Aviva:  
<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/christians-against-poverty-weymouth-and-portland>

**St Andrew's Church Services**

Please note that Sunday services during January & February at St Andrew's will be held in St Andrew's Church Rooms. DT3 6BU (Tuesday Candlelight services will be in the church as normal.)

**Coffee Mornings for St Laurence Church**

**Tues 14th January**  
 32 Elwell Street, Upwey DT3 5QF  
 Bring & Buy + Raffle  
 10-30am - 12noon

**Knit & Natter**

Every Tuesday 10.30am - 12noon St Francis' Church, Littlemoor followed by the Prayer Group  
 First Tuesdays  
 10am - 12noon St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston

**Ladies Night!**

7-9pm every 4th Friday  
 St Francis' Church, Littlemoor - Bring & Share meal

**Coffee Morning**

Every Thursday 11am St Nicholas' Church, Broadway after the 10am Communion Service

**Coffee, Cake & Chat at St Osmund's**

2nd Saturday of the month, 10-12 mid-day £3

**Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group**

Every Thursday 9.30am - 11.30am  
 St Francis' Church, Littlemoor. £1.50 all welcome!

**Fairtrade Stall**

1st Sundays at St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston  
 2nd Sundays at St Francis' Church, Littlemoor

**Angels Lunch Club**

Every second Monday at St Andrew's Church Rooms.  
 Contact Community Angels on 01305 834866  
 standrewsangels@hotmail.co.uk

**Osmington Lunch Club**

Every third Friday at Osmington Village Hall  
 01305 832430 or francesgroves@btinternet.com

**St Nicholas Lunch Club**

Every 2nd Tuesday at St Nicholas Church, Broadway  
 Contact: Susana Malik on 07944617553

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