

## Weymouth Ridgeway Churches Worship Times

### St Andrew's, Preston

<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (not January)</i>	8.00am	Communion BCP
<i>Every Sunday</i>	9.15am	Communion (1st Sunday Café Church in Church Rooms)
<i>Every Tuesday</i>	7.30pm	Candlelight Worship (Communion 1st Tuesdays)
<i>Every Friday</i>	12noon	Prayer Meeting

### St Francis', Littlemoor

<i>Every Sunday</i>	10.30am	Morning Worship (1st Sunday Communion +bring & share meal)
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</i>	10.30am	Communion
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>	6.30pm	Celtic Evening Prayer
<i>Every Monday</i>	7.30pm	Evening Prayer/Compline
<i>Every Tuesday</i>	12.45pm	Prayer Group
<b>Last session Tues 17th Dec</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Together on Tuesday</b>
<i>Every Thursday</i>	8.00am	Morning Prayer

### Holy Trinity, Bincombe

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

<i>Every Sunday</i>	10.30am	Communion/Morning Prayer
<i>Every Tuesday</i>	10.00am	Communion

### St Nicholas, Broadwey

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

### St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers

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

### St Osmund's Church

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

### Please note

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

### Contact

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# Welcome

Week commencing  
Sunday 15th December 2024  
Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is a day which, in some church traditions, is called Gaudete Sunday. Despite its highbrow sounding name, it simply means; "Rejoice!". A good reminder in the busyness and pressure of the end of year and Christmas planning, to take a breather and reflect on the wonderful things God is doing and promises to do in our lives. (Some churches light a pink candle on this day, but I am sure you will all be relieved to know you will not be subjected to James or I wearing pink robes on this day.)

This is also a day where some churches remember the special role of St John the Baptist who showed the way to Jesus, testifying to him in his life and by giving his life.

This weeks gospel reading introduces us to John's unique style of preaching; "You brood of vipers!"... well that certainly gets our attention! John preaches a baptism of repentance. He calls us all to examine our lives and repent – do an about turn –from those ways which are contrary to God's teaching. Responding to Jesus' invitation to follow him requires an active response from us. John showed those who drew near how to live lives which were righteous in God's sight. This all requires a degree of humility on our part. John says; 'Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"'. So too, it is up to us to make that change not relying on who we know or where we live or other ways by which humans compare themselves to others. God, in his love, knows us better than we know ourselves so let us take time to rest in him and turn to him as we prepare to meet him in that tiny child in the manger.

With best wishes to you all  
Reverend Philip Elliott

**Readings**

Zephaniah 3. 14-end  
 (Philippians 4. 4-7  
 Luke 3. 7-18

**Collect**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christmas in the Weymouth Ridgeway Benefice  
 Everyone welcome**

**19th December**

6.00pm Carol Service, St Andrew's, Preston

**22nd December**

9.00am Communion Service, Holy Trinity, Bincombe  
 9.15am Communion Service, St Andrew's, Preston  
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Francis', Littlemoor  
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Nicholas', Broadway  
 10.30am Communion Service, St Laurence's, Upwey  
 4.00pm Evening Prayer, St Nicholas', Buckland Ripers  
 6.00pm Carol Service, St Osmund's, Osmington

**23rd December**

6.30pm Carol Service, St Laurence's, Upwey

**24th December**

4.00pm DIY Nativity & Christingle, St Nicholas', Broadway  
 4.30pm Crib & Christingle Service, St Andrew's, Preston  
 6.30pm Christingle, St Francis', Littlemoor  
 7.00pm Carol Service, St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers  
 11.00pm Midnight Communion, St Andrew's, Preston  
 11.30pm Midnight Communion, Holy Trinity, Bincombe

**25th December**

9.15am Christmas Worship, St Andrew's, Preston  
 9.30am Christmas Worship, St Francis', Littlemoor  
 9.30am Christmas Communion, St Osmund's, Osmington  
 10.30am Christmas Communion, St Laurence's, Upwey

**29th December**

9.15am Communion Service, St Andrew's, Preston  
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Osmund's, Osmington  
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Francis', Littlemoor  
 10.30am Combined Communion Service St Laurence's, Upwey

**Free Christmas Concert**

17th December at 6p.m.  
 St Laurence Church in Upwey

**Quangle Wangle Choir**

St Nicholas Church, Broadway DT3 5QF  
 Saturday 21st December 3-5pm £10 (children free)  
 susanamalik@yahoo.com  
 (Half of the proceeds donated to St Nicholas & St Laurence School for refurbishment of the Reception year area.)

**St Andrew's Choir**

The choir will be leading a Carol sing-a-long at the Spice Ship on Wednesday 18th December from 6.30pm.  
 Everyone is welcome to join us and join in!



**Starting  
 Tuesday 14th January at 7pm  
 (including free meal)**

Venue to be decided.  
 Discuss & discover faith together.  
 Contact Rev. James Menzies for more details & to sign up  
 revjamesmenzies@outlook.com 01305 835921

**Carols in the Precinct**

Littlemoor Shopping Precinct  
 21st December 4.30pm  
*Please join us to celebrate the coming of Christmas!  
 (If you would like to take part please contact the Team Office - details overleaf).*

**Coffee Mornings for St Laurence Church**

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

**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