

Weymouth Ridgeway Churches Worship Times

St Andrew's, Preston

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 rd Sunday	10.30am	Communion
4 th 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 st & 3 rd Sundays	9.00am	Communion
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	4.00pm	Sunday Worship

St Osmund's Church

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

St Andrew's Church Services

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

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Welcome

Week commencing
Sunday 2nd February
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas

Recently amongst the clergy in the diocese, two casual vacancies came up on General Synod. Synod is the Church of England's parliament- it decides on matters about the church. What happens there does have an impact on parishes, and the Measures it agrees on, once confirmed by Parliament, carry the force of law. Weirdly, it was the first "devolved administration", decades ahead of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (in terms of the Assembly there).

I was encouraged by colleagues to stand for Synod, and to cut a long story short, I was elected. This is not something I particularly want to do; I'd much rather be focussing on parish work, which is much more enjoyable. It is also an extra burden for a couple of weeks in the year. But because of the decisions Synod makes, what happens there will shape the direction of the CofE for the future. It's therefore important that people are willing to get involved, and to stand up for things that matter. In the upcoming February session, Synod will be addressing- amongst other things- safeguarding, how bishops are chosen, how to encourage ministry from more deprived areas, and we'll look at some of the recommendations from the racial justice group. There will also be a report on the controversial efforts to introduce same-sex blessings.

At the moment, the Church of England is not in a happy place. It has been rocked by dire safeguarding failures, numbers in many churches are falling, confidence in bishops and other senior leaders is low, and it is divided over questions of human sexuality. Please pray that we might see a better future, and that to that end, Synod might deliberate wisely and faithfully. My conviction is that if God wants to, he can revive the CofE to be a real agent of spiritual renewal in a troubled nation. He did with the Evangelical revival in the 18th /19th centuries. Slavery was overturned, workers' rights were strengthened, education instituted for the many not just the few, and the culture of the nation became more faithfully Christian. I pray that just as he moved in the past, the Holy Spirit will again convict and redeem this Church and country. If Synod can play some part in that, it will have done its job.

Reverend James Menzies

Readings

Malachi 3. 1-5
 Hebrews 2. 14-end
 Luke 2. 22-40

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Please pray:

- For spiritual renewal in all churches
- For a spiritually fruitful General Synod
- For spiritual renewal and revival

The Decadettes
Singing you through the decades!
Saturday 8th February

Door & Bar open from 7pm
 St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston. DT3 6BU
 Tickets £10 from The Team Office 01305 837147
 weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com or
 Jules Burton/Liz Slee in St Andrew's Church on Sundays
Raising funds for the lychgate

Coffee Morning for St Laurence Church

Tuesday 11th February
 inc. Bring & Buy + Raffle
 10-30am - 12noon
 64 Elwell Street, Upwey DT3 5QF
 Hosted by Dilys Scott

Charity Quiz Night

7.30pm (doors open 7pm) Saturday 8th February
 St Nicholas Church Broadway
 Tickets £10 (to include a drink from the bar)
 Prizes, Raffle, Bar

Teams of 6 (if you don't have a team we can find you a place)
 For Parkinson's UK & St Nicholas Church Repair Fund

Charity Concert

Salvation Army Band, Songsters & Timbrels
3pm (doors open 2.30pm) Saturday 22nd February
 St Nicholas Church Broadway
 Tickets £10

For The Blind Association & St Nicholas Repair Fund

*For more details and to book (or if you would like to donate a raffle prize) please contact
 Susana malik on 07944 617553 or email
 susanamalik@yahoo.com*

Indian Evening

6.45pm Saturday 22nd February
 Osmington Village Hall, Osmington. DT3 6FT
 Traditional Indian food & dancing demonstration. Bar
 Tickets £20 per person
 Bookings/payment by 13th February
 In aid of St Osmund's Church
 Contact: marjorieindorset@gmail.com

Knit & Natter

Every Tuesday 10.30am - 12noon St Francis' Church, Littlemoor followed by the Prayer Group

First Tuesdays

(No meeting in February)

10am - 12noon St Andrew's Church Rooms, Presto

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

Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group

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

Parish Lunch

Last Friday of the month
 St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston. DT3 ^BU
 Soup & fruit £5
 To book contact The Team Office (details overleaf)

Coffee, Cake & Chat at St Osmund's

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

Fairtrade Stall

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

Angels Lunch Club

Monday 13th January
 Every second Monday at St Andrew's Church Rooms.
 Contact Community Angels on 01305 834866
 standrewsangels@hotmail.co.uk

Osmington Lunch Club

Friday 17th January
 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

Hall Hire

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