

RED POST JUNCTION

December 2024

Welcome to our Red Post Churches:
Almer, Bloxworth, Morden, Sturminster Marshall,
Winterborne Kingston, Winterborne Zelston
Services this month

	Almer	Bloxworth	Morden	St Marshall	W Kingston	W Tomson	W Zelston
1st Sunday 1st Dec		<u>11.00 am</u> Morning Prayer		<u>5pm</u> From Darkness to Light		<u>6pm</u> Advent Carol Service	
Wed 4th Dec				<u>9.00am</u> Holy Communion			
2nd Sunday 8th Dec Advent 2		<u>3pm</u> Carol Service	<u>6pm</u> Carol Service	<u>9.15am</u> Toy Service	<u>9.15am</u> Holy Communion		
Wed 11th Dec				<u>9.00am</u> Holy Communion			
3rd Sunday 15th Dec Advent 3	<u>11.00am</u> Holy Communion	<u>3pm</u> Dorset Carols		<u>9.15am</u> Simply Worship	<u>6.30pm</u> Carol Service		
Wed 18th Dec				<u>9.00am</u> Holy Communion			
Thursday 19th Dec	<u>6pm</u> Carol Service						
Friday 20th Dec							<u>6pm</u> Carol Service
4th Sunday 22nd Dec Advent 4			<u>11.00am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6pm</u> Carol Service			
Tuesday 24th Dec		<u>3pm</u> Christingle		<u>4pm</u> Crib Service <u>11.30pm</u> Midnight Mass	<u>5.30pm</u> Cowshed Nativity		<u>11.30pm</u> Midnight Mass
Wed 25th Dec	<u>11.00am</u> Holy Communion	<u>11.00am</u> Morning Service	<u>11.00am</u> Family Communion		<u>9.15am</u> Family Communion		
5th Sunday 29th Dec Christmas 1				<u>11.00am</u> Benefice Holy Communion			

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Please look at our website <https://www.redpostbenefice.com/>

We are in the process of creating an up-to-date data base. Please see the churchwardens or PCC to add your name to the central list of contacts.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

December:

1st December at 5pm – Benefice Advent Darkness to Light Service at St Mary's Church, Sturminster Marshall. An opportunity to come together to reflect on the reality of Jesus coming into the world, bringing light to our darkness.

St Nicholas Fayre will be on Saturday 7th December at 10.30 a.m. in the Village Hall, Winterborne Kingston. Various stalls including Silent Auction, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Raffle, Cakes, Pastries, Coffee, and Mince Pies, for Church Funds. Donations for stalls, raffle etc, and any help would be much appreciated.

For our prayers:

Lord Jesus Christ; you came to earth that first Christmas to show us all how much God loves each and every one of us and we are thankful to have you in our lives.

This year we pray that you will give us the confidence we need to share, by this we don't mean gifts and presents neatly wrapped – we mean SHARE the true meaning of Christmas that **“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** John 3.16

Lord, help us to do our best, to make Jesus known, here where we live and beyond. **Amen.**

Dear All,

As we approach the joyful Christmas season, I am reminded of the boundless love and light that the birth of Jesus brings into our lives. This is a time to reflect on the blessings we've shared as a church family and to extend that love to those around us.

Christmas can be a difficult time for some, especially those who are experiencing loneliness and bereavement. We all need to be mindful of this, checking in on friends and neighbours and including those around us in our get togethers.

I am so grateful for each of you and the unique gifts you bring to our community. From our worship services to the fundraising and outreach activities, your faith and generosity have truly been a testament to God's love.

As we celebrate, let us keep the true meaning of Christmas in our hearts—sharing hope, peace and love. May this season fill your homes with joy and your hearts with Christ's everlasting light.

There are so many opportunities throughout the Red Post to invite people to come and join our celebrations and Christmas really is a great time to share the love of God, bringing to earth the greatest gift of all.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year!

With love and prayers,

Jane