

# RED POST JUNCTION

Welcome to our Red Post Benefice:

Almer, Bloxworth, Morden, Sturminster Marshall,  
Kingston, Winterborne Zelston

Winterborne

Services for January 2025						
	Almer	Bloxworth	Morden	St Marshall	W Kingston	W Zelston
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Christmas 2</i>		<u>11.00</u> Holy Communion		<u>9.15</u> Sung Eucharist with choir	<u>18.00</u> Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b>				<u>9.00</u> Holy Communion		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Epiphany 1</i>			<u>11.00</u> Morning Prayer	<u>9.15</u> Sung Eucharist	<u>9.15</u> Morning Prayer	<u>11.00</u> Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>				<u>9.00</u> Holy Communion		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Epiphany 2</i>	<u>11.00</u> Holy Communion			<u>9.15</u> Café Church	<u>9.15</u> Morning Prayer	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>				<u>9.00</u> Holy Communion		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Epiphany 3</i>			<u>11.00</u> Holy Communion	<u>9.15</u> Holy Communion		
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> January</b>				<u>9.00</u> Holy Communion		

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Please do 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:**

**Red Post Junction** – please can information about events be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **From Jane,**

During 2025 I'd really like us to focus on how our churches thrive across the Red Post Benefice, choosing a topic each month to dig deeper into. I've been reading a really practical book edited by Bishop Robert Atwell who was, up until very recently, the Bishop of Exeter and Lead Bishop for Rural Affairs in the Church of England. The book entitled "How Village Churches Thrive" seems particularly helpful for us at the moment. It has ten chapters, all relevant to ministry at this time, so we'll take one per month to study, excluding August and December.

For January we will be looking at our "Welcome" which is the first chapter; here's the opening paragraph: "It is easy to tell ourselves that church is welcoming. We smile when new people come, and make sure they have a coffee and biscuit after the service. But welcome is more than this. From the language we use in signage to the way we structure our service, creating a warm welcome should be weaved into every strand of church life."

If you'd like to know more about the book or the upcoming chapters, let me know. In February we will focus on Life Events, in particular – Weddings!

As a deanery we will be running a Lay Pastoral Assistant LPA Course from the end of January at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall on Tuesday evenings. If you feel God may be calling you to this worthwhile ministry then please chat it through with me, I'd be very interested to hear from anyone who may have some questions.

### **For our prayers:**

Loving God, as we begin a New Year, help us to look at fresh ways to make Jesus known across our churches. Help us all to lead lives which witness to your presence within us. Resource and equip us to be a people who not only believe in the love of Jesus deep down in our hearts, but live out the gospel message in all that we do, here in this place where we live.

We want to be a place of welcome, where people feel able to come and enquire about faith and see the difference knowing Jesus as our Saviour makes in all our lives.

Loving God, we pray that you alert us to all who are in extra need across our communities and ask for your help to reach out to those who are struggling as we journey through the winter months.

Help us as we endeavour to bring your love to a world which is searching for meaning.

As we begin this New Year, help us to be attentive to your calling on our lives.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.

**Amen.**