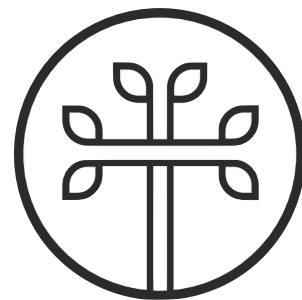


4th Sunday of ADVENT

21st December 2025

Welcome to Worship



Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

4th Sunday of Advent

21st December

Bible Readings

Romans 1. 1-7, Matthew 1. 18-end

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Lady St Mary, Wareham
9am	Breakfast Church	Sandford St Martin's
10am	Praise Communion	Lady St Mary, Wareham
10.30	Carol Service	St Nicholas, Arne
10.30	Morning Prayer	Sandford St Martin's
4pm	Fire Pit	Holme Priory, East Holme
6pm	Carol Service	Lady St Mary, Wareham

*Traditional Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
followed by refreshments*

For Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services see inside

Church Heating Update:

Unfortunately, despite several attempts to repair the heating system over the past weeks it is still not operational. We are continuing to resolve the problem as quick as possible.

Prayer

For Church family members

We pray for baby Sylvia, her parents and all her family and we continue to pray for Audrey Haines (Wade), Simon Clare, Judy Holloway, Jane Patterson and John Cleaton.

For those who have died and all who mourn

Wendy Slingsby, Anna Hardy, Elizabeth Davies
Barbara Welsh - Funeral 2pm, 22nd Dec, Lady St Mary's
Jeffrey Littlecott - Funeral 1pm, 23rd Dec, Lady St Mary's
Peter Hardman (*Priest*), former Rector of Wareham –
Memorial Service, 11am 10th Jan, The Priory Church of Lady St Mary's

Mission Prayer

For our Mission Partners, Ruth Guinness (serving with SIM in Malawi), The Taylor family (serving with YWAM in the Dominican Republic) and St Stephen's School, Terekeka, South Sudan & Bishop Paul Modi.

Lord God, you came as The Light for all nations:
bless our partners in mission in other parts of the world.
May the light of your presence, surround Ruth and the Taylor family,
the students and teachers of St Stephen's school and Bishop Paul Modi
and family, this Christmas. Fill them with your joy, hope and peace.

Amen

Gathering for Prayer

Parish Prayer Group

Are taking a break over the Christmas period and will next meet on the 6th January, 7.30 – 8.30 pm. All welcome.

We pray for global and local needs, mission and ministry and individuals.
For venue, please contact Parish Office Tel: 01929 550905

Prayers for Peace

Every Friday at 5pm in Lady St Mary Church.
All are invited to make time to pause and pray for peace in our world, in our communities and in our own lives.

A Christmas Invitation

Come and Celebrate Christmas together

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December

3pm Crib Service

Lady St Mary's, Wareham

7pm Holy Communion

Sandford St Martin's Church

11.15pm Midnight Mass

Lady St Mary's, Wareham

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December

8am Holy Communion

Lady St Mary's, Wareham

9.30am All Age Communion

Sandford St Martin's Church

10am Family Communion

Lady St Mary's, Wareham

10am Holy Communion

St John the Evangelist, East Holme

10.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas's Church Arne

Wishing you God's blessing of
PEACE, COMFORT & JOY
this Christmas from the Ministry Team

Coming Up in 2026

Sunday 4th January

4pm Wareham Parish Hall

O Come All Ye faithful

with Purbeck Village Quire

with handbells to welcome you as you arrive.

Refreshments and retiring collection for Lady St Mary Church.

Saturday 10th January

Men's Breakfast

8.30 am The Bear Hotel, South Street.

Guest Speaker: Dougal Dixon

a Scottish Geologist & Palaeontologist specialising in evolution.

To book a place contact Charles Donnelly

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Please note the deadline to book is the Wednesday before the Saturday of the breakfast – Wednesday 7th January 2026.

Next Sunday

1st Sunday of Christmas 28th December

United Services in Wareham and Sandford

Bible Readings

Hebrews 2.10-end, Matthew 2.13-end

*Please note **NO 8am Communion Service on this date***

10am Holy Communion

Lady St Mary, Wareham

Bible Reading

Matthew 2.13-23

10am Family Worship

Sandford St Martin's Church

Wednesday

31st December

11am Holy Communion

St Martin on the Walls, Wareham

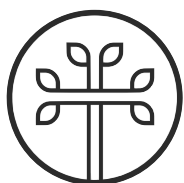
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