



*To show our love for God and You*  
*December 2025*



Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench & Harvington  
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ARCH Benefice: Parishes of Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench and Harvington

Rector: The Rev. Glenn Reading

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## Readings

**7th December** Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72.1-7,18,19, Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

**14th December** Isaiah 35.1-10, Magnificat, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

**21st December** Isaiah 7.10-16, Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20, Romans 1.1-7. Matthew 1.18-end

**25th December** Isaiah 52.7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1.1-12, John 1.1-14

**28th December** Isaiah 63.7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2.10-end, Matthew 2.13-end



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## Thought for the month

### The colours of the seasons

This season of Autumn is bringing in rich oranges, reds, yellows and browns. Winter's red, white and deep green will be picked up in the berries, frost and the evergreens. With Spring's sunshine comes the brightest splashes of vibrant greens and yellows before the full colour palette of summer arrives.

A trained colour consultant can examine our features, often using drapes, to identify our unique seasonal colour palette, such as spring, summer, autumn, or winter. This helps to understand which hues to wear to best show up our unique features, whatever 'season of life' we find ourselves. God himself created the world and all its seasons with the full palette of colours which we enjoy. Imagine the most distinct rainbow, or even more spectacular, the Northern Lights, for which the rarest colour is deep blue or purple, resulting from ionized nitrogen at lower altitudes.

The church has its season of colours too, which represent the important changing emphases of the year. As I write, the church is anticipating turning from being 'dressed' in the green of 'ordinary' time to the purple of Advent. This signifies the waiting and anticipation before the arrival of the holy white of a starlit Christmas.

As we celebrate the arrival of the Christ child in the Nativity, we remember God is not just for Christmas. He is active in His world, recreating the colours of every season. Emmanuel is a word we often sing in carols. It is a name of Hebrew origin meaning "God is with us". It comes from the Hebrew words "immanu" (with us) and "el" (God). In the Bible, this name is used to refer to Jesus Christ as the Messiah, as prophesied in the book of Isaiah and recounted in the Gospel of Matthew.

May you know God is with you in this and every season. Emmanuel.

- Rev'd Gerry Foster

*Stop date for February issue: **Monday 12th January***

## Pastoral

Daily prayers:  
8.30am

via Zoom – contact either Fr Glenn or Rev'd Chris for details

### Pastoral calls and contacts

Please telephone Fr Glenn in the first instance:

Updated Parish Office Hours and further details will be published in the next edition.

### From the Registers

*Abbots Morton*

Funeral & Burial

Marion Elizabeth Malin



## From the Rector

*Fr Glenn writes...*

As I sit in my study in the middle of a very wet and windy November, I know that Christmas is coming. I know this because the big stores have just released their Christmas Adverts, so far, my favourite is the John Lewis advert. I know that Christmas is coming because as a church we are making our Christmas plans



Christmas is a time of joy and celebration, although I appreciate that for some it is a hard time of year for many different reasons. At Christmas, we look to celebrate the goodness of God and his giving of the greatest gift, the birth of his Son and our Saviour Jesus. The birth of Jesus heralds a new chapter in the history of the world, a time of expectation and joy, and a time of hope.

The Christmas story is a magical story of journeys. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to register for a census and on the way both Mary and Joseph were on a spiritual journey, discerning God's plans for them. The young girl Mary pondered on what the angel Gabriel had told her regarding what was going to happen. Joseph pondered on what he saw and heard in a dream and the enormity of the responsibility he had been given; to care for God's Son! Then we have the journeys of the Shepherds and Kings, the lowliest and most magnificent men who would come to worship and pay homage to this baby which they knew to be special and destined to change the world.

As we continued to prepare for Christmas and all the celebrations, it is my prayer that you will also be on your own journey to re-live the Christmas story in a new way and allow God to be a part of your celebrations this Christmas. And remember that we will be re-telling and celebrating God's greatest gift to us in church this year. The details of all our services are in this magazine, and you will be most welcome to all of these services.

Whatever your plans, may I wish you and your loved ones a happy Christmas and may you know the peace of the Christ child in your homes and hearts this Christmastide.

## Benefice News



[www.freebibleimages.org](http://www.freebibleimages.org)

# New Beginnings

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Harvington Village Hall, 3.30 - 5.30pm

Crafts, story, song and a

FREE 2-course meal.

All welcome!

### Caring Hands foodbank – please keep it going

Please remember Caring Hands when doing your weekly shop and purchase an extra item or two for the foodbank: toilet rolls, toiletries, tinned and dried goods are always welcome.

Items can be left in the donation boxes in our parish churches.



## The Nicene Creed: Trinitarian Faith

In the last of our series on the Nicene Creed, we want to ask about its significance today. The original Creed dates from 325 AD, but was expanded at the Council of Constantinople in 381. Over the last months we have seen how the Creed provides a '*big picture*' of who God is and challenges our commitment to him. Its value can be seen in three main areas:

*The Nicene Creed stresses the need to believe the right thing:*

Sadly, we often hear Christian leaders and churches denying the essential articles of the Christian Faith. To be a part of orthodox Christianity, we must believe in what is affirmed in the Nicene Creed. '*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures*' (1 Corinthians 15:3-5).

### ***The Nicene Creed affirms the importance of the Trinity:***

Generally, Christians give little thought to the Trinity, and many churches rarely teach on the subject. However, by regularly reciting the Nicene Creed, people are reminded of the doctrine about the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It protects the truth about the Trinity, especially in opposition to Arianism, which sees Jesus as the first and greatest of God's creatures, but not the same as God the Father.

To be a Christian is to be baptised in the triune name and to worship God, who is three persons in one Godhead: '*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*' (Matthew 28:19).

### ***The Nicene Creed focuses on God's salvation:***

At the heart of the Nicene Creed is the good news that Jesus came down from heaven '*for our salvation*'. It understands Christianity as essentially being about sin and salvation, judgment and forgiveness, and new life in Jesus Christ.

This theme is very relevant at Christmas, when we celebrate the baby born in Bethlehem as our Saviour. As the angels said to the shepherds: '*Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.*' (Luke 2:11,12).

- Canon Paul Hardingham

## Christmas Unwrapped!

All of us have received unwanted gifts at Christmas. For Joseph the gift of a child, as recorded in Matthew chapter 1, was not something he really wanted. Although he was engaged to Mary, her pregnancy would be grounds for divorce. Not surprisingly, with the associated social disgrace, Joseph wanted to divorce Mary quietly (Matthew 1:19). However, God intervened in a dream: *'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel, which means, God with us.'* (1:23). In a scary and uncertain world, what does the message of **Immanuel** say to us today?

### **God is present with us**

God assured Joseph that He was working in all that Joseph was going through. The eternal and creator God entered time and space as a baby. This baby is both uniquely divine but also fully human. This means that we can know God personally, not just know about Him. The Holy Spirit is committed to making Jesus' life and character real in us, and bringing meaning to our circumstances, just as He worked in Mary's life.

### **God is on our side**

Christmas touches some raw nerves in our lives, including stress, family rows, loneliness and financial pressures. However, God does not remain aloof from our experiences. In Jesus He enters our world of hopes and fears, joys and disappointments. He understands what we are going through, as He is alongside us. By the cross and resurrection, He gave His life that we might know His love, joy, peace and forgiveness.

For Joseph, as well as us, the Christmas message is one of hope in an uncertain world. It is a time to re-consider the claims of **Immanuel** ('God with us') as we entrust ourselves to Him for the coming year.





## From St James' The Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

And so, the old year draws to a close, and you are packing to move to your own first parish in January. Let me give you some final words of advice.

Curates, you will have noticed, are forgiven everything. I hope you have appreciated this period of grace, because come 1<sup>st</sup> January, all that will change. You will then become responsible for everything that goes wrong in your church. You must be able to mend leaking taps, shovel snow, arrange flowers, mow the churchyard and run jumble sales. You will be expected to know the moment someone falls ill – preferably the day before. In addition, they will expect you to preach profound sermons - in seven minutes flat, and to lead a life of prayerful solitude while being the life and soul of the parish. From the day your predecessor left, he will have turned into a saint. *You* will be their new disappointment. Be assured that *whatever* you do, you will *always* disappoint someone.

Be prepared for phone calls at 3am telling you that someone has left a light on in church, and shouldn't you go turn and it off? You will be asked about car parking arrangements for the October Harvest Service by mid-January, while hymns for the 9 Lessons and Carols will be required by early summer. I suggest you buy in extra pullovers, overcoats and scarves for life in your vicarage. A good number of mousetraps may well come in useful too.

Welcome to your new life of an incumbent.

Expect that each Sunday morning, as you prepare for the service, there will be a straggling queue of people who want to tell you an astonishing variety of things: there is a large cobweb 30 feet up over the pulpit, they don't like the second hymn on the board, the flowers look rough this week, there may be a bat in the vestry, some child has left a shoe in the back porch, and the car park has broken glass in it.

You may find this a distraction as you prepare for a worship service. But remember that at least they have bothered to come to church at all. In my experience, congregations are always irritating, but at least they do take up a lot of space, and that looks good in the pews. The church would look empty without them.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

# St James's, Harvington



A festive poster for 'THE CHRISTMAS FAIR' at St James's Church. The top features a string of colorful Christmas lights. Below the lights, the text 'ST JAMES'S CHURCH PRESENTS' is in small blue letters. The main title 'THE CHRISTMAS FAIR' is in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below the title, the activities 'GAMES, STALLS, CAFE, SANTA'S GROTTO' and 'FACE PAINTING, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE' are listed in blue. The date 'SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER' is in large red letters, flanked by two red stars. Below the date, the time '11AM - 2PM' and the location 'HARVINGTON VILLAGE HALL' are in red. 'FREE ENTRY' is in blue. At the bottom, there is a Facebook icon and the text 'ST JAMES'S EVENTS' and 'eventssjch@outlook.com'. On the left is a cartoon Santa Claus, and on the right is a decorated Christmas tree. Candy canes are also visible on the sides.

ST JAMES'S CHURCH PRESENTS

## THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

GAMES, STALLS, CAFE, SANTA'S GROTTO  
FACE PAINTING, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**11AM - 2PM**

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ST JAMES'S CHURCH, HARVINGTON

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## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025

- NINJA ELECTRIC OUTDOOR PIZZA OVEN -
- £200 M&S FOOD VOUCHER-
- FAMILY TICKET TO COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK & GARDENS-  
(INCLUDING SPENDING MONEY)
- Christmas Hamper donated by Cotswold Furniture Makers-
- Voucher from FEN Fitness-
- Annual Membership for 2 to Broadway Tower (worth £60)-
- 2 Sessions at Mucky Pups, Harvington-
- Cream Tea for 2 at Hillers-
- Christmas Turkey from Ellenden-
- Nail voucher from Sanctuary47-
- Mini valet - Barn detailing and valeting Studio-
- plus more amazing prizes!

RAFFLE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE DAY AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, OR BEFORE THE EVENT  
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## St James's, Harvington

**CAMEO TEAS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 10TH DECEMBER** is the highlight of the year when we start **Our Christmas Carol Service at 11am at St. James Church** followed by Christmas Lunch at Broom Hall Hotel 12.30 for 1.00pm.

Please come and join us for the **Carol Service** which is **open to every-one** and if you want to join us for lunch please get in touch with Sophie Tel: 01386 870421 asp.

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**CAMEO TEAS 14th January 2026 3.00pm *Breslau***  
**You are most welcome to join us for tea and cakes and a cosy chat in our warmer quarters.**  
**Looking forward to seeing you all!**  
For information please get in touch with Sophie\*\*\*\*\*

**Faith Today pauses in December but resume again in January 2026**

**FAITH TODAY Friday 16th January 2026 10.00am Breslau**

The subject for our New Year's start is ***Dark and Light.***

Fran Battin is leading us to explore this very interesting topic which has many connotations especially at this time of the year when we might feel a little gloomy and are looking for some new **light in our lives!**

You are welcome to join us- Refreshments are served.  
For information please contact Sophie \*\*\*\*\*

### ***Financial emergency? Extra help needed? Live in Harvington?***

St James' Church manages an emergency fund on behalf of the community. If you need a little financial assistance, please call \*\*\*\*\* and we will offer what support we can.

If you are in a position to top up the funds, we would be very grateful!

## Harvington First School

At our school we have recently been learning about Black History, some children learnt about Martin Luther King Jr, Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks and the positive difference they have made to the world.

For Remembrance Day we have been making a variety of artwork, cakes, writing prayers and thinking about the fallen soldiers.

All of the pupils at Harvington have been learning about staying safe online and have enjoyed a very fun, interesting and helpful anti-bullying workshop.

The run-up to Christmas is very exciting in school because we have the Nativity performance to look forward to and the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at the Church to celebrate together. Getting ready for Christmas in school is always amazing.

By Beebee Hunt, School Prime Minister and Willow Kavanagh-Godwain, Deputy Prime Minister.



# Harvington

## HARVINGTON PHOENIX LADIES GROUP

Harvington Phoenix Ladies Group's November meeting started with making a deco patch heart with Kaz and Annie from Evesham and finished with their AGM. Attendance was great, given it was 5th November and they chose the charities for the next two years as Heart of England Forest and Breast Cancer Unit Haven at Worcester Hospital.

We will be having our Christmas Lunch this year at The Fish at Wixford and our first meeting of the year is Skittles and dinner at The Coach and Horses.

Anyone interested in joining us or finding out more please contact Lesley on \*\*\*\*\*

### Harvington Community Support Group

Hello everyone.

As we snuggle down to winter, a reminder that our team of volunteers are always around to lend a helping hand to Harvington villagers. So if you are stuck for transport to an appointment, need help with admin or occasional shopping, have minor DIY tasks etc, do feel free to give us a ring.

We can be contacted on 07591 377367, and if you don't get an answer do please leave a message - we check the phone regularly and will get back to you.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year,  
Wendy and Konrad Monks, (co-ordinators)

## HARVINGTON SINGERS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 5th December 7.30pm; Saturday 6th  
December 2.30pm  
St James's Church, Harvington  
Tickets: £9 adults and £5 children  
Email: \*\*\*\*\*



**Abbots Morton  
St Peter's Church**  
([www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church](http://www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church))

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped keep the church running through the year. Colin's death came as a sudden and unexpected shock in the late spring leaving many gaps to be filled. We still miss him very deeply but are thankful to all those people who have taken on extra jobs, responsibilities and commitments to help our church keep going.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



We are starting our Advent season on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November with a traditional Advent Service where we will have the crib and start to see the characters appearing.

December 14<sup>th</sup> will be our traditional Carol and Gift Service with a chance to give gifts which we will donate to Caring Hands in the Vale. If you would like to provide a wrapped toy, please attach a small label saying if it is for a boy or a girl and roughly what age.

Everyone is welcome to this family friendly service where you will have a chance to meet Father Glenn Reading, our new Rector.

Christmas Eve will be celebrated with a Holy Communion for Christmas at 9pm. Please come and join us as we start the Christmas vigil.

January brings a new year and new year's resolutions. We have Holy Communion on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January with Glenn; and Chris will lead morning worship on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January.

A new year will bring more new challenges but as ever if we face them together as a community, I know we will succeed. Thank you all so much for all your support over the last 12 months.

Much love as ever. Pippa XX



## Abbots Morton Village Hall

([www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall](http://www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall))

### REGULAR EVENTS

**Community Coffee Morning**, first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall. Next one is **Tuesday 2nd December, 10am to 12 noon**, followed by the first one for 2026 on **Tuesday 6th January**.

If you haven't been to one of our coffee mornings yet, please drop by anytime between 10am and 12 noon. It's absolutely free and a lovely opportunity to spend a couple of hours with others in the community. Please join us - you'll get a warm welcome. Donations to the "Power Pot" help to pay for electricity and are gratefully received.

**Tai Chi** Wednesdays 10am - 11am.

Tai Chi is run by Andrew Lowe as 7 week sessions. If you would like to take part contact Andrew on 07495 206178 or via his website [taichiworcestershire.com](http://taichiworcestershire.com)

**Yoga Sessions** Monday and Thursday mornings, 9.45-10.45am

Amy Hoang-Jones from Astwood Bank now runs two yoga classes in the Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings. If you would like to join please call Amy on 07745 713493.

**Pilates with Allyson Giel** is on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm.

### FUTURE EVENTS

**CPR Session.** On **Saturday 17th January 2026** Antony will be holding a CPR Session at **2pm**. This time has been chosen to allow families to attend and will be **FREE** of charge. There will be an opportunity for donations to be shared equally between **AMVH** and **The Vale of Evesham Community First Responders**. If you found someone who had collapsed and was not breathing? Every moment counts during a cardiac emergency and it is vital the person receives treatment as swiftly as possible to have the highest likelihood of survival. **Current ambulance response rates stand at up to 30 minutes or more in rural areas.** Early intervention and action is crucial to providing the highest chance of survival for a victim of cardiac arrest. Make sure you're equipped with the knowledge to save a life by booking on to one of our **awareness sessions**.

### Easyfundraising

We have 28 supporters to date. The Village Hall has benefitted from the scheme by almost £1,400 thanks to our supporters. By joining you can help to raise funds for your Hall every time you shop online at NO cost to yourself. Just go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall) and sign up to help the Village Hall every time you shop online.

## Abbots Morton Parish Council

All parishioners are welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29th January at 8pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall.

Further details and agendas can be found at [www.abbotsmorton.info](http://www.abbotsmorton.info). Residents are invited to put forward any ideas, concerns or queries during public question time. If you cannot attend in person then please raise issues with the Clerk at [abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com](mailto:abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com).

There are currently two vacancies on Abbots Morton Parish Council. These two posts will be filled by the co-option process through the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the Clerk at [abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com](mailto:abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com) for more information.



*Sara preferred to let people work  
out the hymns for themselves*



## **St Peter's Rous Lench**

### **Candlelight Yoga Class**

Rous Lench village hall, Thursday evenings 6.30-7.30pm commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December. £8 per class.

To book a space or make enquiries please contact Naomi Standing on \*\*\*\*\*

### **Home for Christmas 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Rous Lench village hall 6.30pm onwards

The tree will be decorated, the bar will be stocked and the log burner will be on – come and relax before the Christmas chaos starts!

Please bring a plate of food to share and wear your Christmas jumper if you have one.

Families are very welcome.

### **Carols on the Green 16<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm**

Please come and join us on the green on for our annual village carol singing get together. Soup, mulled cider and mince pies will be served so get your hat, scarf and gloves out and wrap up warm!

### **Pub Nights**

The village pub will be open on the following dates:

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – family night 6.30pm start

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - family night 6.30pm start

Everyone is welcome. Please check the board on the village green in case opening times change.

## St Peter's Rous Lench

**Living Advent Windows Sparkle** Returns to Rous Lench for the Sixth year in 2025

While children open cardboard Advent calendars, residents in Rous Lench transform the village into a living Christmas countdown. Households agree to decorate a window of their property with seasonal themes. Each day in December a new window is revealed. Every household is invited to participate. Those who do will be allocated a date to open/illuminate their window and asked to then leave it lit each evening until Christmas. On a cold, frosty evening you can walk the trail around the village marvelling in the imaginative designs as each day another window opens. It's not a competition, just a fun community effort to celebrate Advent. A trail map will be available for parishioners so they know where to look – it's a great way to get to know the village too.

If you would like to participate please contact Zoë Durrant on \*\*\*\*\*

Flyers and emails will have been delivered around the village already with details. It's never too late to join in, as more than one window can be opened on a day, or just decorate your window and leave the curtains open!



## All Saints, Church Lench

### Church Lench Carol Service

Sunday December 21st at 6.30pm.  
Mulled wine will be served from 6pm.  
All are welcome.



## HARVEST LUNCH

A huge THANKYOU from the PCC to everyone who supported the lunch in October and made it such an enjoyable and successful occasion. We raised almost £1,000 for the church and its associated charities and our sincere thanks go to all those who attended or assisted in any way.

## Church Lench Village Hall

We hope you can join us for our annual **Quizmas Pudding Night on Saturday 6 December**, 7pm for 7:30pm. Enjoy a fantastic night of quizzing and beautiful, seasonal desserts. A bar will be open, and we can take cards or cash. And there will be prizes! Make up your own team of four or come along and form a team on the night. Tickets are £7.50 each and are available from all village hall committee members or contact [churchlenchvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:churchlenchvillagehall@gmail.com) for more information.

## CAROLS IN THE CLUB

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th 2025  
at 12 NOON to 1.00 pm

Do come and join us in The Lenches Club to sing carols  
and enjoy hot mince pies. Hope to see you there.



## Church Lench CE First School

### Harvest Service

Our harvest service took place on Friday 24th October at All Saints Church. It was wonderful to see the children sharing their songs, readings, and prayers with such enthusiasm and joy.

Harvest is always a special time for our school — a time to pause and be thankful for the food we receive and to think about others who do not have as much. It reminds us how important it is to show kindness, to share what we have, and to look after one another. We would like to thank our school community for all the kind donations which were sent to 'Caring Hands' Food Bank in Evesham.

### Senior Games Afternoon

We're delighted to invite our senior residents of Church Lench to join our Year 4 and 5 pupils for an afternoon of board games and puzzles. After receiving such wonderful feedback last year, we're excited to run this event again this term!



## **South Lenches Parish Council**

### **SOUTH LENCHES PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION**

Thank you to everyone in our Parish for continuing to support our Neighbourhood Plan.

Our Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation started on November 11th, and it will continue until 23rd December at 17.00.

We have received some of your comment forms already and we are collating all the representations together, to be reviewed by the Parish Council Steering Group once the consultation has finished.

You can read all the Neighbourhood Plan documents on the Parish Council website <https://www.southlenchesparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan/np-documents/>

Paper copies of the full Plan are available to read at the Lenches Club bar; All Saints Church, Church Lench and Ellenden Farm shop, Harvington.

You can complete your feedback in the following ways:

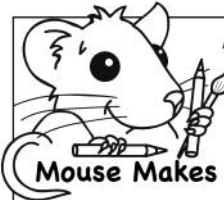
- The feedback form can be downloaded from the Parish Council website
- <https://www.southlenchesparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan/feedback/>
- The feedback form online via Survey Monkey
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLNPR14>
- The feedback form via the QR code:



Return your completed feedback form to the post box, Church Lench Village Hall, Church Lench or send to the postal address: Parish Clerk, South Lenches Parish Council, Church Lench Village Hall, off Main Street, Church Lench, Evesham, WR11 4UQ

For any questions please do email [clerk@southlenchesparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@southlenchesparishcouncil.org)

# Happy Christmas!



At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's Son and our Saviour coming into the world as a baby, and we look forward to the time when Jesus will come again, not as a baby but as the King of kings and Lord of lords!


**read**  
John 14:3

A baby needs clothes to keep warm like a snugly sleep suit or a vest and nappy.  
*What were you dressed in?*  
Jesus was wrapped in

.....  
**read** Luke 2:7

A baby needs somewhere to be born like at home or in a hospital.  
*Where were you born?*  
Jesus was born in a stable in

.....  
**read** Luke 2:1-6



A baby needs somewhere to sleep like a crib or a cot.  
*What did you sleep in?*  
Jesus slept in a

.....  
**read** Luke 2:7

A baby needs a name.  
*What name were you called?*  
Jesus was given a special name that had a special meaning.

**read**  
Matthew 1:21-23

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

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### *Key to Church Services*

VH Village Hall  
BCP Book of Common Prayer  
Service

*All other communion services use  
the Common Worship liturgy*

## Services in January

### 4th January: Christmas 2 OR Epiphany

8.30 am	Rous Lench VH	Holy Communion BCP
9.30 am	Harvington	Morning Service
11.00 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion CW
6.30 pm	Harvington	Holy Communion BCP

### 11th January: Baptism of Christ

9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion CW
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Service Lay-led

### 18th January: Epiphany 2

8.30 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	Harvington	Family Service
11.00 am	Rous Lench VH	Morning Service

### 25th January: Conversion of St Paul

9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Church Lench	Family Service
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Morning Service

**Mid-week Eucharist:** 11.00 am Wednesdays at St James The Great, Harvington



## Services in Advent and Christmas

### 7th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30am	Rous Lench Village Hall
9:30 am	Harvington
11:00 am	Church Lench
6.00pm	Harvington

Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
Holy Communion (CW)  
Holy Communion (BCP)

### 14th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.30 am	Church Lench
9:30 am	Harvington
11:00 am	Abbots Morton

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Family Service  
Carols, Gifts, Communion

### 21st December: 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 am	Harvington
3.30pm	Harvington
6.30pm	Church Lench
6.30pm	Rous Lench

Holy Communion  
Christingle  
Carol Service  
Christmas Carol Service

### 24th December: Christmas Eve

3.30 pm	Harvington
4.30 pm	Church Lench
9.00 pm	Abbots Morton
11:00pm	Harvington

Carol and Crib Service  
Carol and Crib Service  
Christmas Communion  
Midnight Mass

### 25th December: Christmas Day

09.30 am	Harvington
11:00 am	Church Lench

Christmas Comm' (CW)  
Christmas Comm' (CW)

### 28th December: 1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 am	Harvington
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Benefice Comm' (CW+)

