

Dover Town Team Ministry

News from across our churches

December 2023

Greetings!

We are about to start the New Christian Year as we enter the season of Advent, a time of expectant waiting as we prepare for the Joy that comes with the annual celebration of the birth of the Christ child. It's a time where we also reflect on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of this Present Age, something we often overlook as we focus on preparing for Christmas. Aptly "**Our Lord Come**" is the name being given to the **Benefice Advent course** – why not come along as we reflect on these great Advent themes? Just two sessions (Tuesday 28th November and 12th December), 7pm at St Martin's church (37 Church Road CT17 1BY). We will be receive spiritual nourishment from Revd Canon Jean Kerr and physical nourishment starting with supper (including Chris Scoble's homemade quiche!).

With the New Year, there will be some new ventures, among them **Bubble Church** (see below) and St Mary's **Little Shining Lights** (see below).



Nigel Collins, Licensed Lay Minister/Reader based at St Andrews

Benefice-wide 'Headlines'

Saturday 2 December 12noon-2pm Christmas Leafleting & Hot Chocolate for the Town outside St Mary's Church - there has been a decision that each church will produce their own separate Christmas leaflet this year - so come with your reps & leaflets!

Benefice Forum Tuesday 5 December, 7pm for 7.30pm-9pm at Charlton church - guest speaker Jen Tobin the new Diocesan Lead Officer for Children's & Young People Ministry

STARTING ON 5th January St Mary's Little Shining Lights, St Mary's Parish centre on Fridays 12noon-1pm (term time) age range birth-school age. Bring a packed lunch, then enjoy children's Christian songs – craft – stories – prayers. More information 07392 806486 or email parishcentremanager@outlook.com

Other regular activities (may vary over the Christmas & New Year)

Meditation & Taize Chanting Tuesdays 9am-10am at **St Andrew's Buckland**

Little Adventurers Tuesday, 9am-12noon at **St Martin's Dover** come & go whenever suits with the little ones (term time only)

CAMEO – Tuesdays, 2.30-3.30pm at **St Martin's Dover** – Come And Meet Each Other! Every week except the 1st Tuesday of the month

Holy Communion – Wednesdays. 10-10.45am at **St Mary's** with chat & refreshments afterwards

St Andrew's Alive! Wednesdays 4.30-5.30pm at **St Andrew's Buckland** well-being activity group

Said Eucharist – Thursdays, 9.30am at **Charlton**

Little Lambs – Fridays, 9.30-11.30am at **St Mary's**– age range is from birth up to starting primary school age

Service of the Litany - prayers and discussion on bible passage - 9.30am-10.30am on **Fridays at Charlton Church**

Local Global - **Saturdays** 10am-11am prayers, reflection and discussion at **St Mary's Church**

Please continue to pray for our National and Diocesan Church Leaders, especially Archbishop Justin & Bishop Rose; for our Team clergy Revd Catherine, Melissa & Trish; and for each other as we journey together as disciples of Christ.



Sunday & Christmas Day Services across our Churches

A summary of the main Sunday services **and** Christmas services are shown below except for **St Mary's Nine Lessons & Carols** which is on Wed 20th December at 7pm

	St Mary the Virgin, Dover 10.45am	St Peter & St Paul Charlton 8am (HC) & 9.30am	St Martin, Dover 10.30am	St Andrew Buckland-in- Dover 10.30am
3 rd	Holy Communion with healing: laying on of hands and anointing (Rev Catherine w Chris Scoble preaching & Gill Neary) 6pm Advent Sung Service (Revs Catherine & Melissa)	8am (Rev Catherine) Parish Mass (Fr Peter Sherred)	Explore service (Henry Coates & team) 6pm Connect (local team)	Parish Eucharist (Rev Melissa w Nigel Collins preaching)
10 th	Matins (Ant Shilson w Nigel Collins preaching) 6pm Farriers Christmas Service of Remembrance (Rev Catherine)	8am (Rev Catherine) Parish Mass (Rev Catherine) & Family Service (Alistair Mackie & LAMB)	10.30am Make Christingles 4pm Christingle (Rev Melissa)	Parish Eucharist (Fr Kevin Jacobs)
17 th	Holy Communion (Rev Catherine)	8am (Rev Catherine) Parish Mass (Archdeacon Darren w DCY Choir)	NO 10.30am SERVICE 6pm Carol service (Rev Melissa)	Parish Eucharist (Rev Melissa) 3.30pm Carols w Christingle (Nigel Collins)
24 th	Said Eucharist in Lady Chapel (Rev Catherine) 4pm Christingle (Rev Trish) 11.30pm Midnight Mass (Rev Catherine)	8am (Rev Catherine) NO 9.30am SERVICE 4pm Christingle (Rev Catherine, Alistair Mackie & LAMB) 11.30am Midnight Mass (Fr Richard Woods)	NO 10.30am SERVICE 4pm Crib service (Rev Melissa) 11.30pm Midnight Communion (Rev Melissa)	Parish Eucharist w Crib service (Rev Melissa w Anne Collins & Jennifer Kelly) 8pm Christmas Eve Evening Eucharist (Rev Melissa w Nigel Collins preaching)
25 th	Holy Communion in the choir stalls (Rev Catherine)	9.30am Mass (Rev Catherine)	10.30am Morning Worship (Malcolm Gavin w Rev Melissa preaching)	NO SERVICE
31 st	Family Friendly Communion (Rev Trish w Chris Scoble preaching)	8am (Rev Melissa) Parish Mass (Rev Melissa)	Morning Worship (Henry Coates w Malcolm Gavin preaching)	Morning Prayer (Nigel Collins w Anne Collins reflecting)

Other News and Events across our Churches

Bubble Church

It's intended to start a monthly Bubble church afternoon service at Charlton Church in January – if you'd like to get involved please contact Rev Melissa (rev.melissa.carter@gmail.com)

Charlton News & Events open to all:

Charlton hold regular **Bingo and American Supper** events – to receive details direct to your email box drop Chris Tyler a message and he'll add you to their mailing: chris.tyler8882@gmail.com

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