

HARTFORD HUNDRED WEST GROUP



St Mary - Bayford
 Holy Cross & St Alban - Brickendon
 St Mary the Virgin - Essendon
 St Andrew - Little Berkhamsted
 St Mary - Ponsbourne

December 2024			
Date & Month	Time	Type of Service	Church
Sunday 1 December 1st Sunday of Advent	9:30 am	Parish Communion	Essendon
	11:00 am	Parish Communion	Brickendon
	4:00 pm	Christingle Service	Ponsbourne
Wednesday 4 December	9:30 am	Holy Communion Service	Essendon
	10:00 am	Telephone Service	Online
Saturday 7 December	10-11:30 am	Registration	Little Berkhamsted
Sunday 8 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9:30 am	Parish Communion	Bayford
	11:00 am	(Family Service) Christingle	Little Berkhamsted
	3:00 pm	(Family Service) Christingle	Essendon
Wednesday 11 December	9:30 am	Holy Communion Service	Essendon
	10 am	Telephone Service	
Sunday 15 December 3rd Sunday of Advent	9:30 am	Parish Communion	Ponsbourne
	11:00 am	Family Service	Brickendon
Wednesday 18 December	9:30 am	Holy Communion Service	Essendon
Sunday 22 December	9:30 am	Parish Communion	Bayford
	3:00 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Little Berkhamsted
	6:30 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Essendon
	6:30 pm	Nine lessons & Carols	Ponsbourne
Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve	4:30 pm	Crib & Christingle Service	Bayford
	11:15 pm	Midnight Parish Communion	Ponsbourne
	11:15 pm	Midnight Parish Communion	Essendon
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day	9:30 am	Parish Communion	Little Berkhamsted
	10:15 am	Family Service	Ponsbourne
	11:00 am	Family Service	Brickendon
	11:00 am	Family Service	Essendon
Sunday 29 December	10:15 am	Group Parish Communion	Brickendon
Wednesday 1 January 2025	No Services		

Notices

Advent Sessions. Every Wednesday up to 18 December at 7pm at the Rectory. All Welcome.

30 November at 7 pm Just Friends Concert at Essendon

6 December at 6 pm Magical Evening at St Andrew's Church Little Berkhamsted

12 December 2024 at 7pm Essendon Village Christmas Carols at the Village Hall

14 December 2024 at 7:30 pm Candlelit Supper at Essendon Church

St Mary's Church Ponsbourne is open Wednesdays for private prayers or silent time 9:30am -12:30pm

Advent Sunday 1 December 2024

9:30 am Parish Communion at Essendon

4 pm Christingle Service at Ponsbourne

11:00 am Parish Communion Service at Brickendon

Events mid-week

Tues 3 December at 1:30 pm Funeral at Essendon - Angela Venables

Wed 4 December at 9:30 am Holy Communion at Essendon

Wed 4 December at 10:00 am Telephone Service

Sunday 8 December 2024

9:30 am Parish Communion at Bayford

11:00 am Christingle Service at Little Berkhamsted

3 :00 pm Christingle Service at Essendon

Rector: Rev'd Theresa Musiwacho. Telephone number: 01707 875940

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Those who have died (Please pray for the bereaved families)

Essendon: Angela Venables

"The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit". Psalm 34:18

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR GROUP:

Little Berkhamsted: Bronwyn, Millie

Brickendon: Margaret & Des Hills, Margaret Lambe, Hugh Dunlop, Christine & Bruno Rabouin-Plummer.

Essendon: Joan & Beresford Thomson, Keith Venables, Sue Rees, Jo Cotter, Sara, Annabelle.

Ponsbourne: Rose Venus, Jacqueline Denise Aziz.

In our Diocese: Canons of the Cathedral: Kevin Walton, Will Gibbs, Tim Bull, Tim Lomax.

World and Mission: For those who run and attend after-school clubs.

ACP: The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-end

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."