

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 2023			*Joining instructions are available from hartfordhundred@outlook.com
Sat	2	10 am	REGISTRATION AT LITTLE BERKHAMSTED
SUN	3	9:30 am 11:00 am 16:00	PARISH COMMUNION AT ESSENDON PARISH COMMUNION AT BRICKENDON CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT PONSBOURNE
Wed	6	9:30 am 10 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ESSENDON Telephone Service
Sun	10	9:30 am 11: 00 am 3 pm	PARISH COMMUNION AT BAYFORD CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT LB CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ESSENDON
Weds	13	9.30 am 10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ESSENDON Telephone Service*
Sat	16	10.00 am	No Saturday Registration
Sun	17	9:30 am 3 pm 3 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	PARISH COMMUNION AT PONSBOURNE NINE LESSONS AT LB CHRISTMAS PRAISE AT BRICKENDON NINE LESSONS & CAROLS AT ESSENDON NINE LESSONS & CAROLS AT PONSBOURNE
Wed	20	9.30 am 10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ESSENDON Telephone Service*
Sun Xmas Eve	24	5:30pm 11:15pm 11:15pm	CRIB & CHRISTINGLE AT BAYFORD MID-NIGHT PARISH COMMUNION AT ESSENDON MID-NIGHT PARISH COMMUNION AT LT. BERKHAMSTED
Mon Xmas Day	25	9.30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	PARISH COMMUNION AT PONSBOURNE FAMILY SERVICE AT LT. BERKHAMSTED FAMILY SERVICE AT BRICKENDON FAMILY SERVICE AT ESSENDON
Wed	27		NO SERVICE
Sun	31	10:15 am	GROUP PARISH COMMUNION AT BAYFORD
Wed Jan	3	9:30	Holy Communion at Essendon
Sun	7 JAN 2024	9:30 am 11:00 am 9:30 am	PARISH COMMUNION AT ESSENDON PARISH COMMUNION AT BRICKENDON FAMILY SERVICE AT PONSBOURNE

St Mary's Church Ponsbourne is open Wednesdays from 9:30am -12:30pm
Registration on 3rd Saturday of the month [10am to 11.30am at Little Berkhamsted Church.
(Any enquiries of weddings, baptisms, funerals etc you are welcome)]**A group for Mum's and Babies** for a coffee and chat on Tuesday mornings 10 – 11.30am. The group meets at Little Berkhamsted Church. **Bible Study**. Wednesday 7pm.For information contact Trish McKellar at mckellartrish@gmail.com

HARTFORD HUNDRED WEST GROUP



*St Mary's – Bayford,
Holy Cross & St Alban – Brickendon,
St Mary the Virgin – Essendon,
St Andrew's - Little Berkhamsted,
St Mary - Ponsbourne.*

Advent Sunday 3rd December 2023 (Advent season)

9:30 am Parish Communion at Essendon
11 am Parish Communion at Brickendon
16:00 **Christingle Service at Ponsbourne**

Events mid week

Wed 6 Dec 9.30 am Holy Communion at Essendon
Wed 6 Dec 10 am Telephone Service

Sunday 10 December 2023 (Advent season)

9:30 am Parish Communion at Bayford
11:00 am **Christingle Service at Little Berkhamsted**
3 pm **Christingle Service at Essendon**

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

Parish Administrator: Sandra Maniez

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Those who have died:

Essendon: Stephen Rogers

(Please pray for those families who are bereaved families)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR GROUP:

Little Berkhamsted: Bronwyn , Pat Hopkins

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

Essendon: Keith Venables, Sue Rees, Sara, Annabelle, Jo Penstone-Smith, Sybil, James Gower.

Ponsbourne: Jean Nicholls, Ron Marrable, Rose Venus.

Bayford: Annie Boulton

In our Diocese: Advent Sunday Watford, St. Andrew (James Barlow)

World and Mission: Those who participate in weeks of guided prayer

ACP Church of North India

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 Corinthians 1: 3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matthew 13:24-end

²⁴ Here is another parable he gave them: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like this. A man sowed his field with good seed; ²⁵ but while everyone was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel among the wheat, and made off. ²⁶ When the corn sprouted and began to fill out, the darnel could be seen among it. ²⁷ The farmer's men went to their master and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? So where has the darnel come from?" ²⁸ "This is an enemy's doing," he replied. "Well then," they said, "shall we go and gather the darnel?" ²⁹ "No," he answered; "in gathering it you might pull up the wheat at the same time. ³⁰ Let them both grow together till harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the darnel first, and tie it in bundles for burning; then collect the wheat into my barn.'

³¹ This is another parable he gave them: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. ³² Mustard is smaller than any other seed, but when it has grown it is taller than other plants; it becomes a tree, big enough for the birds to come and roost among its branches.'

³³ He told them also this parable: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and mixed with three measures of flour till it was all leavened.'

³⁴ In all this teaching to the crowds Jesus spoke in parables; indeed, he never spoke to them except in parables. ³⁵ This was to fulfil the saying of the prophet:

I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret since the world was made.

³⁶ Then he sent the people away, and went into the house, where his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the darnel in the field.' ³⁷ He replied, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world; the good seed stands for the children of the Kingdom, the darnel for the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed the darnel is the devil. The harvest is the end of time, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ As the darnel is gathered up and burnt, so at the end of time ⁴¹ the Son of Man will send his angels, who will gather out of his kingdom every cause of sin, and all whose deeds are evil; ⁴² these will be thrown into the blazing furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. If you have ears, then hear.

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of Heaven is like treasure which a man found buried in a field. He buried it again, and in joy went and sold everything he had, and bought the field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like this. A merchant looking out for fine pearls ⁴⁶ found one of very special value; so he went and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again the kingdom of Heaven is like a net cast into the sea, where it caught fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, it was hauled ashore. Then the men sat down and collected the good fish into baskets and threw the worthless away. ⁴⁹ That is how it will be at the end of time. The angels will go out, and they will separate the wicked from the good, ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' he asked; and they answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² So he said to them, 'When, therefore, a teacher of the law has become a learner in the kingdom of Heaven, he is like a householder who can produce from his store things new and old.'

⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables he left that place, ⁵⁴ and came to his home town, where he taught the people in their synagogue. In amazement they asked, 'Where does he get this wisdom from, and these miraculous powers? "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters here with us? Where does he get all this from?" ⁵⁷ So they turned against him. Jesus said to them, 'A prophet never lacks honour, except in his home town and in his own family.' ⁵⁸ And he did not do many miracles there, such was their want of faith.