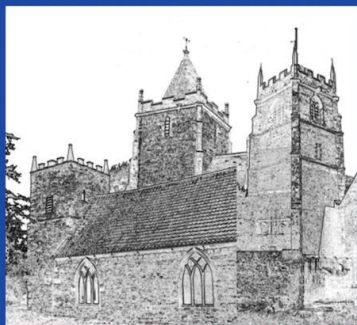
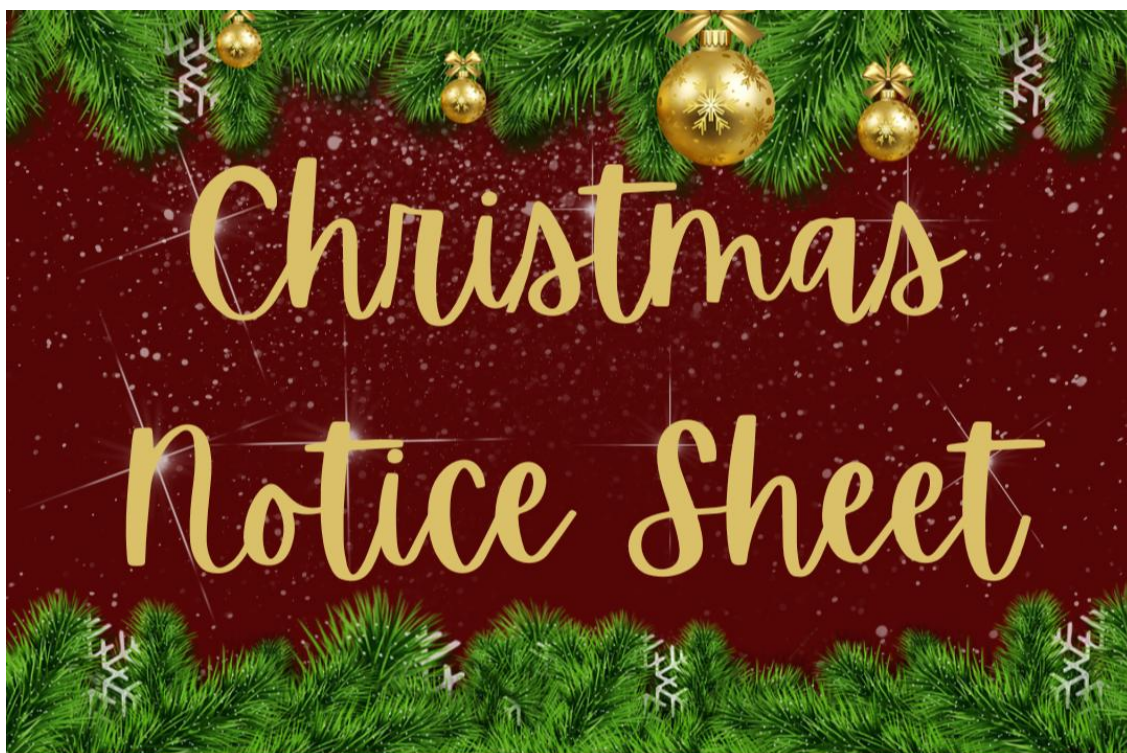


## *The Three Parishes Benefice*



St Mary's Church,  
Saltford.  
All Saints Church,  
Corston.  
Holy Trinity Church,  
Newton St Loe.



**Friday  
20th December**

**6pm  
Carols, Readings  
&  
Christmas Music  
Holy Trinity Church  
Newton St Loe**

The Benefice of Saltford, Corston & Newton St Loe

Service of  
Carols  
Readings &  
Christmas Music  
followed by mince pies &  
mulled wine

at

Holy Trinity Church  
Newton St Loe

Friday 20th December  
6pm

**Sunday 22nd December - Advent 4**

**9.30am**

**Christingle**

**St Mary's Church**

**Saltford**

**11.15am**

**Holy Communion**

**Holy Trinity Church**

**Newton St Loe**

4pm

Telephone Service

Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Ps 80:1-8

Luke 1:39-45,46-55



**Tuesday  
24th December  
Christmas Eve**

**5pm  
Crib Service  
St Mary's Church  
Saltford**

**8pm  
Reflection by Candlelight  
St Mary's Church  
Saltford**

**11.15pm  
Benefice Midnight Communion  
All Saints Church  
Corston**

**Collect**

**Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with joy of heaven through our Saviour , Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Readings**

**Isa 9:2-7**

**Luke 2:1-14,15-20**

THE BENEFICE OF SALT FORD, CORSTON & NSL INVITE YOU TO THEIR

Crib Service  
on Christmas Eve at  
St Mary's Church  
Saltford

5pm

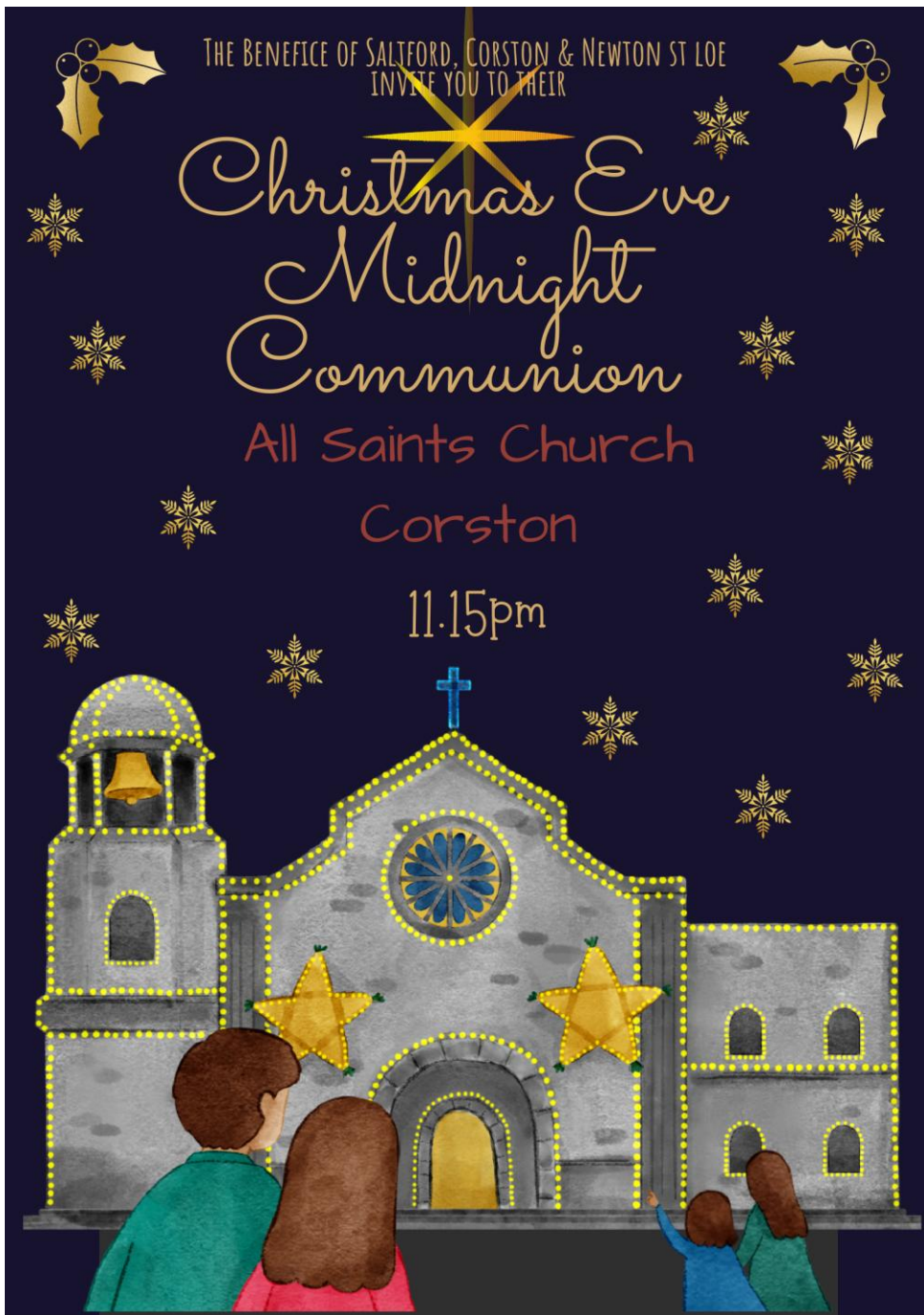
Wear your Christmas  
Jumper!

Join us at St Mary's for our  
Christmas Eve service



Reflection  
by  
Candlelight  
at 8pm

[scrbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:scrbenefice@gmail.com)



**Wednesday  
25th December  
Christmas Day**

**9.30am  
Family Celebration with Communion  
St Mary's Church  
Saltford**

**9.30am  
Telephone Service**

**10.30am**

**Christmas Celebration**

**All Saints Church**

**Corston**

**11.15am**

**Family Celebration with Communion**

**Holy Trinity Church**

**Newton St Loe**

**Collect**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen**

**Readings**

**Isa 52:7-10**

**John 1:1-14**



The Benefice of Saltford, Corston & Newton St Loe

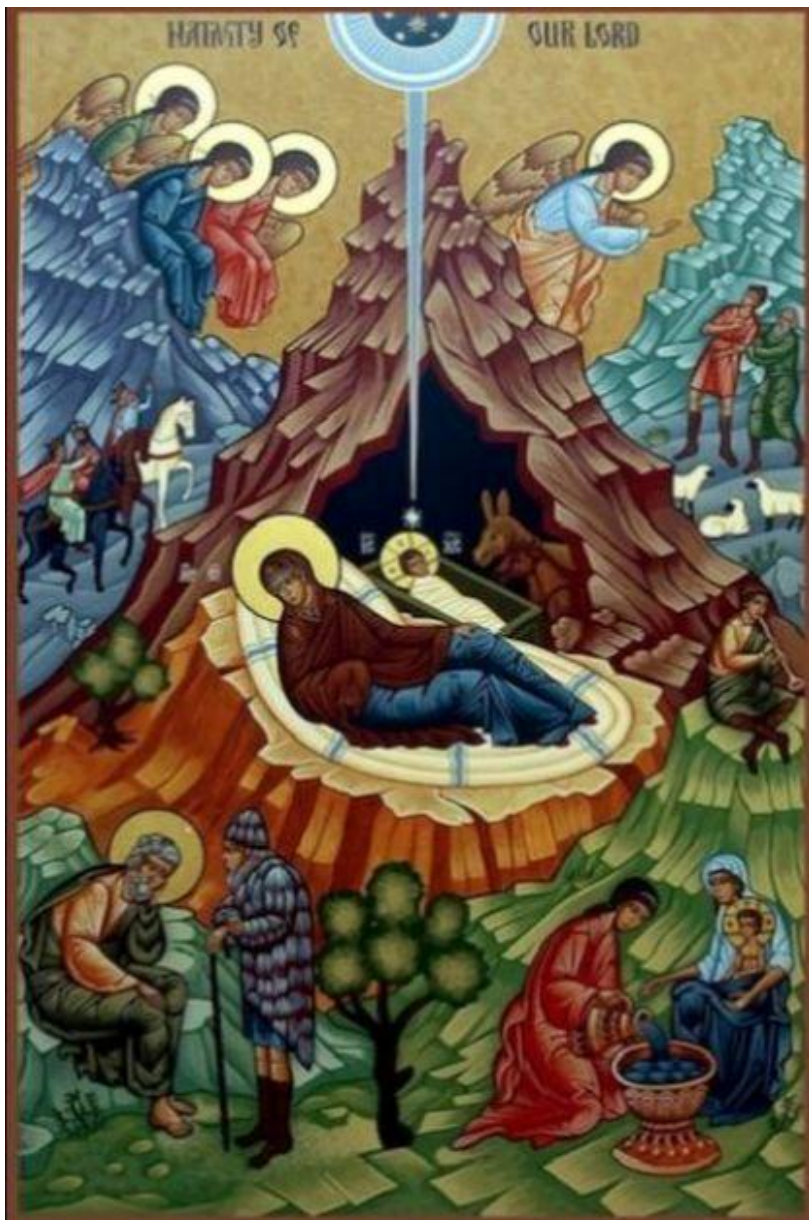
# FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

*Celebrate Christmas Day with us!*

- 9.30am St Mary's Saltford
- 10.30am All Saints Corston
- 11.15am Holy Trinity Newton St Loe



For information about any of our festive services, please contact the Parish Office  
scnbenefice@gmail.com  
01225 872275



### Pause for Thought

All Nativity Icons remind us of several events all gathered together, and all have the same 'layout'.

This is a modern one which I feel is rather garish and 'sharp-edged,' but it can be reproduced more clearly than the older ones.

Top left we see the angels...."peace, goodwill" and on the right, the shepherds....."good news of great joy for all the people."

Middle left, the wise men visit and bottom left, Joseph is being tempted to doubt Mary's story.....overwhelmed by the magnitude of the event?

Bottom right, the newborn Jesus is being washed...like every other baby.  
'Jesus is 100% human' it is saying.

In the middle, Mary, in a cave, lies next to the manger with an ox and donkey.....Jew,

**Gentile, all creation is involved.**

**Mary is depicted either looking at her son (together with the animals) or, as here, at Joseph ....praying for him in his doubts?**

**How do you and I share in all of this?**

**Christmas blessings to you all.**

**Ken Plant**

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**Sunday**

**29th December**

**Christmas 1**

**11.15am**

**Benefice Holy Communion**

**All Saints Church**

**Corston**

**4pm**

**Telephone Service**

**Collect**

**God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Readings**

**1 Sam 2:18-20,26**

**Luke 2:41-end**

**Sunday**

**5th January**

**Christmas 2**

**9.30am**

**Holy Communion**

**St Mary's Church**

**Saltford**

**11.15am**

**Holy Communion**

**All Saints Church**

**Corston**

**4pm  
Telephone Service**

**Collect**  
**God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

**Readings**  
**tba**

**Tuesday 7th January**

**7.30pm  
Prayer for Growth  
St Mary's Church  
Saltford**

**Wednesday 8th January**

**7.30pm  
Compline  
St Mary's Church  
Saltford**

**Wednesday Mornings Telephone Service**

**Ken & Teresa invite you to join them at the weekly Telephone Service on Wednesdays at 9.30am.  
Please see below on how to join in or contact the Parish Office for help.  
All welcome**

***Benefice Telephone Service***

***To join our telephone service***

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***Dial: 03330164757***

**Room Number: 30497259#**

**Room Number: 5856#**

### **Opportunities to Pray**

#### **Morning Prayer**

**Monday to Wednesday via Zoom at 8.30am**

#### **Prayer @ 6**

**Monday to Thursday via Zoom at 6pm**

#### **Zoom Meeting Details for Morning Prayer and Prayer@6**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85017998147pwd=L0FWMnZENHlvZ3VxS3FOeWpaNXJWZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 850 1799 8147      Passcode: Prayer**

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### **Supporting the Mission and Ministry of St Mary's Church**

If you would like to make an online donation to support the ongoing work of St Mary's please click on the donate button . It will redirect you to our online giving page. You can also give in other ways like standing order, through the contactless device in church, through our website or by cash. For more information about how to give, please speak to Pam F our treasurer and she will be able to help you.

[Donate](#)



## *CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH*

Do you have any plans?  
Will you be spending the day alone?

Come along and enjoy the day in the  
company of others

### *Christmas Dinner and Entertainment*

Keynsham Methodist Church Hall,  
Queen's Road

12.00noon —3.00pm

### **Booking essential**

Contact June Lowe  
0117 9860097 or 07494 350596



# Corston Coffee Shop

## The dates are Wednesday

1st January	15th January
5th February	19th February
5th March	19th March
2nd April	16th April
7th May	21st May
4th June	18th June

Our Coffee Shop in Corston is run & staffed by village volunteers, who make & serve cakes, coffee, tea & hot chocolate. Its a place to meet friends & neighbours on a regular basis.

Held at Corston Church  
the first & third  
Wednesday of each  
month from 10.30 to  
noon.

All Welcome.



### Ring Found

A small silver ring was found in St Mary's Church after the 9.30am service on Sunday 15th December.

If you think this may be yours, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWTON ST LOE  
IS HOSTING**

**A BENEFICE FUN  
SKITTLES EVENING**



**NEWTON  
VILLAGE HALL**

**THURSDAY  
30TH JANUARY 2025**

**£2 PER HEAD**

**ALL WELCOME**

**FOR FULL DETAILS SEE LEAFLET IN CHURCH**



# MEET THE

*Rector*



**ST MARY'S**  
Saltford

On the second  
Tuesday of every  
month I'm in St  
Mary's hall from  
0930 - 1130



**ALL SAINTS**  
Corston

On the first and  
third Wednesdays  
of every month I'm  
at All Saints coffee  
morning from 1030  
- 1200



**HOLY TRINITY**  
Newton St Loe

On the fourth  
Tuesday of every  
month I'm at  
Newton Farm café  
from 0930 - 1200

**JOIN ME FOR A DRINK AND A CHAT  
AT ANY OF THESE PLACES**



## **Mothers Prayers**

**Saturday 21st December**

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**St John's Church Parish Hall Upper Room**

**Coffee and Catch up from 9.30am**

**Prayers start at 10am**

**Meeting ends around 10.50am**

**Please let me know if you'd like someone prayed for but can't attend yourself. Or if you need a lift. Plus it's always encouraging to hear any passages, or prayers, or thoughts that have been helpful or meaningful recently, so let me know if you'd like to share anything. Rachel Shaw (07974 412261)**

***'Mothers Prayers provides a safe, supportive and confidential environment where women can pray specifically for their own children (old or young), step-children, grandchildren, godchildren, children we grieve for, indeed any child for whom we have 'a mother's heart'.***

***Together, we place them, and our love and concerns for them, into God's safe hands.***

**All welcome**

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### **Safeguarding**

If you have cause for concern regarding the safety of a child or vulnerable adult it is vital that you contact our Benefice Safeguarding Officer.

### **Benefice Safeguarding Officer**

Mrs Sue Dixon  
01225 359014  
smdstm31@gmail.com

### **Contact Us**

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(Day off Friday)  
Rector@scnbenefice.org.uk

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**Administrator**

Liz Benden

(Day off Friday)

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Julie (Corston)

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Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas  
and  
Peaceful New Year



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