



Latest NEWS for 2 weeks Beginning 21st December

Sunday 21st December

Readings: Isaiah 7 10-16, Matthew 1 18-end

10.30 **Joint Holy Communion**, St Mary's, Berrow with
Archdeacon Anne

8.30 BCP St Christopher's, Lympsham

10am Parish Eucharist, St Christopher's, Lympsham

Christmas Eve 24th December

3pm **Family Carol Service**, St Mary's, Berrow

11pm **Midnight Communion** St Mary's, Berrow

Christmas Day 25th December

9.15am **Joint Christmas Day Service**, St Bridget's, Brean

Sunday 28th December

10.30am **Joint Celtic Communion** St Bridget's, Brean

10am Parish Eucharist St Michael's, Brent Knoll

Midweek Prayer Service – Next meeting 7th January 2026
(Every Wednesday 9.30am) St Mary's Church. All welcome.

Regular Events

Little Seedlings (Parent/carer and baby/toddler group)

Wednesdays *term time only* 9:30-11:30am, St Mary's, Church Room. **Note:** Next session 7th January 2026.

Berrow and Brean Community Cafés and Hubs

Every Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00pm Berrow Village Hall

Every Thursday 1:00 - 3:00pm Brean Village Hall

Tea/coffee, cake, chat and games Everyone welcome.



Nosh and Natter First Tuesday monthly -12.15 St Mary's Church Room. Bible study with lunch.

Next meeting: 6th January 2026.

'Fun Club Youth Group' For school years 4, 5, and 6.

Next meeting 9th January 2026 in St Mary's Church Room, Berrow. Come along and have some fun. Crafts, games, tuck shop and more. All very welcome.

For more information

website: berrowandbrean.co.uk

St Mary's Church Room Bookings: stmaryschurchroombookings@gmail.com

Facebook: St Mary's Berrow, and St Bridget's Brean

Email Della on berrowpcc.churchwarden1@gmail.com to include items in the newsletter

New Appointment

We are pleased to announce that the Bishop of Bath and Wells has appointed the Reverend Robyn Golden-Hann to the post of Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Berrow and Brea and the Benefice of Three Saints. A date for the service of welcome is yet to be announced.

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Funeral for Sheila Ellis

Sheila's funeral will be on **Saturday 20th December** 12pm at the Crematorium.

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Christmas Shopping on line?

Don't forget to buy your presents through Easyfundraising if using mail order. www.easyfundraising.org.uk

1. Go to either St Mary's or St Bridget's easyfundraising page by clicking on 'find a cause' and searching for your church. 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. 3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Mary's or St Bridget's **at no extra cost to you whatsoever!**

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Mary's and St Bridget's will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

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Prayer Group

We have a prayer chain of 8 people who pray regularly. All prayer requests are strictly private and confidential. If you would like prayer please contact Pauline Horsey on 793891 or email pmhorsey@talktalk.net

For your Prayers

A prayer during the vacancy: God our Father, thank you for the appointment of Rev Robyn Golden-Hann as our new Priest in Charge. With your heavenly wisdom, please prepare Robyn that she will be a wise and gentle shepherd, who is ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead by example, in loving obedience to your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. You love us and have called us to be your body in this place and as we wait for the arrival of our new Priest in Charge we pray that your Holy Spirit will fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer that we do as you desire and bring new life to our community. Amen.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christmas Eve

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christmas Night

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 the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Day

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.

The First Sunday of Christmas

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.

A Prayer to start the day

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; Let us pray with one heart and mind. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; Now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to end the day: Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, that you, with steadfast love, would keep Your watch around us while we sleep. Amen.

Daily Prayers for 2 weeks beginning 21st December

21st • For all those who are struggling with their mental health. Many of these may be longer term and ongoing, but the pressures of isolation may be triggering all sorts of issues in people. We pray that God will be with them and help them, and also ask God to bring to mind people that we may know and could reach out to as a support to them.

- For the residents of Barton Close and Barton Road in Berrow.

22nd • For the residents of the care homes in our parishes. For all those who work to provide care, concern and dignity for those who need it most. We pray also for the residents, for comfort and protection for those who feel afraid or alone.

- For the residents of Church House Road, Penmoor Road, Penmoor Place and Little Pen in Berrow.

23rd • For Kim Wilcox, our Village Agent, and for the amazing work she does in the community. Thank God that we can work alongside her and support her in that work when it is appropriate. For all those who access the services that she is able to provide, and ask for safety and protection for her as she is out and about in the community.

- For the residents of Julians Acres, Brooke Road and Monkstone Drive in Berrow.

24th • For Berrow Parish Council and for all those who serve on it at this time. We pray that they may make the best possible decisions for the community they represent. We pray also for those who use the Village Hall as part of the groups and organisations, including Berrow Community Hub

- For the residents of Parsonage Road, Pinnockscroft, and Claremont Park in Berrow.

25th • For the congregation at St Mary's, and the relationship they share with St Bridget's. for opportunities to work together for the Kingdom of God in Berrow. • For our Lay Worship Assistants who help lead worship.

- For the residents of Coast Road, Little Court and Flowers Bloom Close in Berrow.

26th • For all those who have been baptised in our churches. for their parents and godparents as they work to teach them the faith, and pray for our role as churches in supporting them. May they grow in the knowledge that they are loved by God, and that they have a place in his family.

- For the residents of Manor Way, Manor Drive, Manor Close and New Manor Court in Berrow.

27th • For the local farming community. We give God thanks for all those who farm our lands and provide crops and food. That farms would be places of safety for all who work them.

- For the residents of Red Road and Hurn Lane in Berrow.

28th • For those who have been married here. We ask God's blessing and protection upon their marriages. We also pray for those whose weddings could not take place this year and have had to be delayed. For God's peace for them.

29th • For God's blessing upon all of the streets and roads on which we live. For all who feel lonely or isolated, that they would find a sense of community, friendship and love with those they live amongst. For protection from crime in our homes and streets, and for peace for all those on our streets and roads.

30th • For all those who travel into, out of, or within our communities for work, social or other purposes. that people would treat the roads with respect, and that people will be safe from harm as they travel.

31st • For ourselves as we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Christ in our own lives. that we each may

know that we are sometimes the answer that God has to our prayers

1st • For the golf courses and other outdoor spaces that people enjoy for leisure. We pray that they can be used and enjoyed by people for rest and relaxation.

- For the residents of St Christopher's Way, Edith Close and Regency Close in Burnham-on-Sea.

2nd • For those who feel isolated from others, either because they cannot connect to people via technology, or because they do not really know anyone. We pray that they may be able to find companionship and support.

- For the residents of South Road in Brean.

3rd • For all those who make decisions on behalf of us all. For our government, and particularly our local MP Ashley Fox. For the leaders of the church nationally, including our Archbishops, especially our new Archbishop Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally and for our Bishops Michael Beasley and the Venerable Dr Fiona Gibson and the diocesan staff. May they make good and wise decisions in all they do.

- For the residents of The Orchids, Watson Close and Patricia Close in Burnham-on-Sea.