

HARTFORD HUNDRED WEST GROUP



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

January 2025			
Sunday 29 December	10:15 am	Group Parish Communion	Brickendon
Wednesday 1 January 2025	No Service		
Sunday 5 January Epiphany	9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion	Essendon Ponsbourne Brickendon
Wednesday 8 January	9:30am	Holy Communion	Essendon
Sunday 12 January	9:30 am 11:00 am	Parish Communion Family Service	Bayford Little Berkhamsted
Wednesday 15 January	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Essendon
Saturday 18 January	10-11:30 am	Registration	Little Berkhamsted
Sunday 19 January	9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Family Service Parish Communion Family Service	Essendon Ponsbourne Brickendon
Wednesday 22 January	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Essendon
Sunday 26 January	9:30am 11:00 am	Parish Communion Family Service	Little Berkhamsted Bayford
Wed 29 January	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Essendon

Notices

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

Registration on 3rd Saturday of January 10am to 11:30am at Little Berkhamsted Church.

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December 2024

4:30 pm Crib & Christingle Service at Bayford

11:15 pm Mid -Night Parish Communion at Essendon

11:15 pm Mid -Night Parish Communion at Ponsbourne

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December 2024

9:30 am Parish Communion at Little Berkhamsted

10:15 am Family Service at Ponsbourne

11:00 am Family Service at Brickendon

11:00 am Family Service at Essendon

Sunday 29 December 2024

10:15 am Group Parish Communion at Brickendon

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year ! Thank you for the Good Wishes and Christmas Cards

From Revd Theresa and Solomon

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

Little Berkhamsted – Bronwyn

Essendon – Lesley 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: 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.

Thanksgiving: For the wonder and mystery of the Incarnation as we give thanks for the birth of the Christ-child.

World and Mission: All Church schools.

ACP: Kumasi (Ghana).

24 December 2024 Christmas Eve

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 the joy of heaven through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. **Amen**

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

⁹ Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Christmas Day

Christmas Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Christmas Post Communion

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Christmas Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7 ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep dark on them has light shined. ³Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end ,upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:1-14 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. ²This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called

Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. ⁷And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; ¹¹for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"