

# 2025 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

*Please Pray for:*

Patricia Ackroyd  
Carol Capaldi  
Claire Dixon  
Rita Farrow  
Brian Low  
Eric Stockley  
Margaret Wooley

Neill Bonham  
Andrew Cranston  
Janet Dray  
Ewan Hayes  
Kay Rayner  
Brian & Freda Williams

Joyce Canning  
Christine Dixon  
John Foreman  
Paulette Langley  
Ev Ridout  
John Wire

**RIP: Raymond Parsons** ~ Funeral 23/12/25, 11am, St Mary's Church, Meare

**Ken Ridout**

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**Safeguarding within the Benefice:**

This Benefice is committed to the safeguarding of all people.

A copy of the current Safeguarding Policy is available on St John's and

St Ben's church websites:

**[stjohns-glastonbury.uk](http://stjohns-glastonbury.uk)**

**[stbens-glastonbury.uk](http://stbens-glastonbury.uk)**

and in the porch of St Mary's Church, Meare: **[www.meare-pc.gov.uk](http://www.meare-pc.gov.uk)**

To report an issue, please contact the **Benefice Safeguarding Officer:**

**Helen Roper:** **[safeguarding@stbens-glastonbury.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stbens-glastonbury.uk)**

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**Diocesan Safeguarding Manager: Ben Goodhind (01749) 588917 /**

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**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURE:**

The Vicar will be on leave from Boxing Day until New Year's Day. If you have an urgent pastoral need, please leave her a message. The Parish Office is now closed and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR WEEKLY READINGS.**

## **SERVICES & EVENTS:**

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December:**

**10am:** Eucharist, *St John's Church*

**11.30am:** *St Ben's Celtic Communion Service, St John's Church*

**6pm:** **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**, *St John's Church*

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4pm:** **Crib Service**, *St. Mary's Church, Meare*

**4pm:** **Crib Service**, *St. John's Church*

**6pm:** *St Ben's* **Carol Service**, *St. John's Church*

**10pm:** **"Midnight" Mass**, *St Mary's Church, Meare*

**11.30pm:** **Midnight Mass**, *St. John's Church*

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10am:** **Sung Mass** [*Benefice Service*] **for Christmas Day**, *St. John's Church*

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am:** Benefice Eucharist Service, *St. John's Church*

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**8am:** Holy Communion, *St John's Church*

**10am:** Sung Eucharist, *St John's Church*

**11am:** Holy Communion with *St Ben's*, *St Mary's Church, Meare*

*If you are travelling over Christmas, we hope you have a  
safe, Blessed & very Happy Christmas.  
With Blessings from all at St John's, St Ben's & St Mary's, Meare.*