

Dear friends,

I love this time of year, the run-up to Christmas, the excitement of giving and receiving presents, the decorations, tree and lights that make the town look so beautiful. It really is a wonderful family time of year. For many people, being part of the Church family is just as important as spending time with our own family members. When we come to know Jesus we also get to know other people who become our brothers and sisters. Families share many of life's experiences together, and as a Christian family at this time of year we have the great joy of sharing in the experience of Jesus' birth. His coming to earth as a human being to be our brother and saviour signifies one of the most dramatic moments in history. His life, death and resurrection are the greatest demonstration of God's love for us that we could ever possibly

encounter. As we sing in one of our popular carols, "O come to us, abide with us, be born in us today." When we invite Jesus to be born in us we are asking the Maker of the world to reveal to us what life is really all about. We are asking him to show us his love, and we are also offering to show our love to him and to those around us. This Christmas we would love you to join in with any celebrations in our churches as part of God's family. O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

With all good wishes for a peaceful and joyful Christmas time,

Rev Dave Parr  
Chair, Melksham Family of Churches

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## MELKSHAM FAMILY OF CHURCHES

WISH YOU  
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

### Living Nativity

Saturday 17th December

At  
5.30pm



Dress up and join in the Living Nativity as we join Mary and Joseph, donkey and camel on their journey to Bethlehem. Starting at Nazareth (Queensway Chapel) at 5:30pm and ending at Bethlehem (Brookside residential care home) for traditional carols with a brass band and refreshments.



# Church Services



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Sunday 18th December

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th December

11.30pm Midnight Communion

**ALL VISITORS WELCOME**

St Andrews Church, Church Lane,  
Melksham SN12 7EF

Rev Annie Wintour

Tel: (01380) 850880

Sunday 18th December

6.30pm Carol Service

Saturday 24th December

4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December

10.00am Family Communion  
'Christmas Celebration'

Sunday 1st January

10.00am Holy Communion



Melksham United Church,  
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Sunday 18th December

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th December

11.30pm Midnight Communion at  
Whitley Methodist Chapel

Sunday 25th December

10.30am Christmas morning worship  
joined by friends from  
Melksham Baptist Church



Queensway Chapel, Pembroke Road,  
Melksham, SN12 7NB  
(Junction of Queensway with Pembroke Road)

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Sunday 18th December

10.00am Nativity Family Service

Saturday 24th December

11.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 25th December

10.00am Christmas Day Family Service

St Michael & All Angels Church

Church Walk,  
Melksham SN12 6LX

Rev. Dave Parr

Tel: (01225) 703262



Sunday 18th December

6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carol Service

Tuesday 20th December

7.00pm Christmas Extravaganza with  
Cantamus Chamber Choir

Saturday 24th December

4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Christmas Communion



St Barnabas Church, Beanacre

Melksham SN12 7PT

Rev John Darling

Tel: (01225) 777803



Sunday 18th December

7.00pm Carol Service

Saturday 24th December

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December

10.00am Christmas Communion

St. Anthony of Padua Parish,  
West End, Melksham SN12 6HJ

Fr. Richard Northey

Tel: (01225) 702128



Saturday 24th December

5.30pm Vigil Mass

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December

9.30am Morning Mass