

# Ilchester, Northover, Limington, Podimore and Yeovilton

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December 2023

## Worship Matters

Services	SMM Ilchester	St Peter Podimore	St Mary Limington
Dec 3rd		11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Dec 10th	9.30am Holy Communion		11.15am Morning Prayer
Dec 17th	<b>11.15am Celebration Carols</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	<b>7pm Lessons and Carols</b>

## CHRISTMAS EVE

	<b>10pm 'Nearly Midnight Mass'</b>	<b>6.30pm CAROLS and LESSONS</b>	<b>11.30PM MIDNIGHT MASS</b>
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## CHRISTMAS DAY

**ILCHESTER 9.30am Family Holy Communion**

Dec 31st	11.15am Holy Communion		
Jan 7th		11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion

## December Readings

### December 3rd

Psalm 80.1-7 and 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

### December 10th

Psalm 85.1-2 and 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

### December 17th

Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8 and 19-28

### December 24th

Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

### December 25th

Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.22-40

### December 31st

Psalm 148; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.15-21

## Notices

**Shoe Boxes 2023** - Well a fantastic contribution by all—Thank you! We sent off 116 boxes and a collection of more than £300 towards the transport costs and other assistance provided by the charity.

## Prayer Matters!

**We pray** for the troubled nations of the world — Palestine and Israel.  
Syria, Myanmar, Sudan, Yemen, Afghanistan, Ukraine.  
For peace and for wise leadership!

For our deanery, for the appointment of a new incumbent to the new benefice of Somerton, Kingsdon, The Charltons, Long Sutton and Pitney. Interviews early February.

Especially we pray for our journey into becoming a new benefice along with the people and churches of Tintinhull, Yeovil Marsh and Chilthorne Domer.

For all the children who will be coming to SMM Ilchester for Christingles this year on 11th, 12th and 13th December—especially for dry weather for the walk down and back.

For the sick, those awaiting operations, and those needing care and recovery: Shirley, Jean, Juliette, Barry, Tracey. For Farhad as he grieves his sister who died at home in Iran recently.



The earliest known record of Carol Singers can be found in the Bayeux Tapestry—soldiers from France known as the ‘Brittany Spears’ They had a number one record across Europe with the catchy, but not Christmasy tune ‘Hitest Thou Me Baby One More Time’

# MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL!