



WALBURY BEACON
BENEFACTICE

The Parishes of Kintbury with Avington and Hamstead Marshall, Inkpen, West Woodhay and Combe



Sunday 21st December 2025

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICES

8:00am Kintbury Holy Communion – BCP

3:00pm Combe Carols

6:00pm Kintbury Carols

6:30pm Inkpen Carols

READINGS

Isaiah 7.10-16

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-End

COLLECT

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..

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,

who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Welcome

Welcome! Visitor or local resident,
we hope that you will find something in our worship today
to inspire, comfort or stimulate you.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to the clergy
after the service.

They would love to meet you.

As we light our final Advent candle
today to remember Mary and to pray
for love, we're nearly at the stable
door. In the week ahead we'll gather
to welcome Jesus, born into a world
that needs that light.

This Christmas, may the light of
Christ shine gently in your homes
and hearts, reminding you that you
are loved and never alone.



Services next Sunday 28th December

9:45am Kintbury Benefice HC

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Eve

4:30pm Crib service
11:30pm Midnight Communion
St Mary's Kintbury

Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion BCP
Avington Church
9:45am Holy Communion
St Mary Kintbury
& St Michael' Inkpen
11:15am Holy Communion
St. Swithun's Combe
& St Lawrences' West Woodhay

Receiving Communion Safely

If you are anxious about catching or passing on Covid or any other infection, please be reassured that receiving the bread alone is a full Communion.

We kindly ask that you do not dip your wafer into the chalice, as this increases the risk of spreading infection from hands.

Pop-in Café

15th January
(1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month)
From 10:30am to 12 noon
Inkpen Playing Field Pavilion
Tea/Coffee, delicious cakes
and friendship

St Mary's Café

on Thursday mornings
from 10:30am – 12:00noon
in St. Mary's Room
(attached to Kintbury Church)

Adult Alpha Taster

6th January 2026
Coronation Hall
7:00pm - 9:30pm



SPECIAL EVENTS AHEAD

Adult Alpha Taster
6th January 2026 7:00pm
Coronation Hall
Kintbury
All welcome!
Cooked meal provided

BANNS READINGS



No Banns to be read this week

PRAYERS



We pray for:

God of hope, we pray for Ukraine and the Middle East, for an end to violence and for hope where there is fear and loss.

God of peace, we pray for those affected by the shooting in Australia this week, for the injured, the bereaved, and all who mourn.

God of joy, we pray for those who are lonely this Advent, especially those for whom this season feels heavy.

God of love, we pray for those living with addiction and for their families as they face a challenging and painful time.

God of light, we pray for all who are separated from their families, that the light of your Word would bring comfort and guide them home.

Benefice Contacts for all questions, general queries & services

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All readings can be found on the website or in the pew Bibles in Kintbury.

If you would like to bring your own Bible, you are most welcome.