



Windmill United Benefice

St Bartholomew, Burstow

St Mary the Virgin, Horne

St John the Baptist, Outwood

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17 November 2024 Second Sunday before Advent

This week's online service

www.windmillchurches.co.uk/online-service-for-17-november-24

In-church services this Sunday, 17 November

9:30am Holy Communion at **St Bartholomew, Burstow**

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11am Holy Communion at **St John the Baptist, Outwood**

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Online giving

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Previous online services

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Please send **items for the next notice sheet** to Peter Nye (ppn@blueyonder.co.uk)
by 6pm on **Wednesday 20 November**

Christmas Café – St Mary the Virgin, Horne

This year, **St Mary's Christmas Café** will be held on **Saturday 30 November** from 10am to 12 noon in St Mary the Virgin, Horne. Enjoy refreshments, natter with friends, browse the stalls and buy to the sound of live festive music!

Please tell Sue Wates if you are able to help set up on Friday 29 November in the afternoon (time to be arranged); run a stall during the morning on Saturday 30 November; help with refreshments, or bake refreshments. If you are baking, please consider choosing Fairtrade ingredients! Thank you.

New Year Meal

We are organising a **social evening meal** at The Bell in Outwood on **20 January 2025**. Although this has come from the Followers of the Way, everyone is welcome, even if you have not been to a meeting! We will need numbers to book a table, so please message Helen on 07966 165437 or email helen@les.uk.com, **by 30 November**.

Benefice Advent Carol Service

The joint Benefice Advent Carol Service will be held on **Sunday 1 December at 4pm** in St Mary the Virgin, Horne. There will also be the monthly Communion from the Book of Common Prayer on that morning; there will be no other services in the Benefice that day.

Victorian Christmas Eve – St Mary the Virgin, Horne

St Mary's Victorian Christmas Eve will be held on **Saturday 7 December** at 6pm in St Mary the Virgin, Horne.

It is an evening for all ages with Victorian carols, readings and parlour games. Entrance is free and there will be festive refreshments. Please get in touch with Lauma if you are able to help with refreshments.

Eco Church Silver Award goes to St Mary the Virgin, Horne

On Monday, November 11, St Mary's received its **Eco Church Silver Award**, a follow-on from the Bronze Award in 2021. Eco Church is a programme run by A Rocha UK that encourages churches to care for the environment through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement, and lifestyles.

A few examples of what helped us to achieve the Silver Award:

- Improvements to the school building – including insulation, new doors and windows, heat pump, and solar panels.
- Churchyard maintenance that includes wild areas allowing wildflowers to reach their bloom, inviting more insects, birds and other animals.
- Switching to a green energy provider.
- Remembering the environment and nature in our prayers and worship.
- Becoming a Fairtrade Church and many other smaller activities.

Well done to everyone who has worked so hard to reach this milestone!