ANGELS & SAINTS

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Dear Friends,

It's quite hard to believe Ordinary time is now over and after this Sunday with the celebration of All Saints we are then into 'Kingdom Season.'

This final four weeks of the Church calendar before Advent sees us give thanks for the example of the saints, commemorate the faithful departed and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice at our annual service of rememberance. We will also hear in our Bible readings about the end of time and the anticipation of Christ's return. The season ends with the feast of Christ the King - a reminder that it is Christ who is the ultimate King and judge, and it is him who has completed God's work in his life, death and resurrection.

The emphasis of these weeks is on the reality of the Kingdom - both here on earth and in heaven. If ordinary time is the time of labor, this season is the time of fruit. Kingdom Season orientates us as disciples to strive for reconciliation, peace, healing and hope to a weary world and to be bearers of Christs kingly reality. Showing the world that through his death and resurrection he has called us into a new and glorious reality. The liturgical colour will turn to red- the colour of the Holy Spirit - as we seek his gifts in this calling and mission of building the Kingdom.

You'll see from Angels and Saints that we are doing our own little bit to make the kingdom a reality. With our annual service of remembrance all the way to our Angels festival (and plenty of cake in between). The way we will be providing witness to the people of Verwood will show that God is here and his kingdom is calling new people to him. Don't underestimate the difference you as an individual disciple makes. I, for one, am grateful for your faith, your example and the time you give.

It also marks the beginning of what is really the busiest eight weeks in the church calendar. And we have plenty on! So, as we journey through this month, can I encourage you to continue taking time to seek God, to pray and be with him. As that really is the heart of how the kingdom, and how his will come to fruition in our time.

God bless you and see you soon.

Rev Sam

TOGETHER @ SIX

NOVEMBER 2026

We will move into the Meeting Room from November 1 st , where we will start the Romans Course, a Scripture Union video series on Paul's letter to the Romans. We have a short time for discussion during each service.

1 st The Gospel: How can we become more confident in our faith?
8 th Sin: What's wrong with the world?
15 th Salvation: What's so amazing about grace?
22 nd Peace: How can we find rest in a stressful world?
29 th Advent Carol Service

ALL WELCOME

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST MICHAEL'S

Have you thought about joining us at Morning Coffee on Tuesdays?
It starts at 10.00am until 11.00am weekly.



PRAYER MEETING

All Saints Prayer Meeting
Followed by Coffee and Biscuits and a chance to chat.
Everyone is very welcome to attend this warm and informal session.

This meeting is held every fourth Wednesday at All Saints at 10.30am

ALL WELCOME

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PLEASE SEE DETAILS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

BEREAVEMENT TEAS 2026

Please see the upcoming dates for Bereavement Teas in 2026.

If you wish to attend, please let the Parish Office know.



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SAVE THE DATES

Sunday 1st November
All Souls Service

Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 14th November
Christmas Market

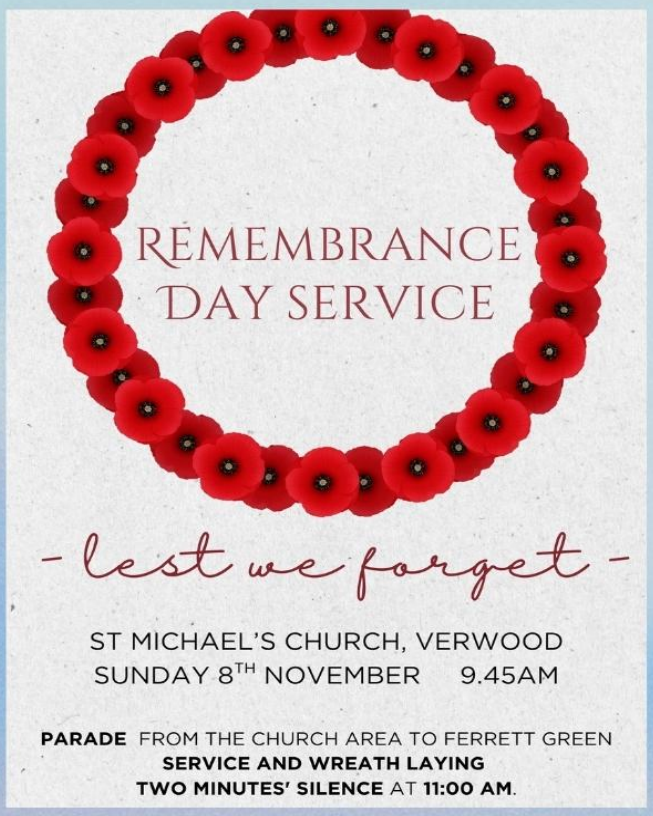
Tuesday 17th November
Bereavement Tea

Saturday 28th November &
Sunday 29th November
Angel Festival

Sunday 29th November
Advent Carol Service

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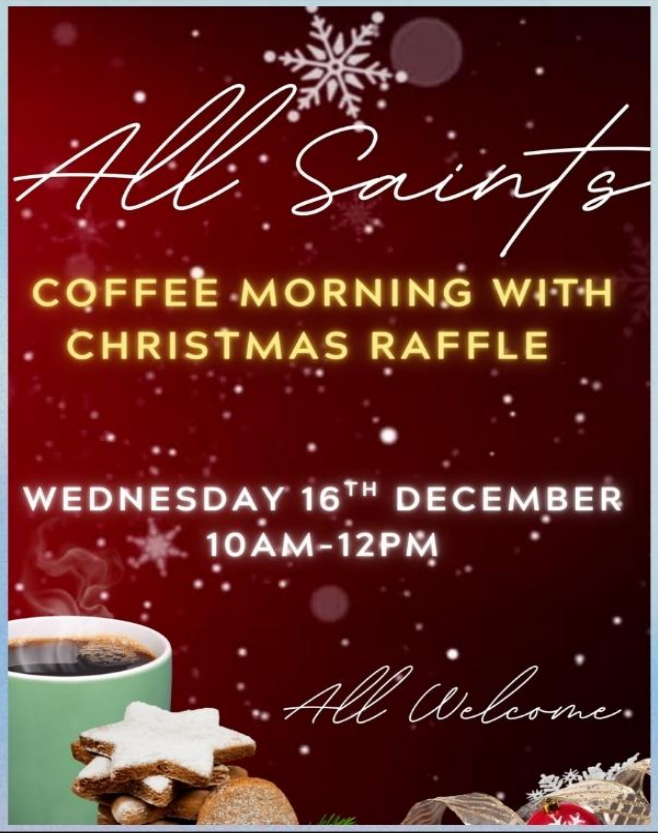


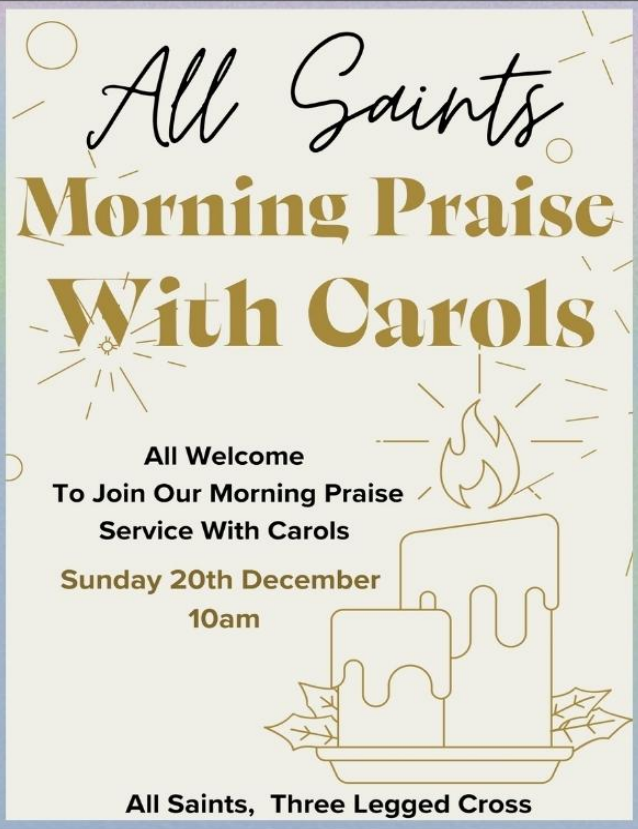




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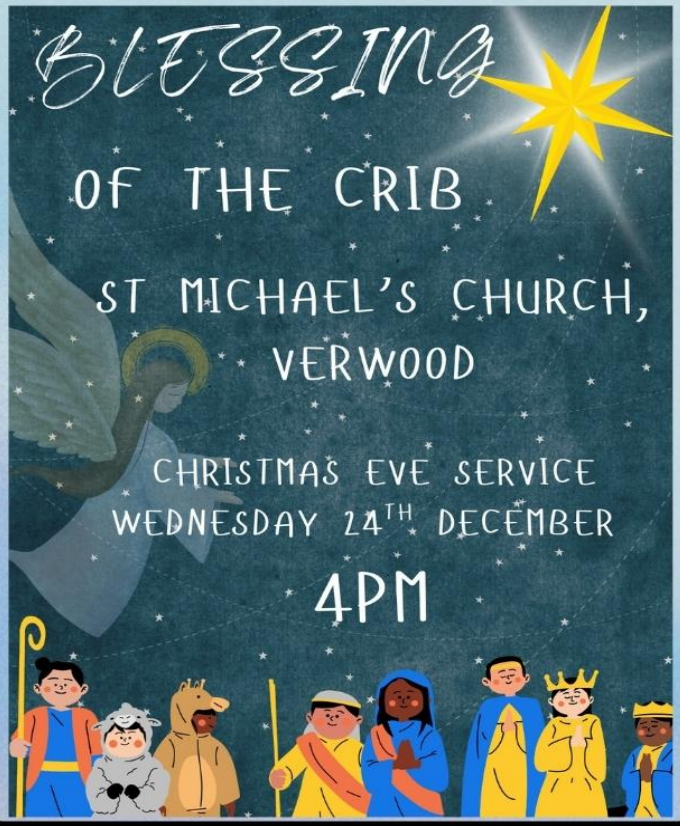






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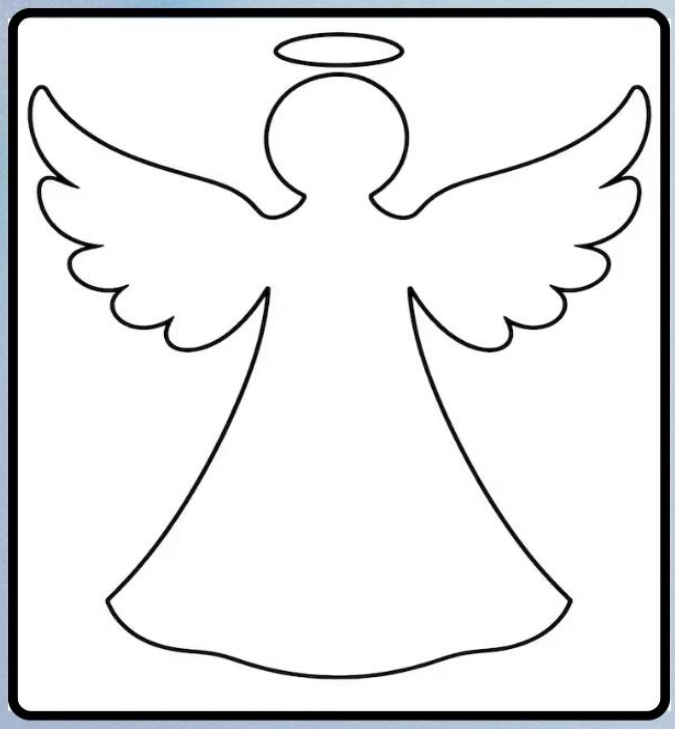


ANGEL FESTIVAL 2026

This year as a part of our Advent and Christmas celebrations, we are hosting an Angel Festival at St Michael and All Angel's Church here in Verwood. We are inviting all of the many Angels - young and old - of our town to design their own Angel in advance of our Advent Carol Service.

These Angels will then be displayed above the Nave of the Church, and the Church will be open on the Weekend of 28/29th November to coincide with the Christmas light switch on in our town and for people to come and see their Angels and all of the others that have been made. As part of these festivities, we have a musical programme that includes a brass band, Choral and Christmas music. There will also be refreshments available, Christmas stalls with gifts as well as a raffle.





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September 2026

Dear Friends

Thank you for your continued giving to the life of the diocese, through service, financial commitment, prayer and the use of time and talents both in the church and out in our many local communities. We continue to be thankful for all contributions towards our shared vision, particularly through Parish Share, which we are renaming the Shared Ministry Fund, in order to more accurately characterise its purpose. This goes entirely towards licensed and commissioned ministry, enabling us to meet the needs of the cure of souls across a large geographical area, specifically through training, housing and the payment of stipends (our main expense).

I am grateful too for the hard work of our DBF and staff that has gone into the 2027 budget guide. Despite the uncertainty and upheaval of this year, we have been working hard to form an integrated financial plan based upon support for local ministry, which enables our common mission whilst being realistic about contributions from our parishes. The plan emphasises integration and collaboration between benefices and deaneries and between lay and ordained. The 2027 budget guide explains our work going forward and I commend it to you. It sets out a clear plan where all ministry – present and future – within parishes, benefices, mission hubs and areas rural, urban and suburban, as well as areas of deprivation, is supported through a Shared Ministry Fund, augmented and enabled by external funding.

Our vision is that the cure of souls remains our priority; that everywhere across the diocese, there is active mission and ministry provided by every Christian sharing their gifts and working together for a common purpose: being the Church in every place. That requires both pragmatism and realism. Currently, giving from parishes does not meet the cost of 150 stipendiary clergy, causing us to be honest and realistic about the number we can afford. A reduction to 120 by 2032 reflects this and the predicted number of fulltime vocations there will be in the future. However, this will not mean the Church stops growing, because God

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appears to be developing shoots in other directions, including a growth in self-supporting ordained and LLM ministry and the development of a variety of new ministries, including children's and family workers. Without this blend we could not fulfil Christ's mission.

This plan envisages fewer paid clergy, but we have committed to ensuring they are better housed and resourced. Those who bless us with their gifts as retired, self-supporting ministers and commissioned lay ministers, sustaining our worship, pastoral care and sacramental ministry, also need increased support, encouragement and training.

We have significant challenges ahead as we change patterns of ministry and learn to work in different ways, utilising the gifts that God has given us. This budget guide reveals a desired commitment to make Jesus known in a way that is sustainable, biblical and above all joyful in encouraging us all to continue to play our part. It is an ongoing call to generosity, mutual support, love and service as a response for what God has done for us.

Thank you



Karen Sherbone
Bishop of Sherborne and Acting Bishop of Salisbury

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Please Note Dates & Events May Be Subject To Change

Sunday 1st	Communion Service (Weekly)	10.00am	St Michael's
Sunday 1st	All Souls Service Followed By Tea	3.00pm	St Michael's
Sunday 1st	Together @ Six (Weekly)	6.00pm	St Michael's
Tuesday 3rd	Morning Eucharist	9.15am	St Michael's
Tuesday 3rd	Coffee Morning (Weekly)	10.00am	Meeting Room
Wednesday 4th	Dementia Group	11.00am	Meeting Room
Thursday 5th	Morning Prayer (Weekly)	9.00am	St Michael's
Friday 6th	Choir Practice (Weekly)	4.30pm	St Michael's
Sunday 8th	Remembrance Service	9.30am	St Michael's
Sunday 8th	Communion Service	10.00am	All Saints
Wednesday 11th	Dementia Group	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Saturday 14th	Christmas Market	10.00am	St Michael's
Sunday 15th	Family Communion Service	10.00am	St Michael's
Sunday 15th	Sunday Lunch	12.00pm	Parish Centre
Tuesday 17th	Bereavement Tea	2.00pm	St Michael's
Wednesday 18th	Coffee Morning	10.00am	All Saints
Wednesday 18th	Dementia Group	11.00am	Meeting Room
Saturday 21st	Prayer For Healing	9.00am	St Michael's
Sunday 22nd	BCP Communion Service	8.30am	St Michael's
Sunday 22nd	Morning Praise	10.00am	All Saints
Wednesday 25th	Prayer Meeting & Coffee	10.30am	All Saints
Saturday 28th	Angels Festival	10.00am - 4.00pm	St Michael's
Saturday 28th	Christmas Lights Switch On	PM	Verwood
Sunday 29th	Angel Festival	11.30am - 4.00pm	St Michael's
Sunday 29th	Advent Carol Service	6.00pm	St Michael's

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Please Note Dates & Events May Be Subject To Change

Tuesday 1st	Morning Eucharist	9.15am	St Michael's
Tuesday 1st	Coffee Morning (Weekly)	10.00am	St Michael's
Thursday 3rd	Morning Prayer (Weekly)	9.00am	St Michael's
Friday 4th	Choir Practice (Weekly)	4.30pm	St Michael's
Saturday 5th	Christmas Choral Concert	7.00pm	St Michael's
Sunday 6th	Communion Service (Weekly)	10.00am	St Michael's
Sunday 6th	Together @ Six (Weekly)	6.00pm	St Michael's
Wednesday 9th	Dementia Group Christmas Service	11.00am	Meeting Room
Saturday 12th	Advent Quiet Day	10.00am-3.00pm	St Michael's
Sunday 13th	Communion Service	10.00am	All Saints
Sunday 13th	Sunday Lunch	12.00pm	Parish Centre
Monday 14th	Emmanuel School Christmas Services	All Day	St Michael's
Tuesday 15th	Verwood First KS1 Christmas Service	9.00am	St Michael's
Tuesday 15th	NO Coffee Morning	10.00am	St Michael's
Wednesday 16th	Verwood First KS2 Christmas Service	9.00am	St Michael's
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Coffee Morning	10.00am	All Saints
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Music For the Mind	11.00am	Meeting Room
Thursday 17th	Verwood Pre School Christmas Service	9.00am	St Michael's
Thursday 17th	No Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Michael's
Friday 18th	Trinity First School Christma Service	9.00am	St Michael's
Sunday 20th	Family Communion Service	10.00am	St Michael's
Sunday 20th	Morning Praise With Carols	10.00am	All Saints
Sunday 20th	Christingle	4.00pm	St Michael's
Monday 21st	Nine Lessons & Carols	6.00pm	St Michael's
Tuesday 22nd	NO Coffee Morning	10.00am	St Michael's
Tuesday 22nd	Chamber Maids Concert	7.00pm	St Michael's
Wednesday 23rd	Prayer Meeting & Coffee	10.30am	All Saints
Thursday 24th	Blessing Of The Crib Service	4.00pm	St Michael's
Thursday 24th	Midnight Mass	11.30pm	St Michael's
Friday 25th	Christmas Day Service	10.00am	St MIchael's
Sunday 27th	BCP Communion Service	8.30am	St Michael's
Sunday 27th	Morning Praise	10.00am	All Saints
Tuesday 29th	NO Coffee Morning	10.00am	St Michael's

Verwood Parish: St Michael & All Angels Church & All Saints Church