



# THE ART BENEFICE

Anslow, Rolleston and Tutbury



Liturgical Colour  
**PURPLE / BLUE**

**SUNDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**  
**ADVENT SUNDAY – Advent 3 JOY**

## Welcome to our Worship

**Today's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-3, 6 – 9 - Pew Bible Pg. OT 718**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:16-28 - Pew Bible Pg. NT 221**

## Today's Services in the Art Benefice

### Holy Trinity, Anslow

11.15 a.m. – Crib Service

### St. Mary's Church, Rolleston on Dove

9.15 am - CW / MP

6.30 pm – Lessons and Carols

### Priory Church of St. Mary, Tutbury

10.00 am – Holy Communion – Common Worship

Reader : Liz - Intercessions : Rosemary

4.00 pm – Parish Carol Service - Lessons and Carols

*We hope you will join us for refreshment after the service.*

*Toilet and Baby Changing Facilities at the back of the church, on the right.*

## Collect for Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please remember in your prayers

Our Communities

Henhurst Hill, Anslow, Fairfield Avenue, Rolleston, Green Lane, Tutbury

**Those in need of our prayers:**

O Lord, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

We pray for those who have asked for prayer:

John Farrell, Anni Sedaway, Francey and  
all who are being cared for in the ART Benefice

Give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of  
Your salvation.

We pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one recently,  
especially Shirley and her family as they mourn the loss of Brian.

Brian was an active member of our church family and he will be sadly  
missed by us all. His funeral will take place on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> January,  
2024 at 2.00pm, followed by burial in the Churchyard.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Year's Mind**

Edith Bailey, Joan Major, Tony Guest, Charlotte Farrell

**SUNDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

10.00 am – **NO SERVICE THIS MORNING**

11.00 pm – Midnight Mass



We welcome Bishop Matthew – Bishop of Stafford

Reader : Margaret – Intercessions: Jackie

**MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> – CHRISTMAS MORNING**

10.00 am – Holy Communion – please bring along a present to  
open during the service.

**SUNDAY, 31st December 2023**

10.00 am – Benefice Holy Communion – Priory Church, Tutbury

**Priory Church Opening Times**

Thursday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Saturday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Sunday 9.30 am - 12.00 noon – with service commencing 10.00am

## **PRIORY CRAFTERS**

Every Thursday from 9.30 am.  
A variety of crafts  
help readily given and received.  
Or just call for a cuppa  
and chat!!  
All welcome.

**PRIORY PANTRY** is open every  
Saturday morning from  
10.00 am till 12.00 noon  
Delicious cakes and savouries on  
offer, with the addition  
of Bacon Baps on  
some Saturdays



## **HEATING PROJECT**

We are pleased to say that we now have a new boiler and pipework which runs under the floor on the north side of the church. The old pipes had rusted away and there were many leaks which resulted in that circuit being capped off for the last two winters.

The new boiler is situated in the store cupboard in the vestry and there are lots of copper pipes both in the vestry and down below in the boiler house. The new system will be much more efficient and, we hope, cheaper to run. We should now all be much warmer when in church for services and social occasions.

The estimated cost is in the region of £38,400 including VAT but the VAT of around £6400 should be recoverable. We have been very lucky to obtain grants amounting to £12,000 from Burton Consolidated Charities, the John Bamford Trust and Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust. There is one application still outstanding. Part of the cost has been met from church reserves, generous personal donations and proceeds from the Priory Craft group but there is still a shortfall and work is ongoing to try and source additional funds.

If you would like to make a donation, however small, please have a word with Joycelyn who can give you details of the church bank account.

## **CAROL SINGING**

The planned Carol Singing around Tutbury last Tuesday had to be called off because of the weather. This was a shame as the evening was so successful last year.

**A BLUE CHRISTMAS:** A carol service for those bereaved, feeling sad or lonely, or who prefer a quieter Christmas. Join us at St. Mary's, Rolleston on Dove, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

## **GENERAL FUND RAISING 2024**

The Events and Fund-Raising Team will shortly be meeting to discuss suggestions made at its last meeting in October. Ideas which have been decided upon in the near future but which need date confirmation are as follows:-

*February lunch*

*Ladies pamper and shopping evening – 29<sup>th</sup> February*

*Easter Egg hunt during Priory Pantry on Easter Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> March*

*‘Watch this space’ for further events, lots more to come!*

### LENT COURSE 2024

We are planning to run courses in Lent 2024. Probably starting on **Tuesday 13 February i.e. Shrove Tuesday**. Dates to be confirmed in January. Easter is early next year Sunday 31 March 2024

### FLOWER ROTA 2024

The flower rotas for 2024 are on the welcome table. We are very grateful to those who continue to place flowers on the High Altar - if you would like to join the rota, please see Rosemary. Thank you.

### CHURCHYARD MATTERS

If you would like information about the churchyard, there is usually someone who can help at the Saturday Morning Priory Pantry, in church 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

**PRIORY DIARY** *if you wish to add anything, please let Joycelyn know.*

<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Carol Service Lessons and Carols	Church  Church
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>A Blue Christmas:</b>	Rolleston
Sun Christmas Eve	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 11.00pm	<b>NO SERVICE THIS MORNING</b> Midnight Mass – Bishop Matthew leading the service	Church
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>Christmas Morning Holy Communion – please bring present to open</b>	Church
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	New Year’s Eve Benefice Holy Communion	Priory Ch.
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>				
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Worship for All - Family Holy	Church

			Communion	
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Church

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You will no doubt be aware that the volunteers have been working very hard in the churchyard this summer as the whole place looks brilliant. Not only have they been maintaining the newer and easier to maintain parts of the churchyard, they have been tackling the overgrown areas. All of this has been achieved with an ever-growing team of volunteers who have formed a WhatsApp group, which is working well and the members are able to communicate more easily with one another. They would welcome more willing workers, thus helping to keep our lovely, peaceful green space for all to enjoy.



