



THE ART BENEFICE

Anslow, Rolleston and Tutbury



Liturgical Colour
WHITE/GOLD

**SUNDAY, 24th and MONDAY, 25th DECEMBER,
2023 : CHRISTMAS**

**Welcome to our Worship and
Christmas Blessings to you all**

Christmas Services in the Art Benefice

Holy Trinity, Anslow

8.00 p.m. – Bethlehem Holy Communion

St. Mary's Church, Rolleston on Dove

10.00 am – Holy Communion - said

3.00 pm – Crib Nativity Service

Priory Church of St. Mary, Tutbury

11.00 pm – Midnight Mass

A warm welcome to Bishop Matthew

Reader : Margaret - Intercessions : Jackie

Readings: Isaiah 52 – v. 7-10 Pew Bible Page 709-10

John 1 – v. 1-14 Pew Bible Page 98

10.00 am – **Christmas Morning Holy Communion**

All are invited to bring a Christmas
gift to open during the service.

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

Collect – Christmas Eve

Almighty God,
as we prepare with joy
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
embrace the earth with your glory
and be for us a living hope

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Christmas Night

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Please remember in your prayers this Christmastime

Our Communities

All in Anslow, Rolleston and 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, 5th January, 2024 at 2.00pm,
followed by burial in the Churchyard.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Year's Mind

Jessie Bradbeer, Lewis Gibbs, Ethel Wolfenden

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

**NO PRIORY PANTRY ON SATURDAY, 30th DECEMBER 2023
and NO PRIORY CRAFTERS ON THURSDAY, 28th DECEMBER 2023**

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.

GENERAL FUND RAISING 2024

The Events and Fund-Raising Team will shortly be meeting to discuss suggestions made at its last meeting in October. We are grateful to the Team who have worked so hard to raise the much-needed funds toward the running of our church and also for the opportunities they create to bring people together to celebrate and enjoy.

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 – 29th February

Easter Egg hunt during Priory Pantry on Easter Saturday, the 30th 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. 2024 dates – coming soon!*

DECEMBER				
Sun Christma s Eve	24 th	10.00am 11.00pm	NO SERVICE THIS MORNING Midnight Mass – Bishop Matthew leading the service	Church
Mon	25 th	10.00am	Christmas Morning Holy Communion – please bring present to open	Church
Sun	31 st	10.00am	New Year’s Eve Benefice Holy Communion	Priory Ch.
JANUARY 2024				
Sun	7 th	10.00am	Worship for All - Family Holy Communion	Church

Sun	14 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Church
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No Cash ?

Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to donate online with a GiftAid option via "Give a Little" to Our 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.



