



# The Windmill United Benefice

Burstow – Horne – Outwood

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## **Sunday 14 December 2025** **Third Sunday of Advent**

### *Collect Prayer*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

***Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10***

***Psalm: 146*** (see overleaf)

***Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11***

### *Post Communion Prayer*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU**

# **Praise the Lord, my soul and heart**

## **Psalm 146**

Praise the Lord, my soul and heart, alleluia  
Making music, every part, alleluia.  
I will sing with every breath, alleluia,  
Praise my God until my death, alleluia.

Do not trust the high and brave, alleluia.  
Human powers, who cannot save, alleluia.  
When they die, they turn to earth, alleluia,  
Plans decay in dust and dearth, alleluia.

Blessed are all who hope in God, alleluia,  
Jacob's Lord, their help and rod, alleluia.  
He made heaven and earth and sea, alleluia,  
All their fulness by decree, alleluia.

Keeping truth for evermore, alleluia,  
He gives justice to the poor, alleluia.  
Offering food to those in need, alleluia;  
Every prisoner shall be freed, alleluia.

He, the Lord, restores our eyes. Alleluia  
Lifts the bowed who cannot rise, alleluia,  
Loves the righteous, who are bound, alleluia,  
Keeping strangers safe and sound, alleluia.

Orphans, widows he restores, alleluia,  
But the wicked he deplores, alleluia,  
He is King on every stage, alleluia,  
Zion's God from age to age, alleluia.

## Services in Church

*This Sunday, 14 December – Third Sunday of Advent*

**10am** Holy Communion

**St Mary the Virgin, Horne**

**11am** Holy Communion

**St John the Baptist, Outwood**

**4pm** Carol Service

**Smallfield Church Hall**

*During the Week*

**9am** Morning Prayer

Monday

**St Bartholomew, Burstow**

Tuesday

**Smallfield Church Hall**

Wednesday

**St Mary the Virgin, Horne**

Thursday

**St John the Baptist, Outwood**

Friday

**The Rectory, Smallfield**

**10:30am** Holy Communion

Tuesday

**Smallfield Church Hall**

*Next Sunday, 21 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**St Bartholomew, Burstow**

**10am** Crib Service

**St Mary the Virgin, Horne**

**4:30pm** Christmas Carols

**St John the Baptist, Outwood**

**6:30pm** Christmas Carols

**St Mary the Virgin, Horne**

## Advent Course

The Advent Course, *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, continues on **Wednesday this week** at 2:30pm in Smallfield Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

## Advent Pasada

During Advent, carved olive wood figures of Mary and Joseph, which were made in Bethlehem, are travelling round the Benefice, visiting people's homes. If you would like to welcome them into your home before Christmas, please sign the sheet with your contact details, and Alan will allocate a date.

## Horne Family Service

We are undertaking a review of the Family Service at Horne. If you are interested in discussing it, or have any comments, please speak to Alan.

## Pop in to our Pop-Up Christmas Stall!

Join us at St Mary's **today and next Sunday** 11am-12:30pm for festive treats and gifts including flowers, gin, jams, marmalade, hot chocolate. Enjoy complimentary mince pies and sausage rolls, plus enter our Christmas raffle (drawn on 21 December).

## Stewardship

Following our recent presentation on giving, this is a gentle reminder to return your "RSVP" pack with your financial pledge towards the work of your parish church. Copies are available from a Warden or Treasurer.

## Online Service

This week's online service can be heard at:

<http://www.windmillchurches.co.uk/online-service-for-14-dec-25>

## Christmas Services

*Sunday 14 December*

**4pm Smallfield Carols** Smallfield Church Hall

*Sunday 21 December*

**10am Crib Service** St Mary's, Horne

**4:30pm Christmas Carols** St John's, Outwood

**6:30pm Christmas Carols** St Mary's, Horne

*Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December*

**4pm Crib Service** St John's, Outwood

**5:30pm Crib Service** St Bartholomew's, Burstow

**11:30pm Midnight Communion** St Mary's, Horne

*Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December*

**9:30am Christmas Communion** St Bartholomew's, Burstow

**10am Family Service** St Mary's, Horne

**11am Christmas Communion** St John's, Outwood