

Tewkesbury Baptist Church

Dec 11 th Carol Service	10.30am
"Why Christmas?" (All age presentation)	4:00pm
Dec 18 th "Emmanuel" Children's Church	10:30am
Old Baptist Chapel - 6 lesson & Carols	4:00pm
Dec 25 th Christmas Day service	10:15am

Priors Park Chapel

Dec 18 th Lighthouse Club Christmas Nativity play followed by buffet meal	3.30pm
Dec 24 th Carols by candlelight, with mince pies & seasonal refreshments	4.00pm
Dec 25 th Christmas meal, message & party 12 - 5 pm	

Twynning Chapel

Dec 11 th Nativity	10.30am
Dec 18 th Morning service	10.30am
Dec 18 th Carol Service	6.00pm
Dec 25 th Christmas Day Service	10.30am

St Mary Magdalene Twynning

Dec 11 th Candlelit Carol Service	5.00pm
Dec 17 th Carols in village hall	4.00pm
Dec 24 th Christingle in church	4.00pm
Midnight Mass	11.30pm
Dec 25 th Christmas Communion	
Family Service	9.30am

Tewkesbury Abbey

Dec 18 th 9 Lessons and Carols	6.00pm
Dec 24 th Christingle Service	4.00pm
Midnight Mass	11.30pm
Dec 25 th Holy Communion	8.00am
Parish Eucharist	10.30am
Jan 1 st New Year's Day Parish Eucharist	10.30am
Jan 8 th Epiphany Carols w Bishop Rachel	6.00pm

Celebrate: The Abbey Family Church on Priors Park

Dec 3 rd Advent crafts, Family worship and meal	
Queen Margaret School	3.00 - 5.00pm
Dec 17 th Join-in Nativity with Christmas meal.	
Queen Margaret School	3.00 - 5.00pm
Dec 24 th Christmas Eve service & light lunch	
89 York Road, Priors Park	11.00 - 12.30pm

Tewkesbury Methodist Church

Dec 15 th Town Carol Service	7.00pm
Dec 18 th Carols by Candlelight	6.30pm
Dec 24 th Christmas Eve Holy Communion	11.30pm
Dec 25 th Christmas Day Family Worship	10.00am

St Nicholas Kemerton

Nov 27 th Christingle Service	11.00am
Dec 17 th Carols by Candlelight	6.00pm
Dec 25 th Holy Communion	10.30am

Salvation Army

Dec 1 st , 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd Advent Course "Living in the Light" at 2.00pm, concluding at 3.30pm - all welcome to each session	
Dec 18 th Carol Service : "The Light Has Come"	11:00am
Dec 24 th Cafe Service & Shoppers Carol Service	
"Light & Life to all He brings"	10:45am

TEWKESBURY CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We would love you to come and join us in celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Saviour

Holy Trinity Tewkesbury

Dec 18 th Carols by Candle light	6.30pm
Dec 24 th Christmas Eve: Christingle Service	
Slightly shorter service for families with younger children	3.00 - 3.45pm
For everyone else	4.30pm
Dec 25 th Christmas Day Family Celebration	10.00am
Jan 1 st 2017 'They seek him still' - Family Service	10.00am

St Joseph's R. C. Church

Dec 25 th Christmas Morning Mass	9.00am
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St Nicholas Ashchurch

Dec 2 nd Christmas Tree Festival opening	7.00pm
Dec 3 rd Christmas Tree festival -	10.00am - 4.00pm
Dec 4 th Songs of Praise Carols	3.00pm
Dec 18 th Carol Service	6.00pm
Dec 21 st Lunchtime Carol Service	12.30pm
Dec 24 th Christingle Service	4.00pm
Midnight Communion	11.30pm



SO WHO DECIDES WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT? Who chooses whether it's a five-day booze up, a credit card spending spree, a once-a-year visit to church, a family holiday? Who chooses? You do! Christmas is what you make of it. It's not something that's thrown at you whether you like it or not. It isn't something that comes ready packaged, unchangeable and fixed. We choose what's important and what it can mean for ourselves.

GOD IS DOG SPELT BACKWARDS

We were so glad to welcome him on Christmas day.
It was like having a new member of the family.
He looked so tiny and helpless:
it made you just want to pick him up and cuddle him.

We made promises, of course;
Said we'd make room for him in our home,
him said we'd alter our routines to fit him in,
said we'd take a walk with him each day.

But the novelty soon began to wear off.
By the New Year, we were mentioning
less often,
daily chores were less of a thrill
more of a reluctant duty.

By February he was unwanted.
By March we had abandoned him completely.
We should have read the warnings
we should have counted the cost!

A GOD IS FOR LIFE: NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS.

Rev. Canon Paul Williams