

At the heart of Christmas



2021 Christmas Services in Bovey Tracey, Heathfield & Hennock

www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Churches-Together/Local-Information/

Sunday 5 December		
4.00pm	Christingle	PPT Bovey
Saturday 18th December		
4.00pm	Shallowford Farm Nativity	Shallowford Farm TQ13 7PW
Sunday 19th December		
10.30am	Carol Service at Heathfield Community Church	St Catherine's school
4.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary's Hennock
6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	PPT Bovey
6.30pm	Carol Service	Baptist Church
6.30pm	Carol Service	Langaller Barn TQ13 9JP
Tuesday 21st December		
6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	St John the Evangelist
Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve		
2.00pm	Crib Service	St John the Evangelist
3.00pm	Farmyard Crib Service	Warmhill Farm TQ13 9QH
5.00pm	Carols at the Crib (outdoor if dry)	PPT Bovey
6.00pm	Blessing of the Crib & Mass	Church of the Holy Spirit
8.30pm	Blessing of the Crib & Mass	St Cyprian's, Ugbrooke
8.00pm	Midnight Mass by Candlelight	St John the Evangelist
11.00pm	Midnight Communion by Candlelight	PPT Bovey
Saturday 25th December: Christmas Day		
9.15am	Parish Mass of Christmas Day	St John the Evangelist
9.30am	Christmas Day Service (all-age)	PPT Bovey
10.00am	Mass for Christmas Day	Church of the Holy Spirit
10.30am	Christmas Day Service (all-age)	Baptist Church
10.30am	Christmas Service	Methodist Church
11.00am	Christmas Communion	St Mary's, Hennock
Sunday 26th December		
9.15am	Parish Mass of Christmas Day	St John the Evangelist
10.00am	Holy Communion	PPT Bovey

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*Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.
Luke 2.19*

Christmas last year turned out to be something of a turkey, when everything got cancelled at the last moment. But I hope and pray that we will be able to gather with family and friends this year, and have a proper celebration.

Last year the churches were only able to hold a few Christmas events outdoors or online, but we are making cautious plans to gather in person and celebrate Christmas as before. There will be Christingles, and Carols with candles, Crib services and Holy Communion.

Our church buildings have been open for many months, but for those who are still anxious and would prefer to remain outside in the fresh air, how about the Churches Together Carols around the Crib on Christmas Eve at PPT, or the farmyard services at Shallowford (18 Dec, Langaller (19 Dec) or Warmhill (24 Dec)?

Whatever happens in the next few weeks, the heart of Christmas will remain unchanged. God had an eternal plan to come and live among his people, to show us the fullness of his glory and the depths of his love for us. Despite the best efforts of the Emperor Augustus, Jesus fulfilled God's purpose when he was born in Bethlehem, and his message of peace has spread through the world ever since. This is the heart of Christmas, that God has taken our nature upon himself, to make us whole again. These are truths to treasure and to ponder every year.

Whatever other plans you are making, we hope that you will be able to come and join us and celebrate the good news at the heart of Christmas.

yours,
Graham Hamilton
Vicar of PPT Bovey Tracey

Please check church websites for late additions and outdoor carol services.

Find out more about what's going on at your local churches:

Parish Church of St John the Evangelist (newly restored)

Newton Road, Bovey Tracey, Devon: open daily for prayer
Tel: 01626 681259: email: fr.debney@hotmail.co.uk
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/stjonhschurchboveytracey>
Priest in Charge: Fr Nick Debney

PPT: Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury

East Street, Bovey Tracey, Devon: open daily for prayer
Tel: 01626 833813: email: office@pptbovey.church
Website: <http://www.pptbovey.church>
Vicar: Rev Graham Hamilton

Parish Church of St Mary's Hennock

Church Road, Hennock: open daily for prayer
Tel: 01626 833813: email: office@pptbovey.church
http://www.hennock.org.uk/church_html/hennock_st_marys_services.html
Vicar: Rev Graham Hamilton

Bovey Tracey Methodist Church

Fore Street, Bovey Tracey TQ13 9AD
Tel: 07772571647: email kevin.hooke@methodist.org.uk
Website: <http://teignbridgecircuit.org.uk/churches-and-chapels/bovey-tracey/>
Minister: Revd. Kevin Hooke

Bovey Baptist Church

Hind Street, Bovey Tracey, Devon
Tel: 01626 836691: Email: info@boveybaptist.org.uk
Website: <http://www.boveybaptist.org.uk>
Church Pastor: Mark Godbeer

Church of the Holy Spirit

Ashburton Road, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9BY
Tel: 01626 833432: email: boveytracey@prcdtr.org.uk,
Website: www.holyspiritbovey.org
Priest in residence: Father Pat Costello.
Priest in charge: served from St Joseph's Newton Abbot 01626 365231

Heathfield Community Church

meets at St Catherine's School, Heathfield
Tel: 01626 854108: email: heathfieldcommunitychurch@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.heathfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk>
Church Leader: Phil Frost & Steve Gale