

### The Ministry Team

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### Services for next Sunday, 31 January - Presentation of Christ

Hammoon

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Shillingstone

9.45am Candlemas Service

Child Okeford

10.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Okeford Fitzpaine

10.00am Praise & Prayer

All items for the Newsletter to Sue Clayton, Benefice Secretary,  
by Thursday evenings please.

# The Okeford Benefice



# Newsletter

Third Sunday of Epiphany  
24 January 2010

For you to take home to use in your prayers  
or to give to a friend or neighbour

## Welcome -

You will probably have read in the press that **Bishop David is to resign in the summer** to concentrate on teaching, writing, music and the arts. He will cease to act as diocesan bishop after attending the summer session of the General Synod in York from 9-13 July. After that time and until the arrival of his successor, the running of the Diocese will be the responsibility of the Bishop of Ramsbury, Stephen Conway.

### Services this evening and during the week

Today at 6.30pm - Benefice Evening Prayer (BCP) at Manston

Thursday, 28 January at 10.00am - Holy Communion  
at Millbrook House

### In our prayers this week

The Anglican Church of Burundi

The Diocese of Worcester  
and the Diocese of Hamar, Norway

The Rt Revd Joseph Garang Atem, Bishop of Renk, Sudan

The housebound and the elderly in our Benefice

Those who are sick, remembering especially -

Joyce Pearce

Viv Tuffin

Kath Antell

Margaret Harthan

Denise Pottle

David Burton

George Clifton

### Events around the Benefice

Coming up -

**Messy Church** restarting date has been put back to Wednesday, 3 February 9.00am to 10.30am in Child Okeford Community Centre.

**Lent Groups** - This year there will be an opportunity to watch together the Pasolini film *The Gospel according to St Matthew*. Filmed in black and white, it has been described as one of the very great films of all time. We hope to view a part of the film each week and then, over shared food, discuss what the film has to say to us about the teachings of Christ and our response. The venue will be at Sarah Muffett's home, Highlands, High Street, Child Okeford from 7.30pm to 9.00pm on the following dates: 24 February, 3 March, 10 March and 17 March. All are most welcome - just turn up and bring something very simple to eat and share. For further details contact Revd Shirley Smith 860261 or another member of the Ministry Team.

**St Nicholas Lent Lunches** will take place in Child Okeford Village Hall on Tuesday, 23 February and Tuesday, 23 March from 12.30pm to 2.00pm. The menu will be homemade soup, bread and cheese, fruit, tea and coffee, at a cost of £3.00 with proceeds to charity.

**Plea for the Future of Southern Sudan** from Revd Shirley Smith & Anne Powell - copies of their letter should be in your church. If you feel you can, please write to senior members of our government and opposition parties asking them to do what they can to support the renewal of the peace agreement in Sudan. There is a list of names and addresses in the letter.