Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas

from the Benefice of Highley with Billingsley, Glazeley and Deuxhill, and Chelmarsh – Family Churches

The Greatest Journey

Every Christmas, many of us set out on journeys — to visit loved ones, to share meals, to exchange gifts, or simply to be together. The Christmas story too is full of journeys.

We remember Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

We remember the wise men travelling from the East to worship the newborn King.

We remember the shepherds leaving their flocks to hurry to the stable.

But the greatest journey of all — the one that began every other journey — is the journey God made in Jesus Christ, from heaven to earth.

A journey born entirely out of love for us. The carol "Once in Royal David's City" describes it so beautifully:

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all;
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Whether or not you receive visitors this Christmas, remember this: God has already come to you. He came down from heaven for each one of us — because He loves us. The message of Christmas is simple yet profound: God with us. God with me. God with you.

Life's greatest journey begins with one simple step — discovering God's love through Jesus.

This Christmas, take that step. Come along to any of our family churches, where you'll find a warm welcome, uplifting worship, and a message that brings peace, joy, and hope to everyday life. Whether you're new to church, returning after some time away, or a familiar face, we'd love to walk this journey of faith with you.

Wishing you a joyful and blessed Christmas, Revd Kina

Christmas Carols and Services

Benefice of Highley with Billingsley, Glazeley, Deuxhill & Chelmarsh

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." — Isaiah 9:2

Sunday 30th November - HOPE

10:30 am – Benefice Holy Communion Service – St Mary's, Highley – Bring and Share a Meal

Sunday 7th December – PEACE

9:30 am – Morning Worship – St Peter's, Chelmarsh 10:30 am – Holy Communion Service – St Mary's, Highley

Sunday 14th December – JOY

10:30 am – Holy Communion Service – St Mary's, Highley 5:00 pm – Nine Lessons & Carols – St Peter's, Chelmarsh

Wednesday 17th December

6:00 pm – Carols on the Green

Friday 19th December

6:30 pm – Carol Service – St Mary's, Billingsley

Sunday 21st December – LOVE

9:30 am – Morning Worship – St Peter's, Chelmarsh 10:00 am – Carol Service – St Bartholomew's, Glazeley 10:30 am – Holy Communion Service – St Mary's, Highley 5:00 pm – Candlelight Community Carol Service – St Mary's, Highley

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

3:30 pm – Crib Service – St Peter's, Chelmarsh 4:00 pm – Crib Service – St Mary's, Highley 11:00 pm – Midnight Holy Communion – St Peter's, Chelmarsh 11:00 pm – Midnight Holy Communion – St Mary's, Highley

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

10:00 am – Family Service – St Mary's, Highley 10:00 am – Holy Communion – Billingsley

Sunday 28th December

9:30 am – Holy Communion Service – St Peter's, Chelmarsh 10:30 am – Morning Worship – St Mary's, Highley

For More Information

For details about services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other events, please contact:

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"Come and join us this Christmas as we celebrate the greatest journey of all — God coming to us in Jesus Christ."

