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Jan Moir, Angie Thomas, Matt Sparkes, Libby Daghorn

If you would like make a donation to the parish our BACS details are; Acc: **51395460** sort code: **30-54-66**

Parish of Okewood and Forest Green

Cheques payable to 'Parish of Okewood and Forest Green'

To donate regularly please join the Parish Giving Scheme, ask the Parish Office for details.

Okewood Church is open every day.

Holy Trinity Forest Green is open every day.

Discipleship Training Available

Sarum College www.sarum.ac.uk

Guildford Diocese www.cofeguildford.org.uk/for-leaders/formation-and-training/

www.okfg.org

Parish office opening hours Weds, Thurs, Friday 9.30 to 1.00pm

Welcome to The Parish of Okewood and Forest Green

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5: 17

7 December 2025 Second Sunday in Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 11: 1-10

New Testament

Romans 15: 4-13

The Gospel

Matthew 3: 1-12



Service Schedule

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
OKWOOD	10.30am All Age service	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	
FOREST GREEN		9.00am Morning Service		6pm Evening Worship	10.30am Joint Holy Comm.

Prayer for Advent 2

As we continue down the Advent path on Advent 2, we are constantly reminded of Christ's first coming while we watch and wait for his second coming.

The prayer for the second Sunday of Advent puts it this way:

**Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Prayers

Please include these people in your prayers,

Please pray for the family and friends of Jennifer Morshead who passed away peacefully at home earlier this week.

Please pray for those in our Parish who have financial worries about Christmas.

Okewood Church Prayer Meeting – all welcome, Sundays 9.45-10.15am in the Ark. If you can't make it until 10am that's fine!

We have a 'Listeners' What's App group which we use for sharing prayer points and church information. If you would like to be added to this group, please tell Liz Coleman.

On Monday mornings at 9.30am we gather, remotely, to pray for the people and needs of our Parish. If you would like to be a part of this prayer group, please speak to Liz Coleman. Everyone is welcome to pray with us.

For anyone interested in learning how to operate the laptop during services at Okewood, please speak to Liz Coleman.

Punchbowl Quiz – Thursday 8 January at 8pm. Hoping to improve on last month's efforts! Please come and help us.

Notices

Our service on Sunday 7 December will be an All Age service at 10.30am at Okewood, led by Jan Moir.

Sidesmen – Tom Murphy

Reader – Jan's choice

Intercessor – Jan's choice

Our services on Sunday 14 December will be a 9am Morning service at Forest Green led by Revd Sarah Murphy, and a 10.30am Morning Worship service at Okewood led by Revd Sarah Murphy.

Advent Meditation at Okewood church. Need some quiet time in the run up to Christmas? Are you looking for a peaceful place to be still? During Advent on Wednesday and Saturday mornings Okewood church is offering time for people to come and savour peace and stillness in a beautiful, tranquil space. **Wednesday 10, 17 and 24 December at 9-9.30am, and Saturday 6, 13, 20 Dec at 9.30-10am.**

No need to book, just turn up. All welcome.

Come and enjoy Carols at the Parrot on Tuesday 16 December at 8pm! Donations in aid of St Catherine's Hospice.

Congratulations to the Church Mice Quiz Team who came a very respectable 5th place in the Punchbowl Quiz last night! If you fancy a good laugh and a change of scenery please join us next month when we will attempt to, once again, improve our quizzing skills.

We are planning to start a Home group, possibly during the day. Please email or speak to Tom or Sarah Murphy if you would like to come along.

If you are interested in joining a prayer triplet please speak to Sarah or Tom. curate@okfg.org

Christmas Services in our Parish.

Sunday 21 Dec - 9 Lessons & Carols at Forest Green, 6pm

Weds 24 Dec – Crib Service at Okewood, 5pm

Weds 24 Dec – Midnight Communion at Forest Green, 11.30pm

Thursday 25 Dec – Christmas Day service at Okewood, 10am