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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

30 November 2025
First Sunday in Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 2: 1-5

New Testament

Philippians 1: 1-11

The Gospel

Matthew 13: 31-35



Service Schedule

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
OKEWOOD	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 1

The theme of Advent's first Sunday is hope in the coming Messiah. The Advent wreath has four candles - one is lit each Sunday of the four weeks of Advent. Each candle represents a new focus and time of reflection. The first week of Advent is the candle of hope. Also known as the "prophecy candle," it is in this first week of Advent that we remember Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah. The candle's color is purple to symbolize the royalty of Jesus Christ.

Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches.

Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas when you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. Amen.



Prayers

Please include these people in your prayers,

Please pray for those in our Parish who are feeling lonely.

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 4 December at 8pm. Hoping to improve on last month's efforts! Please come and help us.

Notices

Our service on Sunday 30 November will be a 10.30am joint parish service of Holy Communion, at Holy Trinity Forest Green, led by Revd John Marsh. There will be no service at Okewood this Sunday.

Sidesmen – Liz Coleman

Reader – Sarah Murphy

Intercessor – John White

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

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 3, 10, 17 and 24 December at 9-9.30am, and Saturday 29 Nov, 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.

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

Diary Dates!

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Pavilion Café Wednesday 9.00-12 Ockley Cricket Pavilion