

St Michael, St Martin & St Andrew
Churches

Stokenham - Sherford - Beesands



Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December 2025 11pm

Worship Leader and Preacher: Reverend Mark Kichenside

If you are joining us for the first time please introduce yourself!

You are very welcome!



St Michael & All Angels, Stokenham

Carols

403 Once in Royal David's city

377 O Little town of Bethlehem

51 Away in a manger

357 O Come all ye faithful verses 1,2,3,6 & 7

First Reading

Micah 5: 2-5a

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.”

3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.

4 He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

5 And he will be our peace
when the Assyrians invade our land
and march through our fortresses.
We will raise against them seven shepherds,
even eight commanders

Gospel

Luke 2. 1-15

The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

THIS WEEK WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

... The departed and those who mourn that they may be comforted and consoled... for those whose anniversaries we keep Clifford Sheppard, Leonard Birchell, Mary Heath, Betty Luscombe, Rev Donald Turner, Majorie Dickinson, Jim Trout, John Fraser, Aileen Graham-Smith, Roger Ingall, Florence Hewlett Sellick, Dorothy Wiltshire

We pray for the Peace of the world with the coming of the "Prince of Peace."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES: - please check website & social media for updates

Thursday 25th December

11am Holy Communion St Martin's, Sherford

Sunday 28th

11am Morning Praise with Carols St Michael's, Stokenham

Wednesday 31st December No Service

Sunday 4th January

11am Holy Communion St Michael's, Stokenham

Wednesday 7th 10am Holy Communion St Michael's followed by refreshments

Sunday 11th

11am Holy Communion St Michael's, Stokenham

6pm Evensong St Martin's, Sherford

Wednesday 14th 10am Holy Communion St Michael's followed by refreshments

Sunday 18th

11am Holy Communion St Martin's, Sherford

4pm Evening Prayer, St Andrew's, Beesands

Wednesday 21st 10am Holy Communion St Michael's followed by refreshments

Sunday 25th

8am Holy Communion (BCP) St Michael's, Stokenham

11am Village Service St Martin's, Sherford

11am Morning Praise St Michael's, Stokenham

Wednesday 28th 10am Holy Communion St Michael's followed by refreshments

Merry Christmas