**Christmas Message**

For many, Christmas this year will mark 100 years since the amazing unofficial truce that took place at Christmas in WWI. As German soldiers sang “Silent Night,” Allied soldiers began joining in. The 1914 Christmas truce shows the remarkable power of the Christmas story to bring change: peace broke out in the midst of battle. Sadly it was a brief moment in a war that left millions dead, and the earthly peace and hope those troops were fighting for is still not a reality. But the Carol itself will still be sung around the world again this year, with the conviction that heavenly peace can be found in Jesus Christ. As the Carol says, “Christ the Saviour is here! bringing with Him the ‘dawn of redeeming grace.’” Will Christmas start with a Silent Night for you? Will it be a new dawn for you? We would love to welcome you to our services this year: Christmas starts with a silent night.

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**The Monmouth Group of Parishes**

**Priory Church of St Mary the Virgin, Monmouth**

**Sunday**

- **21st December** 6.00pm - St Mary’s Town Carol Service: Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Christmas Eve** 5.00pm - Christingle Service for all ages

**Christmas Day** 10.00am - Holy Eucharist

**St. John’s, The Buckholt**

**Christmas Day 9.00am** - Holy Eucharist

**St. Thomas’ Parish Church, Overmonnow**

**Sunday**

- **21st December** 3.00pm - St. Thomas’ Messy Church Christmas Special

**Christmas Eve** 5.00pm - Children’s Christmas Crib Service

**Christmas Day** 9.30am - Holy Eucharist with Carols

**St. Michael’s Church, Mitchel Troy**

**Christmas Day** 11.00am - Holy Eucharist with Carols

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**Monmouth Methodist Church, St. James Street**

**Sunday**

- **21st December** 10.30am - Carol Service Rev Barry Smith

**Christmas Eve** 11.30pm - Christmas Eve Communion

**Christmas Day** 10.00am - Christmas Morning Praise

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**Trellech & Penallt**

**Sunday**

- **21st December** 11.00am - Carol Service at Catbrook Memorial Hall

**Christmas Eve** 4.00pm - Carol Service at The Old Church, Penallt

**Christmas Day** 9.30am - Family Communion at The Old Church Penallt.

**Llandovery & Tintern**

**Sunday**

- **21st December** 6.15pm - Carols by Candlelight, Tintern

**Christmas Eve** 11.00pm - First Mass of Christmas, Tintern

**Christmas Day** 10.30am - Holy Eucharist, Tintern

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**Monmouth Church Services**


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**Borders Group of Parishes**

**Baptist Church, Monk Street, Monmouth**

**Sunday**

- **21st December** 10.30am-11.30am - Children’s Nativity

**Christmas Eve** 5.00pm-6.00pm - Carols and Carols: “Christmas Starts with a Silent Night”

**Christmas Day** 9.30am - Christmas Communion Service at Gilmore

**St. Wonnow’s Church, Wonastow**

**Christmas Day** 8.00am - Holy Eucharist Revd. David McGladery Tel: 01600 715941

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**Trellech Methodist Church**

**Sunday**

- **21st December** 6.00pm - Family Carol Service

**Gwern-y-Saint Methodist Church**

**Sunday**

- **21st December** 4.00pm - Carols by Candlelight

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