



**St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**
Church of England Team Ministry:

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Services for Christmas and
Sundays 20, 27 December 2020
and 3 January 2021

Services 20 December 4 Sunday of Advent - Purple

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise	
	St Andrews	In the Church Hall Holy Communion	
	Holy Trinity	Morning Praise	2 Samuel 7:1-11.16
11.00am	St Marys	Holy Communion	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
	St Thomas'	Morning Praise	Romans 16:25-27
4.00pm	Zoom	Crib and Nativity Service	Luke 1:26-38

Collect. Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Anniversaries 20 -26 December 2020

St Andrew's: Victoria Irene Cook 21 Alfred Speechley 22 Ada Smith 22 George William Redding 25
Clara May Brittan 25 Doreen Rose Corney 25 Afra Elsie Newman 26

St Thomas' Ernest Robert Cumbridge 26

Holy Trinity:

St Mary's David Edward Jarrett 20 Sid Bates 22 John George (Jack) Bass 26

Monday 21 December- Saturday 26 December 2020

Monday	M P	Psalm 121	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	2 Peter 1:1-15
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 124	Isaiah 54	2 Peter 1:16-2:3
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 130	Isaiah 55	2 Peter 2:4-12
Thursday	M P	Psalm 45	Isaiah 56;1-8	2 Peter 3
Friday	M P	Psalm 110	Isaiah 62:1-5	Matthew 1:18-25
Saturday	M P	Psalm 13	Jeremiah 26:12-15	Acts 6

Christmas Services

19 December Zoom Carol Service 7.00pm

20 December Zoom Crib and Nativity 4.00pm

24 December Christmas Eve - White

St Thomas' 10.00pm Holy Communion

Zoom 10.00pm Compline-Night Prayers

St Mary's 11.00pm Holy Communion

Collect Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 89:2, 19-27 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20

25 December Christmas Day - White

Holy Trinity 9.30am Holy Communion
Zoom 9.30am Morning Praise

Collect Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-14

Service s 27 December 1st Sunday of Christmas - White

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise	
	St Andrews	No Service	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
	Holy Trinity	No Service	Psalm 148
11.00am	St Marys	Holy Communion	Galatians 4:4-7
	St Thomas'	No Service	Luke 2:15-21

Collect. God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Anniversaries 27 December – 2 January 2021

St Andrew's: George Anker 29 Elias Panayi Koutson 30 Neville Keith Taylor 1 Ada Chapman 2 Bessie Brown 2 Irene Pink 2

St Thomas' Bernard William Everitt 30

Holy Trinity: George William Dolby 28 Edward Dale 1 Martha Mary Thompson 2

St Mary's William Erskine Beebe 27 George William Bates 27 John Alfred Stevens 27 Joan Husson 28 Lily May Foster 29 David Lemuel Walker 31 Arthur James Clark 1 Dorothy Barnes 2

Monday 28 December- Saturday 2 January 2021

Monday	M P	Psalm 36	Genesis 37:13-20	Matthew 18:1-10
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 19	Isaiah 57:15-21	John 1:1-18
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 113	Isaiah 59:1-15a	John 1:19-28
Thursday	M P	Psalm 102	Isaiah 59:15b-21	John 1:29-34
Friday	M P	Psalm 103	Genesis 17:1-13	Romans 2:17-29
Saturday	M P	Psalm 18:1-30 .	Isaiah 60:1-12	John 1:35-42

31 December **Mid week** Communion at St Mary's at 09.15am

Service for 3 January 2021 Epiphany - White

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise	
	St Andrews	Holy Communion	Isaiah 60:1-6
	Holy Trinity	Morning Praise	Palm 72:10-15
11.00am	St Marys	Morning Praise	Ephesians 3:1-12
	St Thomas'	Morning Praise	Matthew 2:1-12

Collect Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anniversaries 3-9 January 2021

St Andrew's: Jean Evalyn Joyce 9

St Thomas' Ada Rose Lant 9

Holy Trinity: Cicely Joyce Welbourn 7 Dennis Henry George Amps 7 Thomas George Ping (Michael) 7

St Mary's Laura Amba Chrispina Cole 4 William Chandler Boon 5 Florence Anker 6 Sidney Simon Hunt-Pain 7 Cyril Clifford Gutteridge 7

Monday 4 -Saturday 9 January 2021

Monday	M P	Psalm 89:1-37	Isaiah 61	John 2:1-12
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 48	Isaiah 62	John 2:13-end
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 132	Jeremiah 31:7-14	John 1:29-34
Thursday	M P	Psalm 99	Isaiah 63:7-end	1John 3
Friday	M P	Psalm 46	Isaiah 64	1John 4:7-end
Saturday	M P	Psalm 148	Isaiah 65:1-16	1John 5:1-12

Mid week Communions

6 January	9.15am Holy Trinity
7 January	9.15am St Marys

A Prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. Amen

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus for daily use.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Ely Prayer

We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for all your gifts to us in the past. We look to you as fellow-traveller and faithful companion on the way ahead. Shelter and protect us from all harm and anxiety; give us grace to let go of all that holds us back; and grant us the courage to meet the new life you have promised us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please remember in your prayers those who are in residential homes, hospital or hospice & those known personally to us including:

Marie Rogers, Terry Randells, Emma Aindow-Gregory, Lizzie Monk, Joan Kefford, Cheryl Tyner, Judy Stewart, Richard Willows, Mavis Connor, Joyce Jackson, Mary Widgery, Toby Clark, Anne Howell

All NHS staff, care workers, emergency services, shop workers, funeral directors and all key workers.

The families and friends of those who have recently died:

Colin Read	funeral was held on the 18 December (sorry for the omission)
George Canavan	21 December St Mary's 11.00am followed by burial at Whittlesey Cemetery
Phyllis Powell	23 December Fenland Crematorium 10.30am
John (Jack) Feary	23 December Fenland Crematorium 1.30pm
Alan Durham	30 December Fenland Crematorium 9.30am
Barbara Richardson	5 January St Mary's 11.00am followed by burial at Whittlesey Cemetery
Betty Flintoft	6 January St Mary's 10.15 am followed by burial at Whittlesey Cemetery

To support you with your daily prayer and contact with the wider church please make use of the following websites.

Church of England. <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Prayer online. <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Diocese of Ely. <https://www.elydiocese.org/>

Ely Cathedral. <https://www.elycathedral.org/worship-at-home>

The diocesan prayer calendar can be found at

<https://www.elydiocese.org/growing-in-faith/prayer-calendar/>

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If there is anything that we can do to help, listen, collect something, pray, that will help you through this time please be assured that we will do our very best, please use contacts above.

Notices

Bible Study There is a Zoom Bible Study that is meeting through the season of Advent, on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. There are twelve on the list to attend at the moment, each evening is independent of the others so do pop in and out as suits you. If you would be interested please contact Laura Whitehouse or myself. JR

Midweek Communion Services will be held in St Mary's while St Andrew's is fixing the floor, please note dates and times above. From January 6th there will be a midweek service at Holy Trinity at 9.15am on Wednesdays, again dates shown in relevant weeks.

Food Bank Boxes We were going to start collecting contributions towards the busy food bank services leading up to and over Christmas, we cannot do that for the rest of this month, I have been assured that all of our supermarkets have boxes, please put something in to help those not managing as well as we might be. Thank you so much

Additions to Newsletter If you have anything that you would like to share with members of our congregations through the Newsletter, please send to Jane our editor. It may be something in the parish you would like everyone to know about or perhaps something more personal - things that have encouraged me, or places where I have seen God at work. We would love to hear from you.

Christmas Reflection

The Angles said to the Shepherds, "do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10) Perhaps joy seems far away from you right now. The many restrictions and limitations we are living with means you cannot see all the members of your families, you cannot hold your children or grandchildren, you cannot enjoy singing carols in church and you cannot fill your house with those you love. Maybe Christmas is always a hard time of the year for you. I want to encourage you to take heart! Christmas needn't be jolly, traditional or festive to be meaningful. It's the Christ of Christmas we celebrate, not Christmas its Self!

God's word reminds us, "The joy of the Lord is our strength". Christmas is normally a season associated with Joy. Yet joy isn't just a feeling or a fleeting happiness. It is a deep-rooted peace and conviction that comes from Christ Himself. It is the strength to praise even in pain. The darkness of this year, and perhaps even today, cannot snuff out the strength His joy gives us. On that first Christmas, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the angles were filled with joy as the light of the world was born! It was the dawn of a new day, a day of salvation from every kind of darkness. Wherever Jesus goes, He brings light, joy and strength.

This year, the events of this world have made it feel bleaker and more hopeless than ever; but light shines brightest in the darkness. When things are at their very worst, that's when the joy that Jesus brings can give us the strength we need. Whatever you may have lost this year, and whoever you are missing this Christmas, we pray you know that your saviour is with you. The joy of his love and His presence can be your strength today, tomorrow and for ever.

With your eyes wide open this Christmas, respond to God with love and commitment for the gift of His Son.

Christ the Saviour is born! From all the Ministry Team we wish you all a very joyful Christmas!

Dear Lord, in this uncertain world, thank You that You are the same yesterday, today and forever. Help me to ponder Your love and Your sacrifice this Christmas, my heart belongs to You. Amen

Rev Mike (Based on a reflection from *Our Daily Bread*)