



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

**TEAM MATTERS**



**December 2013**

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On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December the Church's New Year begins with the Season of Advent.

Advent is a time for preparation when we are encouraged to consider the past, the present and the future. Advent looks back to the coming of Jesus Christ and his birth in Bethlehem foretold by the prophets in the Old Testament of the Bible. It also looks forward to his coming again, that day when he will return in glory to establish his kingdom and reign victorious. As we reflect on these perspectives we are encouraged to ponder on the present moment, to examine the life we are living, and to ask ourselves:

**'Have we received the joy Jesus Christ offers?**

**Are we ready to welcome him should he return here and now?'**

Advent ends with Christmas, December 25<sup>th</sup>, which is an event at the very heart of our Christian faith: the coming of Jesus Christ into our world as the Word made flesh, God identifying himself with us, humankind, through the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.

At Christmas we hear again that familiar story of that first Christmas and those who shared in the events. Do come and join us at to our Carol and Christmas services which are detailed in this leaflet – **EVERYONE** is welcome.

Between now and Christmas Day may we encourage you to step back from the hype and stress of Christmas preparations and to make time to prepare yourselves spiritually so that when Christmas Day arrives the story may speak to you afresh and your lives will be touched anew by Jesus Christ.

**With every blessing for a Christmas filled with love, joy, hope and peace**

**Gill and Nigel**

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**Full details of Sundays and other services inside.**

## You are welcome to join us at our services:

### Regular Weekday Services:

**Monday:** 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
**Tuesday:** 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Andrew's  
**Wednesday:** 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at Holy Trinity  
**Thursday:** 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**Friday:** 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,  
12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Advent 1

8.00 a.m. St Mary's - BCP Said Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's Hall - Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Morning Service  
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Morning Service  
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion

**Readings:** Isaiah 2: 1-5  
Romans 13: 11 - end  
Matthew 24: 36-44

### Anniversaries of Death:

**St Andrew's:** 4<sup>th</sup> Lorenz Renges, 7<sup>th</sup> Florence Louisa Few, Louie Bingham,  
Stanley Arthur Pikett

**St Mary's:** 1<sup>st</sup> John Donald Gray, 4<sup>th</sup> George Richard Long, 5<sup>th</sup> Anne Schofield Bates

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 2 – New Toy/Gift Sunday. (For details see page 5)

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's Hall - Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Morning Service  
3.00 p.m. St Mary's - Fenland District Council Carol Service

**Readings:** Isaiah 11: 1-10  
Romans 15: 4-13  
Matthew 3: 1-12

### Anniversaries of Death:

**Holy Trinity:** 10<sup>th</sup> Catherine Mary Turner, Dorothy May Facey,  
12<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Mary Maslem, 13<sup>th</sup> Harriet Garner, Gwendoline Mary Chapman

**St Andrew's:** 9<sup>th</sup> Wilfred Harris, 10<sup>th</sup> Frederick David Hobbs,  
Althea Faith Oldfield, 12<sup>th</sup> Florence Marriott, 13<sup>th</sup> Leonard Marriott,  
14<sup>th</sup> Edward Henry Redhead, Dylan Christopher Jack Hockley

**St Mary's:** 13<sup>th</sup> Stanley Springett

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3**

8.00 a.m. St Mary's - BCP Said Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's Hall - Morning Service  
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion ( note change of time)  
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - No Service – Christmas Tree Festival  
6.00 p.m. St Mary's - Community Carol Singing to end Festival

**Readings:** Isaiah 35: 1-10  
James 5: 7-10  
Matthew 11: 2-11

#### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**St Andrew's:** 16<sup>th</sup> Bertie Smith, 17<sup>th</sup> William David Charles Locke,  
John Ernest Arthur Porter, 18<sup>th</sup> Walter Leslie Brown,  
21<sup>st</sup> Victoria Irene Cook

**St Mary's:** 16<sup>th</sup> Robert John Shanks, 18<sup>th</sup> Archibald Robert Coxell

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

7.00 p.m. Candlelight Carol Service at St Andrew's

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

7.00 p.m. Carol Service at Holy Trinity

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Advent 4**

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's Hall - Said Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Said Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Said Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. St Thomas' - Carol Service

**Readings:** Isaiah 7: 10-16  
Romans 1: 1-7  
Matthew 1: 18 - end

#### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**Holy Trinity:** 28<sup>th</sup> George William Dolby

**St Andrew's:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Alfred Speechley, Ada Smith,  
25<sup>th</sup> George William Redding, Clara May Brittan, Doreen Rose Corney,  
26<sup>th</sup> Afra Elsie Newman

**St Mary's:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sid Bates, 26<sup>th</sup> John George (Jack) Bass,  
27<sup>th</sup> William Erskine Beebe, John Alfred Stevens, George William Bates,  
28<sup>th</sup> Joan Hudson, Geoff Osborne

**St Thomas':** 26<sup>th</sup> Ernest Robert Cumbridge

## **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**

5.00 p.m.	Holy Trinity	- Crib and Christingle Service
5.00 p.m.	St Mary's	- Come & Sing Christmas
10.00 p.m.	St Thomas'	- Holy Communion
10.00 p.m.	Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 p.m.	St Mary's	- Holy Communion
11.00 p.m.	St Andrew's Church	- Holy Communion

**Readings:** Isaiah 9: 2-7  
Titus 2: 11-14  
Luke 2: 1-14

## **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

8.00 a.m.	St Mary's	- Said CW Holy Communion
9.30 a.m.	St Andrew's Church	- Holy Communion with Carols
9.30 a.m.	Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion with Carols

**Readings:** Isaiah 52: 7-10  
Hebrews 1: 1-12  
John 1: 1-14

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – First Sunday after Christmas**

10.00 a.m. St Mary's – Team Service Holy Communion with Bishop John Flack

**Readings:** Isaiah 63: 7 - 9  
Second reading Hebrews 2: 10 - end  
Gospel Matthew 2: 13 - end

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**Holy Trinity:** January 1<sup>st</sup> Edward Dale, 2<sup>nd</sup> May Thompson, Daisy Bates

**St Andrew's:** 29<sup>th</sup> George Anker, 30<sup>th</sup> Elias Panayi Koutson,  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> Ada Chapman, Bessie Brown, Irene Pink

**St Mary's:** 29<sup>th</sup> Lily May Foster, 31<sup>st</sup> David Lemuel Walker,  
January 1<sup>st</sup> Arthur James Clark, 4<sup>th</sup> Laura Amba Chrispina Cole

**St Thomas':** 30<sup>th</sup> Bernard William Everitt

## Events around the Team in December:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. Baptisms at St Mary's
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 p.m. Understanding our Faith at Pondersbridge
- 6<sup>th</sup> 2.00 p.m. Wedding of Gary Owen and Stacey Ford at St Andrew's
- 7<sup>th</sup> 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Messy Church at Holy Trinity
- 8<sup>th</sup> 3.00 p.m. Fenland District Council Carol Service at St Mary's
- 9<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. Carol Singing at Keneydon House
- 9<sup>th</sup> 6.30 p.m. Carol Singing at the Elms
- 10<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. Carol Singing at the Gables
- 10<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. Carol Singing at Cedar Court
- 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30 p.m. Carol Singing at Aliwal Manor
- 11<sup>th</sup> 2.30 p.m. Carols at the Hermitage
- 12<sup>th</sup> 10.15 a.m. New Road School Christmas Concert at St Mary's
- 12<sup>th</sup> 1.30 p.m. Park Lane School Christingle at St Mary's

### **Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's**

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. to 8p.m., Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. to 5p.m.,  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. to 5p.m. and at  
6.00 p.m. Community Carol Singing
- 17<sup>th</sup> 1.45 p.m. Alderman Jacobs School Christingle at St Mary's
- 17<sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m. Sir Harry Smith Community College Carol Concert at  
St Mary's
- 18<sup>th</sup> 1.45 p.m. Alderman Jacobs School Carol Service at St Mary's
- 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. Coates School Christingle at Holy Trinity
- 29<sup>th</sup> 1.00 p.m. Baptism at St Mary's

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### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December New Toy/Gift Sunday.**

Children's Gifts need to be new , wrapped and labelled for girl or boy and an age. Gifts to be shared equally between Peterborough Women's Refuge and the Children's Centre, New Road, Whittlesey.