



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

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TEAM MATTERS



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'Christmas starts with Christ'

Hopefully as Christians you agree with that slogan. Sadly:

- Only 12% of adults know the Nativity Story.
- More than a third of children do not know whose birthday it is.
- 51% of people say that the birth of Jesus Christ is irrelevant to their Christmas.

Christmas is an event at the very heart of our faith – the coming of Christ into our world as the Word made flesh, God identifying himself with humankind through the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. It is a story we have heard retold countless times in countless ways, and yet, however often we hear it, we cannot begin to tire of this wonderful season – the joy, hope, love and peace which it brings. There is always more to discover, more to understand and more to give thanks for.

"I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord" – words announcing to the shepherds the glad tidings of the birth of Jesus. These words are for us today - *"good news of great joy for all the people"*. The challenge is for us to go out and share this message and to encourage others to come to church with us to join in the celebrations. Remember **'Christmas starts with Christ'**.

Having celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day and listened to the message given to the shepherds, the first people to visit baby Jesus, let us not forget the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th. On this day we remember the Wise Men who, after a long journey and following a star, visited Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This festival day celebrates through them the showing of Jesus to the Gentile world – the good news of Jesus is for everyone.

The light of the star over Bethlehem where Jesus was born and which guided the Wise Men to Him is a symbol of Jesus as the Light of the World. This light will never be able to be extinguished, not even by death itself.

May we enjoy the Christmas season and its celebrations by focussing on the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light and Saviour of the world.

With every blessing
Gill and Nigel

Full details of Sundays and other services inside.

You are welcome to join us at our services:

Sunday 7th December – Advent 2 (Gift Sunday)

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- 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
1.00 p.m. Holy Trinity	- Baptism
1.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Baptism

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11
2 Peter 3: 8 -15a
Mark 1: 1-8

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 10th Catherine Mary Turner, Dorothy May Facey,
12th Kathleen Mary Maslem,

13th Harriet Garner, Gwendoline Mary Chapman

St Andrew's: 7th Florence Louisa Few, Louie Bingham,
Stanley Arthur Pikett, 9th Wilfred Harris,

10th Frederick David Hobbs, Althea Faith Oldfield,

12th Florence Marriott, 13th Leonard Marriott

St Mary's: 13th Stanley Springett, John Clifford Kennaugh

Sunday 14th December – Advent 3

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- No Service – Christmas Tree Festival
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Morning Service
6.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Carol Singing to end Christmas Tree Festival

Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8 - 11
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Anniversaries of Death:

St Andrew's: 14th Edward Henry Redhead, Norman David Locke,
Dylan Christopher Jack Hockley, 16th Bertie Smith,

17th William David Charles Locke, John Ernest Arthur Porter,

18th Walter Leslie Brown

St Mary's: 16th Robert John Shanks, 18th Archibald Robert Coxell,
20th David Edward Jarrett

Sunday 21st December – Advent 4

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

Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
Romans 16: 25 -27
Luke 1: 26-38

Anniversaries of Death:

St Andrew's: 21st Victoria Irene Cook,

22nd Alfred Speechley, Ada Smith,

25th George William Redding, Clara May Brittan,

Doreen Rose Corney, 26th Afra Elsie Newman

St Mary's: 22nd Sid Bates, 26th John George (Jack) Bass,

27th William Erskine Beebe, John Alfred Stevens,

George William Bates

St Thomas': 26th Ernest Robert Cumbridge

WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

5.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Children's Service: Come and Sing Christmas
5.00 p.m. Holy Trinity	- Crib Service and Christingle
10.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion
10.00 p.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 p.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
11.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion. Joined by Queen Street Church

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

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

Sunday 28th December – Holy Innocents

10.00 a.m. St Mary's - Team Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 31:15-17
1 Corinthians 1:26-29
Matthew 2:13-18

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 28th George William Dolby,
January 1st Edward Dale, 2nd Martha Mary Thompson, Daisy Bates

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

St Mary's: 28th Joan Hudson, Geoff Osborne, 29th Lily May Foster,
31st David Lemuel Walker,
January 1st Arthur James Clark

St Thomas': 30th Bernard William Everitt

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Sunday 4th January – Feast of the Epiphany

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's - BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - 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
1.00 p.m. St Mary's - Baptism
2.00 p.m. St Mary's - Baptism

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 7th Cicely Joyce Welbourn, Dennis Henry George Amps,
10th Harry Thompson, Charles Frederick Neal Bates,
Brian Lawrence Jackson

St Andrew's: 9th Jean Evalyn Joyce

St Mary's: 4th Laura Amba Chrispina Cole, 5th William Chandler Boon,
6th Florence Anker, 7th Sidney Simon Hunt-Pain

St Thomas': 9th Ada Rose Lant

Sunday 11th January – Baptism of Christ

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- 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
4.00 p.m. St Andrew's	- Plough Service

Readings: Genesis 1: 1-5
Acts 19: 1-7
Mark 1: 4-11

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 14th Mabel Kisby, Douglas Claude Dickerson,
15th Thomas William (Bill) Harris, 16th Thomas Hall

St Andrew's: 15th Charles Alfred Chapman, 16th Olive Brooks,
Brian Harding, 17th Charles Frederick Britton

St Mary's: 17th Kathleen Francis Long

Sunday 18th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
1.00 p.m. Holy Trinity	- Baptism
2.15 p.m. St Andrew's	- Baptism
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20
Revelation 5 1-10
John 1: 43 - 51

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 19th Connie Fletcher, 21st William (Bill) Redhead,

St Andrew's: 18th Bertha May Buckman,
21st Reginald Edmund Kefford, Elaine Trickey,
22nd Alfred David Harris, James Patrick (Jim) O'Brien

St Mary's: 19th Kitty Alma Sharpe, 20th Clarence Victor Copeman,
24th Kenneth John Sanders

St Thomas': 21st Richard Alfred Miller

Sunday 25th January – The Conversion of Paul (also Whittlesea Australia Sunday)

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Evening Service

Readings: Acts 9:1-22
Galatians 1:11-16a
Matthew 19:27 - 30

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 28th Alwyn Patrick Herbert East

St Andrew's: 30th Edward Thomas Guttridge, Beryl Stevenson,
31st Bertha Knight

St Mary's: 26th Alec Wills, 28th George Henry "Harry" Hudson,
31st John Noel Edwards

Events around the Team in December:

- 1st 2.30 p.m. Carol Service at Aliwal Manor
- 2nd 2.00 p.m. Carol Service at Keneydon House
- 2nd 2.45 p.m. Carol Service at the Elms
- 2nd 7.30 p.m. Churches Together meeting at St Jude's
- 3rd 11.00 a.m. Carol Service at The Gables
- 6th 10 a.m. – 12 noon St Thomas' Christmas Fayre in church
- 6th 2.00 p.m. Wedding blessing at St Mary's
- 8th 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's meeting
- 10th 1.30 p.m. Park Lane School Christingle rehearsal in St Mary's
- 10th 2.30 p.m. Carol Service at The Hermitage
- 11th 10.15 a.m. New Road School Christmas Service in St Mary's
- 11th 1.30 p.m. Park Lane School Christingle in St Mary's
- 11th 4.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. Christmas Tree Festival preparation in St Mary's
- 12th 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival
- 13th 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival
- 14th 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival
- 14th 6 p.m. Community Carol Singing in St Mary's
- 15th 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sir Harry Smith Community College setting up for their concert
- 15th 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival clear up

16th 9 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Sir Harry Smith Community College concert rehearsal in St Mary's
16th 1.45 p.m. Alderman Jacobs School Key Stage One and Year 3 Christingle in St Mary's
16th 7.00 p.m. Sir Harry Smith Community College concert in St Mary's
17th 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon Sir Harry Smith Community College clearing up St Mary's
17th 1.45 p.m. Alderman Jacobs School Years 4, 5, 6 Christmas Service in St Mary's
18th 9.30 a.m. Coates School Christmas service in Holy Trinity
19th 7.00 p.m. Carol Service at St Andrew's
20th 7.00 p.m. Carol Service at Holy Trinity
21st 6.30 p.m. Carol Service at St Thomas'
26th 11 a.m. Wedding at Holy Trinity

Events around the Team in January:

6th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Faith Group meeting in Pondersbridge Village Hall
8th 2 p.m. U3A visit to Holy Trinity
13th 6 p.m. Ministry Team Meeting at 8 The Grove
15th 11.45 a.m. and 1.10 p.m. Assemblies at Alderman Jacobs School
18th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
19th 7 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's meeting
22nd 1 p.m. Assembly at New Road School
22nd 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Prayer Meeting at 8 The Grove
23rd 7 p.m. Churches Together Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at St Jude's
26th 7.30 p.m. Team Council meeting in St Andrew's Hall
27th 10.25 a.m. Assembly at Park Lane School
30th 7.30 p.m. Engaged Couples Evening in St Mary's

Regular Weekday Services:

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

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