



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

TEAM MATTERS

December 2015 and January 2016

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On November 29th the season of Advent begins. Advent is a time to consider the past, present and future. It looks back to the coming of Jesus Christ; not just his birth in Bethlehem, but the promises God made long ago when he told Abraham that through his offspring all the earth would be blessed and to his prophets that the Messiah would come. It looks forward to Jesus Christ's coming again; that day when he will return in glory to establish his kingdom and reign victorious. We are therefore urged to reflect on the present moment; to examine the life we are living, and then to ask ourselves, 'Have we received the joy Jesus Christ offers, and are we ready to welcome him should he return here and now?' Having answered these questions honestly and offered them to God in prayer we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Christmas story again. May it so powerfully speak to us that our hearts and minds are filled afresh with the gifts of love, joy and peace that we receive from knowing and believing in Jesus Christ.

During Advent and over Christmas we are going to be raising funds to support the work of Acorn House. This house is part of The Sick Children's Trust which cares for children and their families whilst the child is undergoing treatment in hospital. Benjamin, one of the youngest members of our four church congregations, is undergoing treatment for cancer. This requires extensive periods of stay in Addenbrooke's Hospital. Acorn House means that his parents can stay close to him.

Acorn House opened in 2000 and helps approximately 440 families every year. Situated within the hospital grounds, it is only minutes away from the wards and has been specially designed to ensure access for those with disabilities. Acorn House is open 365 days a year and can accommodate 15 families a night. Rooms are allocated to families on a priority basis and are offered completely free of charge. It is funded solely by voluntary donations from individuals, companies and charitable trusts. The cost of staffing and maintaining Acorn House amounts to approximately £80,000 a year. Some of the funds we raise will be going to provide toys and equipment for use on Benjamin's ward.

Acorn House has 15 private family bedrooms, 9 bathrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, a communal dining area, a well-stocked playroom, a shared living room and quiet room and full laundry facilities. There are also direct telephone lines in all of the family bedrooms linking them to the hospital wards so that families can be contacted immediately in the event of an emergency.

Please keep this project in your prayers and we hope that you will feel able to make a donation.

As we celebrate Christmas and New Year with festive food and cheer may we remember those less fortunate than ourselves and especially the work of Acorn House and the children and their families who will be using this facility at this time.

We wish you a prayerful Advent, a Blessed and Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2016.

Revd Gill and Revd Nigel

**Full details of Sundays and other services inside.
You are welcome to join us at our services:**

Sunday 6th December – Advent 2 – Gift Sunday

NB: all gifts to be new, and not wrapped; they will be given to New Road Children's Centre in Whittlesey

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 Praise Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Morning Praise Service
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 9:2, 3, 6, 7
Luke 10: 23, 24

Anniversaries of Death:

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

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

Sunday 13th December – Advent 3

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

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11
Matthew 3:1-12

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 13th Harriet Garner, Gwendoline Mary Chapman

St Andrew's: 13th Leonard Marriott, 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: 13th Stanley Springett, John Clifford Kennaugh, 16th Robert John Shanks, 18th Archibald Robert Coxell

Sunday 20th December – Advent 4

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

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-14
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: 20th David Edward Jarrett, 22nd Sid Bates, 26th John George (Jack) Bass

St Thomas': 26th Ernest Robert Cumbridge

24th December – Christmas Eve

5.00 p.m. St Mary's	- 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

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 27th December – John, Apostle and Evangelist

10.00 a.m. St Andrew's	- Team Said Holy Communion
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Readings:	Exodus 33: 7-11a
	1 John 1
	John 21: 19b to end

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: 27th William Erskine Beebe, John Alfred Stevens, George William Bates, 28th Joan Hudson, Geoff Osborne, 29th Lily May Foster, 31st David Lemuel Walker, January 1st Arthur James Clark, 2nd Dorothy Barnes

St Thomas': 30th Bernard William Everitt

Sunday 3rd January – Feast of the Epiphany (transferred from 6th)

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 Praise Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Morning Praise Service
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion

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, Thomas George Ping (Michael),

St Andrew's: 9th Jean Evalyn Joyce

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

St Thomas': 9th Ada Rose Lant

Sunday 10th 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

Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7
Acts 8: 14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 10th Harry Thompson, Charles Frederick Neal Bates, Brian Lawrence Jackson, 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

Sunday 17th 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
4.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Plough Service

There will be no 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at St Thomas'

Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
John 2: 1-11

Anniversaries of Death:

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

St Andrew's: 17th Charles Frederick Britton, 18th Bertha May Buckman,
21st Reginald Edmund Kefford, Elaine Trickey,
22nd Alfred David Harris, James Patrick (Jim) O'Brien

St Mary's: 17th Kathleen Francis Long, 19th Kitty Alma Sharpe,
20th Clarence Victor Copeman

St Thomas': 21st Richard Alfred Miller

**Sunday 24th January – The Conversion of Paul (transferred from 25th). 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

St Mary's: 24th Kenneth John Sanders, 26th Alec Wills,
28th George Henry "Harry" Hudson

**Sunday 31st January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (transferred from
February 2nd)**

10.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Team Holy Communion

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-5
Hebrews 2.14-end
Luke 2: 22-40

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: February 5th Albert Brown

St Andrew's: 31st Bertha Knight, February 2nd Margaret Alice (Peggy) Phillips,
4th David Stanley Spires, Reginald Gordon Peacock

St Mary's: 31st John Noel Edwards, February 1st Ethel Mary Lefevre,
2nd Margaret Alice "Peggy" Phillips, 4th John Charles Shepperson,
5th Stan Richards, Lilian Edwards, Edward Thomas Elliott, Alfred Arthur Garratt

Events around the Team in December:

- 2nd 6.00 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. Advent reflection in St Andrew's Church
- 3rd 9.45 a.m. Coates School Assembly
- 3rd 1.00 p.m. New Road School Assembly
- 3rd 1.30 p.m. Park Lane School rehearsal in St Mary's Church
- 5th St Thomas' Christmas Fayre from 10 a.m. until noon
- 7th 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's meeting at The Rectory
- 8th 10.15 a.m. Park Lane School Assembly
- 9th 6.00 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. Advent reflection in St Andrew's Church
- 10th 2.30 p.m. Carol Service at Aliwal Manor
- 11th NO MIDDAY PRAYER AT ST MARY'S
- 11th St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- 12th St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- 13th St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- 13th 6.00 p.m. St Mary's Community Carol Service to end the Christmas Tree Festival
- 14th NO MORNING PRAYER AT ST MARY'S
- 14th 8 a.m. Sir Harry Smith's College students will be setting up St Mary's Church for the schools' services and concert taking place this week
- 14th 1.45 p.m. Alderman Jacobs School Key Stage Two Carol Service
- 15th NO 9.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S
- 15th 10 a.m. Alderman Jacobs School Key Stage One Christingle in St Mary's Church
- 15th 12 noon until 3 p.m. Sir Harry Smith's College students rehearsing in St Mary's Church
- 15th 2 p.m. Carol Service at Keneydon House
- 15th 7 p.m. Sir Harry Smith College concert in St Mary's Church
- 16th NO 9.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY
- 16th 10 a.m. New Road School's Christmas Service in St Mary's Church
- 16th 11 a.m. Carol Service at The Gables
- 16th 1.45 p.m. Park Lane School's Christingle in St Mary's Church
- 16th 2.30 p.m. Carol Service at The Hermitage
- 16th 3 p.m. Sir Harry Smith's College students will be clearing up in St Mary's Church
- 16th 6.00 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. Advent reflection in St Andrew's Church
- 17th NO 9.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT ST MARY'S
- 17th 9.30 a.m. Coates School Christingle & Carols in Holy Trinity Church
- 17th 11 a.m. Carol Service at The Elms
- 18th 7.00 p.m. St Andrew's Church Carol Service
- 19th 7.00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church Carol Service
- 20th 4.30 p.m. St Thomas' Church Carol Service
- 23rd 6.00 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. Advent reflection in St Andrew's Church

Events around the Team in January:

18th Friends of St Andrew's meeting at The Rectory
19th 7.30 p.m. Team Council meeting. Venue to be decided
26th 7.30 p.m. Deanery Synod meeting. Venue to be decided
28th 10.20 a.m. Key Stage Two Assembly at Alderman Jacobs School
29th 7.30 p.m. Wedding Couples evening in St Andrew's Church

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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