



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

**TEAM MATTERS**



**December 2016 and January 2017**

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On Sunday, 27<sup>th</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. Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year. Nigel

**Thank you Debbi for all your help over the years preparing  
Team Matters.**

**All the best and God bless you.**

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

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

## Regular Weekday Services:

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

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Second Sunday in Advent – Purple - New Gift/New Toy Sunday.**

*Please leave your gifts unwrapped. This will enable staff at the Centre to deliver your gift to a suitable child or adult. Many thanks. The gifts will be delivered to the Whittlesey Children's Centre, New Road on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.*

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

<b>Readings:</b>	First reading	Isaiah 11: 1-10
	Second reading	Romans 15: 4-13
	Gospel	Matthew 3: 1-12

## Anniversaries of Death:

**Holy Trinity** 10<sup>th</sup> Catherine Mary Turner, Dorothy May Facey

**St Andrew's** 4<sup>th</sup> Lorenz Renges, 7<sup>th</sup> Florence Louisa Few, Louie Bingham, Stanley Arthur Pikett, 9<sup>th</sup> Wilfred Harris, 10<sup>th</sup> Frederick David Hobbs, Althea Faith Oldfield

**St Mary's** 4<sup>th</sup> George Richard Long, 5<sup>th</sup> Anne Schofield Bates

## **Friends of St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.**  
With live music from 5.00 p.m.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Third Sunday in Advent - Purple**

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Morning Service
1.00 p.m. St Andrew's	- Baptism of Isaac George Christopher Dahn
6.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Community Carol Singing at end of Christmas Tree Festival

<b>Readings:</b>	First reading	Isaiah 35: 1-10
	Second reading	James 5: 7-10
	Gospel	Matthew 11: 2-11

## Anniversaries of Death:

**Holy Trinity** 12<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Mary Maslem, 13<sup>th</sup> Harriet Garner, 13<sup>th</sup> Gwendoline Mary Chapman

**St Andrew's** 12<sup>th</sup> Florence Marriott, 13<sup>th</sup> Leonard Marriott, 14<sup>th</sup> Edward Henry Redhead, Norman David Locke, Dylan Christopher Jack Hockley, 16<sup>th</sup> Bertie Smith, 17<sup>th</sup> William David Charles Locke, John Ernest Arthur Porter

**St Mary's** 13<sup>th</sup> Stanley Springett, John Clifford Kennaugh, 16<sup>th</sup> Robert John Shanks

## **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

7.00 p.m. Carol Service at Holy Trinity, Coates

## **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Fourth Sunday in Advent - Purple**

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

**Readings:**

First reading	Isaiah 7: 10-16
Second reading	Romans 1: 1-7
Gospel	Matthew 1: 18 - end

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**St Andrew's** 18<sup>th</sup> Walter Leslie Brown, 21<sup>st</sup> Victoria Irene Cook,  
22<sup>nd</sup> Alfred Speechley, Ada Smith

**St Mary's** 18<sup>th</sup> Archibald Robert Coxell, 20<sup>th</sup> David Edward Jarrett, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sid Bates

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

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

## **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve - White**

5.00 p.m. St Mary's - Come and Sing Christmas – Family Service  
5.00 p.m. Holy Trinity - Crib and Christingle - Family Service

### **Please note changes in services**

10.00 p.m. St Thomas - Christmas Holy Communion with carols  
11.00 p.m. St Andrew's - Christmas Holy Communion with carols

**Readings:**

First reading	Isaiah 9: 2-7
Second reading	Titus 2: 11 - 14
Gospel	Luke 2: 1 - 14

## **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day - White**

9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion with carols  
10.30 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion with carols

**Readings:**

First reading	Isaiah 52: 7 - 10
Second reading	Hebrews 1: 1 - 12
Gospel	John 1: 1 - 14

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**St Thomas'** 26<sup>th</sup> Ernest Robert Cumbridge, 30<sup>th</sup> Bernard William Everitt

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

**St Andrew's** 25<sup>th</sup> George William Redding, Clara May Brittan, Doreen Rose Corney,  
26<sup>th</sup> Afra Elsie Newman, 29<sup>th</sup> George Anker, 30<sup>th</sup> Elias Panayi Koutson

**St Mary's** 26<sup>th</sup> John George (Jack) Bass, 27<sup>th</sup> William Erskine Beebe,  
George William bates, John Alfred Stevens, 28<sup>th</sup> Joan Hudson, Geoff Osbourne,  
29<sup>th</sup> Lily May Foster, 31<sup>st</sup> David Lemuel Walker

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Second Sunday of Christmas - White**

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

<b>Readings:</b>	First reading	Isaiah 63: 7 - 9
	Second reading	Hebrews 2: 10 - end
	Gospel	Matthew 2: 13 - end

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**Holy Trinity** 1<sup>st</sup> Edward Dale, 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Mary Thompson, Daisy Bates,  
7<sup>th</sup> Cicely Joyce Welbourn, Dennis Henry George Amps,  
Thomas George Ping (Michael)

**St Andrew's** 1<sup>st</sup> Neville Keith Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ada Chapman, Bessie Brown, Irene Pink

**St Mary's** 1<sup>st</sup> Arthur James Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Barnes,  
4<sup>th</sup> Laura Amba Chrispina Cole, 5<sup>th</sup> William Chandler Boon, 6<sup>th</sup> Florence Anker,  
7<sup>th</sup> Sidney Simon Hunt-Pain

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Feast of the Epiphany - White**

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Morning Service

9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Queen Street - Annual Covenant Service and Holy Communion

No services at St Mary's or St Thomas'

<b>Readings:</b>	First reading	Isaiah 60: 1-6
	Second reading	Ephesians 3: 1-12
	Gospel	Matthew 2: 1-12

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**St Thomas'** 9<sup>th</sup> Ada Rose Lant

**Holy Trinity** 10<sup>th</sup> Harry Thompson, Charles Frederick Neal Bates,  
Brian Lawrence Jackson, 14<sup>th</sup> Mabel Kisby, Douglas Claude Dickerson,

**St Andrew's** 9<sup>th</sup> Jean Evalyn Joyce

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Second Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Morning Service

11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion

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

6.00 p.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion

<b>Readings:</b>	First reading	Isaiah 49: 1-7
	Second reading	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9
	Gospel	John 1: 29-42

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**St Thomas'** 21<sup>st</sup> Richard Alfred Miller

**Holy Trinity** 15<sup>th</sup> Thomas William (Bill) Harris, 16<sup>th</sup> Thomas Hall,  
19<sup>th</sup> Connie Fletcher, 21<sup>st</sup> William (Bill) Redhead

**St Andrew's** 15<sup>th</sup> Charles Alfred Chapman, 16<sup>th</sup> Olive Brooks, Brian Harding,  
17<sup>th</sup> Charles Frederick Britton, 18<sup>th</sup> Bertha May Buckman,  
21<sup>st</sup> Reginald Edmund Kefford, Elaine Trickey

**St Mary's** 17<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Francis Long, 19<sup>th</sup> Kitty Alma Sharpe,  
20<sup>th</sup> Clarence Victor Copeman

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Third Sunday of Epiphany**

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

**Readings:** First reading Isaiah 9:1-4  
Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Gospel Matthew 4: 12-23

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

**Holy Trinity** 28<sup>th</sup> Alwyn Patrick Herbert East  
**St Andrew's** 22<sup>nd</sup> Alfred David Harris, James Patrick (Jim) O'Brien  
**St Mary's** 24<sup>th</sup> Kenneth John Sanders, 26<sup>th</sup> Alec Wills,  
28<sup>th</sup> George Henry "Harry" Hudson

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple - White**

10.00 a.m. Holy Trinity - Team Holy Communion

**Readings:** First reading Malachi 3: 1-5  
Second reading Hebrews 2: 14-end  
Gospel Luke 2: 22-40

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

**St Thomas'** Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Violet Savage  
**St Andrew's** 30<sup>th</sup> Edward Thomas Guttridge, Beryl Stevenson, 31<sup>st</sup> Bertha Knight  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Alice (Peggy) Phillips, 4<sup>th</sup> David Stanley Spires,  
Reginald Gordon Peacock,  
**St Mary's** 31<sup>st</sup> John Noel Edwards, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Ethel Mary Lefevre,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Alice "Peggy" Phillips, 4<sup>th</sup> John Charles Shepperson

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Fourth Sunday before Lent - Green**

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

**Readings:** First reading Isaiah 58: 1-9a  
Second reading 1 Corinthians 2: 1-end  
Gospel Matthew 5: 13-20

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

**St Thomas'** 15<sup>th</sup> Anthony William (Tony) Howell  
**Holy Trinity** 5<sup>th</sup> Albert Brown, 8<sup>th</sup> Audrey Joan Cross, Ella May Dale  
**St Andrew's** 8<sup>th</sup> Olive Pearl Kewish, 10<sup>th</sup> Harriet Ann Green,  
11<sup>th</sup> Kate Brittan, Alistair James Jeffrey, Samuel Frederick Hilliam  
**St Mary's** 5<sup>th</sup> Stan Richards, Lillian Edwards, Edward Thomas Elliot, Alfred Arthur Garratt

## Events around the Team in December and January

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am to 12 noon St Thomas Christmas fete in the church**

### **Friends of St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 5 p.m**

### **Schools, College and Church at Christmas 2016.**

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December in St Mary's Whittlesey.**

**Monday** Morning. College tech team prepare stage, sound and lights.

Afternoon. Park Lane Christingle rehearsal.

**Tuesday** Morning. College rehearsal.

Afternoon. **1.45pm Alderman Jacob's KS2 Carol Service.**

Evening. **7.00 p.m. Sir Harry Smith College Christmas Concert**

**Wednesday** Morning. **10.00 a.m. Alderman Jacob's KS1 Christingle.**

Afternoon. **1.45 p.m. Park Lane Christingle.**

**Thursday** Morning. **10.00 a.m. New Road Christingle and Nativity.**

**Friday** Morning. College tech team take down equipment.

**13<sup>th</sup> December 3.00 p.m. Carols at Keneydon House**

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2.30 p.m. Carols at The Hermitage**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. Coates School Christingle in Holy Trinity Church**

*Carols at the Elms*

*Carols at Aliwal Manor*

*to be arranged. Volunteers for singing around the homes*

*Carols at the Gables*

*please let Nigel know*

*Carols at Cedar Court*

**10<sup>th</sup> January 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Mary's Committee at 76, Station Road**

**12<sup>th</sup> January 6.00 p.m. Ministers Team meeting at the Rectory**

**17<sup>th</sup> January 12.30 p.m. Whittlesey and District Ministers Meeting at the Falcon Hotel**

**18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

**Details of all churches services will be made available.**

**You are invited to attend another church during the week.**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 10.20 a.m. Alderman Jacobs KS1 Assembly**

**27<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 p.m. Engaged Couples evening at St Andrew's.**

**30<sup>th</sup> January 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's Committee at the Rectory**

**30<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 p.m. Deanery Synod at Chatteris**

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