



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates
Church of England Churches
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 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 for Christmas and the New Year **Revd 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

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Sunday 3rd December – First Sunday of Advent and Feast of St Andrew- 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 4th December.

First Sunday

8.00am	St Andrew's	– Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew's	– Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Trinity	– Morning Praise
11.00am	St Mary's	– Morning Praise
11.00am	St Thomas'	– Holy Communion

First reading Isaiah 64: 1-9
Second reading 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel Mark 13: 24-end
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 752 2. 1144 Gospel. 1019

Anniversaries:

St Andrew's: 4th Lorenz Renges, 7th Florence Louisa Few, Louie Bingham,
Stanley Arthur Pikett, 9th Wilfred Harris
St Mary's: 4th George Richard Long, 5th Anne Schofield Bates

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Sunday 10th December - Second Sunday of Advent – Purple – St Mary's
Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's

Second Sunday

9.30am	St Andrew's	– Morning Praise
9.30am	Holy Trinity	– Holy Communion
11.00am	St Thomas'	– Morning Praise
No 11.00am Service at St Mary's		
6.00pm	St Mary's	– Community Carols Presiding. NAW.

First reading Isaiah 40: 1-11
Second reading 2 Peter 3: 8 -15a
Gospel Mark 1: 1-8
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 724 2. 1224 Gospel. 1002

Anniversaries: for week beginning 10th December

**Holy Trinity: 10th Catherine Mary Turner, Dorothy May Facey,
12th Kathleen Mary Maslem, 13th Harriet Garner, Gwendoline Mary Chapman
St Andrew's: 10th Frederick David Hobbs, Althea Faith Oldfield,
11th Kenneth Edward Dunkling 12th Florence Marriott, 13th Leonard Marriott,
14th Edward Henry Redhead, Norman David Locke, Dylan Christopher Jack Hockley,
16th Bertie Smith
St Mary's: 11th Albert Edward Gale, 13th Stanley Springett, John Clifford Kennaugh,
16th Robert John Shanks**

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Sunday 17th December – Third Sunday of Advent – Purple

Third Sunday

**9.30am St Andrew's – Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Trinity – Morning Praise
11.00am St Mary's – Holy Communion
4.30pm St Thomas' – Carol Service**

**First reading Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8 - end
Second reading 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Gospel John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 749 2. 1188 Gospel. 1063**

Anniversaries:

**St Andrew's: 17th William David Charles Locke, John Ernest Arthur Porter,
18th Walter Leslie Brown, 21st Victoria Irene Cook, 22nd Alfred Speechley, Ada Smith
St Mary's: 18th Archibald Robert Coxell, 20th David Edward Jarrett,
22nd Sid Bates**

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Sunday 24th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Purple

Fourth Sunday

9.30am Holy Trinity - Said Holy Communion Presiding. NAW

No morning services St Andrew's, St Mary's

**First reading 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
Second reading Romans 16: 25 -27
Gospel Luke 1: 26-38
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 310 2. 1143 Gospel. 1025**

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Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve Communion – White
5.00pm at St Mary's - Come and sing Christmas. Presiding JC
5.00pm at Holy Trinity - Crib and Christingle. Presiding NAW

10pm at St Thomas' - Holy Communion
11pm at St Andrew's - Holy Communion

First reading Isaiah 9: 2-7
Second reading Titus 2: 11 - 14
Gospel Luke 2: 1 - 20

Anniversaries:

St Thomas': 26th Ernest Robert Cumbridge, 30th Bernard William Everitt
Holy Trinity: 28th George William Dolby
St Andrew's: 25th George William Redding, Clara May Brittan,
Doreen Rose Corney, 26th Afra Elsie Newman, 29th George Anker,
30th Elias Panayi Koutson
St Mary's: 26th John George (Jack) Bass, 27th William Erskine Beebe,
George William Bates, John Alfred Stevens, 28th Joan Hudson, Geoff Osborne,
29th Lily May Foster

Monday 25th December - Christmas Morning Communion – White
9.30am at Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. at St Mary's - Holy Communion

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

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Sunday 31st December – 1st Sunday of Christmas – White

Fifth Sunday

TEAM SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S

First reading Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3
Second reading Galatians 4: 4-7
Gospel Luke 2: 15 - 21

Anniversaries:

Holy Trinity: Jan 1st Edward Dale, 2nd Martha Mary Thompson, Daisy Bates
St Andrew's: Jan 1st Neville Keith Taylor, 2nd Ada Chapman, Bessie Brown, Irene Pink
St Mary's: 31st David Lemuel Walker, Jan 1st Arthur James Clark, 2nd Dorothy Barnes,
4th Laura Amba Chrispina Cole, 5th William Chandler, 6th Florence Anker

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**Sunday 7th January – The Epiphany – White - (Transferred from the 6th January)
First Sunday**

8.00am St Andrew's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Andrew's – Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Trinity – Morning Praise
10.30am Queen Street - Annual Covenant Service and Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's – Morning Praise
No service at St Thomas'

First reading Isaiah 60:1-6
Second reading Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel Matthew 2:1-12
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 748 2. 1174 Gospel. 966

Anniversaries:

St Thomas': 9th Ada Rose Lant
Holy Trinity: 7th Cicely Joyce Welbourn, Dennis Henry George Amps.
Thomas George Ping (Michael), 10th Harry Thompson, Charles Frederick Neal Bates,
Brian Lawrence Jackson
St Andrew's: 9th Jean Evalyn Joyce
St Mary's: 7th Sidney Simon Hunt-Pain, Cyril Clifford Gutteridge

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**Sunday 14th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany - White
Second Sunday**

9.30am St Andrew's – Morning Praise
9.30am Holy Trinity – Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's – Holy Communion
11.00am St Thomas' – Morning Praise
4.00 p.m. St Mary's - Plough Service
– Preacher Canon Mike Booker

First reading 1 Samuel 3: 1-20
Second reading Revelation 5 1-10
Gospel John 1: 43 - 51
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 273 2. 1236 Gospel. 1064

Anniversaries:

Holy Trinity: 14th Mabel Kisby, Douglas Claude Dickerson 15th Thomas William (Bill) Harris, 16th Thomas Hall, 19th Connie Fletcher, 21st 2014 William (Bill) Redhead
St Andrew's: 15th Charles Alfred Chapman, 16th Olive Brooks, Brian Harding,
17th Charles Frederick Britton, 18th Bertha May Buckman
St Mary's: 17th Kathleen Francis Long, 19th Kitty Alma Sharpe,
20th Clarence Victor Copeman

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Sunday 21st January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany – White

Third Sunday

9.30am	St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Trinity	- Morning Praise
11.00am	St Mary's	- Holy Communion
6.00pm	St Thomas'	- Holy Communion

First reading Genesis 14: 17-20
 Second reading Revelation 19: 6-10
 Gospel John 2: 1-11

Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 15 2. 1247 Gospel. 1064

Anniversaries:

St Thomas': 21st Richard Alfred Miller

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

St Mary's: 24th Kenneth John Sanders, 26th Alec Wills

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**Sunday 28th January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) – White
(Transferred from 2nd February)**

Fourth Sunday

9.30am	St Andrew's	- Morning Praise
9.30am	Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00am	St Mary's	- Holy Communion
2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	St Thomas'	- Indoor Games afternoon to be followed by evening service

First reading Malachi 3: 1-5
 Second reading Hebrews 2: 14 - 18
 Gospel Luke 2: 22-40

Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 961 2. 1202 Gospel. 1028

Anniversaries:

St Thomas': 2nd Feb. Violet Savage

Holy Trinity: 28th Alwyn Patrick Herbert East

St Andrew's: 30th Edward Thomas Guttridge, Beryl Stevenson, 31st Bertha Knight, Feb 2nd Margaret Alice (Peggy) Phillips

St Mary's: 28th George Henry "Harry" Hudson, 31st John Noel Edwards, Feb 1st Ethel Mary Lefevre, 2nd Margaret Alice "Peggy" Phillips,

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Sunday 4th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent - Green

First Sunday

8.00am	St Andrew's	– Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew's	– Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Trinity	– Morning Praise
11.00am	St Mary's	– Morning Praise
11.00am	St Thomas'	– Holy Communion

First reading Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31

Second reading Colossians 1: 15-20

Gospel John 1: 1-14

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Anniversaries:

Holy Trinity: 5th Albert Brown, 8th Audrey Joan Cross, Ella May Dale

13th Ethel Burgundy

St Andrew's: 4th David Stanley Spires, Reginald Gordon Peacock,

8th Olive Pearl Kewish, 10th Harriet Ann Green

St Mary's: 4th John Charles Shepperson, 5th Stan Richards, Lilian Edwards,

Edward Thomas Elliott, Alfred Arthur Garratt, 9th James George Marriott

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Around the Team in December and January

December

- 1st 9.30 a.m. Clergy Deanery Chapter at St Peter's Rectory, March
- 1st 6.30 p.m. Fenland District Civic Carol Service at St Andrew's
- 2nd 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Messy Church in Holy Trinity
- 3rd 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Family Disco in St Andrew's Hall
- 5th 10.15 a.m. School Assembly at Park Lane Primary
- 6th 11.00 a.m. Carols at the Gables
- 7th 9.45 a.m. School Assembly at Coates Primary
- 7th 2.50 p.m. School Assembly at New Road Primary School

Friends of St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 8th December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Saturday 9th December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Sunday 10th December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

9th 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon – St Thomas' Christmas Fete, Pondersbridge

Schools, College and Church at Christmas 2016.

Monday 11th December to Friday 15th 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.**

Afternoon College tech team take down equipment

Friday Morning. College tech team take down equipment.

15th 7.00 p.m. Fenland Wind Ensemble Christmas Concert in St Mary's

16th 9.00 a.m. Team ministers' meeting at the Rectory

16th 4.30 p.m. Carol Service at Holy Trinity. Please note change of time.

17th 4.30 p.m. Carol Service at St Thomas'.

18th 9.30 a.m. Coates School Christingle in the Church

18th 2.00 p.m. Carols at Aliwal Manor

19th 3.00 p.m. Carols at Keneydon House

20th 2.30 p.m. Carols at the Hermitage

20th 7.00 p.m. Carol Service at St Andrew's

January 2018

13th Straw Bear Festival

18th to 25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

25th 10.20 a.m. Alderman Jacobs KS1 Assembly

26th 7.30 p.m. Engaged Couples evening at St Andrew's.

28th 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. St Thomas' Indoor Games afternoon

to be followed by evening service

31st 7.30 p.m. Deanery Synod at St Peter's, March

1st February 10.20 a.m. Alderman Jacobs KS2 Assembly