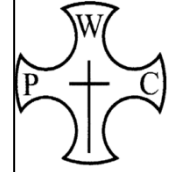




Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

TEAM MATTERS



November and December 2018

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Partnership for Missional Church

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

As we know the month of November has the theme of '*REMEMBRANCE*'. It is a time to remember our loved ones departed and those who sacrificed their own lives in wars, past and present. During this month you may like to use these prayers.

**Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us
by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power
to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so we may trust your love to give eternal life
to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray you, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth be filled with the knowledge of your love:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Francis Paget 1851-1911)

On Sunday, 2nd 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 25th, 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.

God bless to you all. Revd Nigel

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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 18th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent - Red

First reading Daniel 12: 1-3. Second reading Hebrews 10: 11- 25. Gospel Mark 13: 1-8
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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

Anniversaries:

Holy Trinity: 18th Charles John Bagnall
St Andrew's: 20th Kathleen Turner, 21st Diana Harding, 23rd Joyce Florrie Teat,
24th Mabel May Speechley, Robert Henry Bennett
St Mary's: 20th Neil Timms, Maud Mary Will

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Sunday 25th November – Feast of Christ the King - Red

First reading Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14. Second reading Revelation 1: 4b-8.
Gospel John 18: 33b - 37
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9.30am	St Andrew's	– Morning Praise
9.30am	Holy Trinity	– Holy Communion
11.00am	St Mary's	– Holy Communion
6.00pm	St Thomas'	– Evening Praise

Anniversaries:

Holy Trinity: 26th 1979 Anthony Bates
St Andrew's: 27th Daniel Crawford Logan, 28th Wilfred Norfield,
29th Leslie S C Flatt, 30th John Cyril Duddington, Dec 4th Lorenz Renges
St Mary's: 1st John Donald Gray

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Sunday 2nd 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 3rd December.

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	-	Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Second reading	-	1 Thessalonians 3: 9 to end
Gospel	-	Luke 21: 25 – 36

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Anniversaries:

St Andrew's: 7th Florence Louisa Few, Louie Bingham,
Stanley Arthur Pikett, 8th Michael John Blake, 9th Wilfred Harris
St Mary's: 4th George Richard Long, 5th Anne Schofield Bates

**Sunday 9th December - Second Sunday of Advent – Purple – St Mary's
Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's**

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

First reading - Malachi 3. 1-4
Second reading - Philippians 1: 3-11
Gospel - Luke 3: 1-6

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Anniversaries:

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,
St Mary's: 11th Albert Edward Gale, 13th Stanley Springett, John Clifford Kennaugh,

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Sunday 16th December – Third Sunday of Advent – Purple

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

First reading - Zephaniah 3: 14-end
Second reading - Philippians 4: 4-7
Gospel - Luke 3: 7-18

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Anniversaries:

St Andrew's: 16th Bertie Smith, 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: 16th Robert John Shanks, 18th Archibald Robert Coxell,
20th David Edward Jarrett, 22nd Sid Bates

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Sunday 23rd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Purple

9.30am St Andrew's – Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's - Holy Communion

First reading - Micah 5: 2-5a
Second reading - Hebrews 10: 5-10
Gospel - Luke 1: 39-55

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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,
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

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Christmas Eve - Monday 24th December – White

5.00pm at St Mary's – Come and sing Christmas.
5.00pm at Holy Trinity - Crib and Christingle.

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

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December - 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 30th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas – White
Fifth Sunday**

10.00 am - TEAM SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S

**First reading 1 Samuel 2: 18-20,26
Second reading Colossians 3: 12-17
Gospel Luke 2: 41-end**

Anniversaries:

**Holy Trinity: Jan 1st Edward Dale, 2nd Martha Mary Thompson, Daisy Bates
St Andrew's: 30th Elias Panayi Koutson, 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,**

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Around the Team in November:

Coffee Mornings in aid of the Children's Society.

**To be held in St Andrew's Church on
Saturday 3rd November from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon and
Sunday 4th November from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Jigsaws, Handmade Xmas cards, Books, Scarves, Cakes
and a Raffle with many prizes**

- 4th 3.00 p.m. Annual Service for the Bereaved at St Andrew's**
6th 7.30 p.m. Churches Together at St Jude's
6th 7.30 p.m. Deanery Synod at Holy Trinity, Coates
8th 6.00 p.m. Ministry Team meeting at the Rectory
9th 10.45 a.m. An Act of Remembrance at St Mary's.
**Representative Pupils and Students from Alderman Jacobs Primary,
 Coates Primary, New Road Primary, Park Lane Primary,
 Sir Harry Smith Community College**
- 11th 11.00 a.m. Acts of Remembrance at War Memorials in Whittlesey and Coates**
See above for Sunday 11th November details of all services.
- 13th 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Mary's Committee meeting at 76, Station Road**
13th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim group meeting in Pondersbridge
14th 7.30 p.m. Holy Trinity PCC in Church
18th St Thomas' PCC meeting after 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion
19th 7.30 p.m. St Andrew's PCC in Church
21st 7.30 p.m. St Mary's PCC at the Rectory
25th 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Games afternoon at St Thomas'
26th 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's Committee meeting at the Rectory
28th 2.00 p.m. Service of Praise at Aliwal Manor

Around the Team in December

- 1st 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon Christmas bazaar at St Thomas'
1st 7.30 p.m. Concert with Guildenburgh Choir
4th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim group meeting in Pondersbridge

Friends of St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 7th December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival Opening times to be confirmed.

Saturday 8th December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 9th December - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Schools, College and Church at Christmas 2016.

Monday 10th December to Friday 14th December in St Mary's Whittlesey.

<u>Monday</u>	Morning.	College tech team prepare stage, sound and lights.
	Afternoon.	Park Lane Christingle rehearsal.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Morning.	College rehearsal.
	Afternoon.	1.45pm Alderman Jacob's KS2 Carol Service.
	Evening.	7.00 p.m. Sir Harry Smith College Christmas Concert
<u>Wednesday</u>	Morning.	10.00 a.m. Alderman Jacob's KS1 Christingle.
	Afternoon.	1.45 p.m. Park Lane Christingle.
<u>Thursday</u>	Morning.	10.00 a.m. New Road Christingle and Nativity.
<u>Friday</u>	Morning.	College tech team take down equipment.

Carol services and singing in Church and Residential Homes

9th December 6.00 p.m. St Mary's Church

10th December 1.30 p.m. Carols at Cedar Court

15th December 4.00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

17th December 9.30 a.m. Coates School Christingle in Holy Trinity Church

17th December 2.30 p.m. Carols at the Elms

19th December 3.00 p.m. Carols at Keneydon House

19th December 2.30 p.m. Carols at The Hermitage

20th December 2.00 p.m. Carols at Aliwal Manor

20th December 7.00 p.m. Carols at St Andrews

23rd December 4.30 p.m. Carols at St Thomas' Church

Carols at the Gables to be arranged