

**Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015**  
**First Sunday of Christmas      John, Apostle and Evangelist      Year C**

**We welcome any newcomers to the church.** It would help us to get to know you if you complete one of the welcome cards from the library at the back of the church and hand it to a sidesperson or a Warden.

**Readings for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

1<sup>st</sup> : 1 Samuel 2. 18 – 20, 26

2<sup>nd</sup> : Colossians 3. 12 – 17

Gospel : Luke 2. 41 – 52

**Readings for John, Apostle and Evangelist**

1<sup>st</sup> : Exodus 33. 7 – 11a

2<sup>nd</sup> : 1John chapter 1

Gospel : John 21. 19b – 25

**Collect for John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Merciful Lord,**

**cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:  
that, being enlightened by the teaching**

**of your blessed apostle and evangelist St John,**

**we may so walk in the light of your truth**

**that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;**

**through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,**

**who is alive and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

**We pray for**

Our Church      Our Benefice

The Parish      Spring House Close, Chestnut Avenue  
and Frampton Close

The sick	Simon DaKeyne	Lesley Bush
	Helen Haig	Dawn Rogers
	Mark Foster	Jean Farmery
	Nick	Bev Ralph

The Departed	Vi Thomas	Rosemary Paice
	Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time	
	Jack Alderman	Keith Walker

**Events**



Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>      **9.45 am Family Service**  
 The Epiphany and Baptism of Christ  
 Readings for the Epiphany  
 1<sup>st</sup> : Isaiah 60. 1 – 6  
 2<sup>nd</sup> : Ephesians 3. 1 – 12  
 Gospel : Matthew 2. 1 – 12

**Prayer Requests** – in addition to passing on concerns directly to the Vicar, there are prayer request cards on the book shelf at the back of the church. They can be left at any time in the box and they will be included in the Vicar's daily prayers for the parish and, when appropriate, include them on the weekly sheet

**Special Charity**

During December, and at Christingle, we shall support the Children's Society. Please see the Parish magazine for details of the scope of work the charity carries out.

Also, thank you for your continuing donations of non-perishable items to the Nightshelter.

**Notices**

Welcome to our Benefice Eucharist this morning; the Vicar will celebrate and Gillian Hargrave will Deacon and Preach.

Next Sunday's Family service will be lay-led.



At our family service next Sunday we shall celebrate The Epiphany and the Baptism of Christ with the annual, wet and watery renewal of our Baptism Vows.



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 Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make Christmas a really joyful occasion – those who prepared the church, to Team Tingle and all who helped assemble the Christingles; to our flower arrangers and those who donated to the flower fund – the church looked beautiful; to our organists and the Christingle musicians. Thank You.  
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Fay is already taking favourite numbers ready for next year's **lottery raffle**. Tickets £1 each as before. Cheques for the whole year please, to Colden Common Church Building Fund (or cash is quite acceptable). Thank You.

From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, the names of those who died before 2009 will no longer be included in the **Anniversary of Death list during intercessions**. If you would like a name retained on the list, please let Elaine know.

**Company for Lunch** returns on **January 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**. Please book early for January and February with Jane (023 8061 4936).

**Preparation for Confirmation.**

In the New Year, I will be organising a series of sessions that prepare people for being confirmed into the church. If you are interested in being confirmed or would like to join the group as a way of refreshing and re-exploring our faith, please contact me or any member of the Ministry Team. Rev'd Jonah

Please take this notice sheet home with you if you wish, as an aid for your personal prayers during the week or to look up the readings before next Sunday's Service.

If you know of **anyone who is sick or in hospital**, or would like a visit from the Vicar, please pass the information on to the Vicar. It is better to receive the information more than once than not at all.

There are copies of the **readings for the month** at the back of the church. Please feel free to take one home with you, if you would like to.