Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 4th December 2016
Second Sunday of Advent Year A

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 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A
1st : Isaiah 11. 1 – 10
2nd : Romans 15. 4 – 13
Gospel: Matthew 3. 1 – 12

Collect
Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and Saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen

We pray for
Our Church Ministry Team
St Andrew's Owslebury
Helen O'Sullivan in Ordination training

The Parish Spring Lane

The sick Vi Poore John McCorriston
Jean Farmery

The Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time
Tony Godwin

Events
Tuesday	7.30 pm	Bells
Wednesday	2.30 pm	Spring House Communion
	7.30 pm	Benefice Wardens and Treasurers at Colden Common
Saturday	9.00 am	Putting up and decorating Christmas tree
Sunday 11th	9.45 am	Family Service

Continuous readings for 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A
1st : Isaiah 35. 1 – 10
2nd : James 5. 7 – 10
Gospel: Matthew 11. 2 – 11

6.00 pm Evensong

Prayer Requests – in addition to passing on concerns directly to the clergy, 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 daily prayers for the parish and, when appropriate, include them on the weekly sheet.

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

Special Charity
During December we collect for the Children's Society, at Christingle, through pew envelopes or in the candle collecting boxes. The December magazine gives an idea of the scope of the charity's work.

Christingle Candle collecting boxes for the Children's Society are available at the back of the church. Please return them by, or soon after Christingle (24th December). Thank You.

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

Notices
Today's Service to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Andrew will be at Owslebury at 11.00 am
There is not a service at Holy Trinity today.

The Vicar will lead our Family Service next Sunday morning as we celebrate the light and hope that will come at Christmas.

Gillian will take Evensong next Sunday evening.

Thank you to those who braved the cold yesterday and helped with **the Winter Churchyard tidy.**

The Church Christmas tree will be put up and decorated next Saturday **from 9am** (not 2 pm as printed in December parish magazine) If you are able to help, please contact Gordon 713644.

CCDMG Present their Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Trinity on Thursday 15th (tickets still available) and Friday 16th December (last few tickets remaining) at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £7 to include mulled wine and a mince pie. Available from Elaine or call 023 8065 1188 or email CCDMGTickets@hotmail.co.uk
Proceeds to Holy Trinity Church and Southampton Sight

This year's Village Carol Service will take place on Sunday 18th December at 4.00 pm at the Methodist Church. The collection will be for the Open Doors Charity which supports persecuted Christians throughout the world.

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.

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.