

Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 11th December 2016

Third 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 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

1st : Isaiah 35. 1 – 10
 2nd : James 5. 7 – 10
 Gospel: Matthew 11. 2 – 11

Collect

**God for whom we watch and wait,
 you sent John the Baptist
 to prepare the way of your Son:
 give us courage to speak the truth,
 to hunger for justice,
 and to suffer for the cause of right,
 with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

We pray for

Our Church	Community Christmas Events Helen O'Sullivan in Ordination training	
The Parish	Springfields Close and Hill Lane	
The sick	Vi Poore Jean Farmery	John McCorriston
The Departed		
Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time	Derek Dawson Robert Brash Vi Thomas	David Taylor Ronald Cousens

Events

Tonight	6.00 pm	Evensong
Monday	6.00 pm	Scouts Christmas Celebration
Tuesday	5.00 pm	Rainbows Christmas Nativity
	7.30 pm	Bells
Wednesday	2.30 pm	Spring House Communion
Thursday	7.30 pm	Carol Concert
Friday	7.30 pm	Carol Concert
Sunday 18 th	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
		Continuous readings for 4 th Sunday of Advent Year A
		1 st : Isaiah 7. 10 – 16
		2 nd : Romans 1. 1 – 7
		Gospel: Matthew 1. 18 – 25
	4.00 pm	Village Carol Service at the Methodist Church

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.

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.

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

Welcome to our Family Service which the Vicar will lead this morning, as we celebrate the light and hope that will come at Christmas.



Gillian will take Evensong this evening.

Peter Lippiett will preside at next Sunday morning's Eucharist and Gillian will Deacon and preach.

CCDMG Present their Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Trinity on Thursday 15th (tickets still available) and Friday 16th December (sorry, sold out) 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 next 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.

All are welcome, tell your friends and neighbours.

The main body of **the church will Decorated for Christmas** on the morning of Friday 23rd December. Please come along and help if you are able to. Details from Pat Carter – 713490 or Jean Poore 713886. Donations of time, greenery and financial will be all very gratefully received.



We shall be **assembling Christingles** in church on **Friday 23rd December** at 3.00 pm.

Team Tingle will have done all the necessary preparations beforehand – THANK YOU!

Please come along and help on 23rd and share some seasonal refreshments.

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 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.