

Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 18th December 2016

Fourth 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 4th Sunday of Advent Year A

1st : Isaiah 7. 10 – 16
 2nd : Romans 1. 1 – 7
 Gospel: Matthew 1. 18 – 25

Collect

**Eternal God,
 as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
 so we wait for his coming in glory;
 bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
 to see, with her, our great salvation
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

We pray for

Our Church Flower arrangers
 Ministry Team and
 Helen O'Sullivan in Ordination training

The Parish Spring House Close, Chestnut Avenue
 and Frampton Close

The sick Vi Poore John McCorriston
 Jean Farmery Gary Hughes

The Departed Gary Hughes Dawn Quantick

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time
 Barbara Killick Dave Roots
 Kathleen Underwood

Events

Tonight 4.00 pm Village Carol Service
 Tuesday 7.30 pm Bells
 Friday 9.30 am Decorating church for Christmas
 3.00 pm Assembling Christingles

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve

3.30 pm Christingle
11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist



Sunday 25th Christmas Day

9.30 am Eucharist with Carols
 Christmas Day Year A
 1st : Isaiah 9. 2 – 7
 2nd : Titus 2. 11 – 14
 Gospel: Luke 2. 1 - 14



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.

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.

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

This morning we welcome Peter Lippiett who will preside at our Eucharist and Gillian will Deacon and preach.

Next Sunday's **Christmas Day Eucharist** will be taken by Rev'd Arthur Croad from the Clerical Registry.



This year's Village Carol Service will take place **THIS AFTERNOON** at 4.00 pm at the Methodist Church. The Collection will be for the Open Doors Charity which supports persecuted Christians throughout the world. Please stay afterwards for refreshments.

Thank you to CCDMG for two marvellous Carol Concerts last Thursday and Friday.



The main body of **the church will Decorated for Christmas** on Friday morning, 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 afternoon** at 3.00 pm. Team Tingle will have done all the necessary preparations beforehand – **THANK YOU!** Please come along and help for an hour on 23rd and share some seasonal refreshments. **Our Christingle Service will take place at 3.30 pm** next Saturday. Get there early to get a place.



There will not be a service at Holy Trinity on New Year's Day. Our **'Sunday after Christmas' Benefice Eucharist** will be held at Twyford St Mary's at 11.00 am (coffee from 10.30 am)

There are a few copies of the **January 2017 issue of the Diocesan magazine 'Living the Mission'**. Please read and then leave them behind for others.

Fay will soon be allotting favourite numbers for **2017's lottery raffle**. Tickets still just £1 each. If you wish to pay for the whole year by cheque, please make it payable to Colden Common Church Building Fund. (Cash is just as acceptable). Thank you Fay for taking on another year!

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.