Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 19th November 2017
Second Sunday before Advent

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 Second Sunday before Advent

1st : Zephaniah 1. 7, 12 - 18
2nd : 1Thessalonians 5. 1 – 11
Gospel : Matthew 25. 14 – 30

Collect for Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray for

Our Church Benefice Intercessors
Helen O'Sullivan in Ordination training
To be baptised Lucas Jesse Robert Hooper

The Parish Portsmouth Road, Hensting Lane and Crowd Hill

The Sick Jean Reader Peter Griffin
Mo Alderman

The Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time
John Storey Margaret Everitt

Events

Today	12.45 pm	Baptism : Lucas Hooper
Mon 20th	7.00 pm	PCC
Sat 25th	3.00 pm	Baptism : Annabelle Eynon Paisley Eynon
Sat	5.00 pm	Benefice Prayers at Twyford
Sun 26th	11.00 am	**St Andrew's Owslebury** Patronal Festival Sunday Next Before Advent Readings for Christ the King 1st : Ezekiel 34. 11 – 16, 20 – 24 2nd : Ephesians 1. 15 – 23 Gospel : Matthew 25. 31 – 46 **NB There is No 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 a churchwarden. 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.

Special Charity

During November we shall be collecting for BLESMA. Details are in the November magazine

Notices

This morning's Communion by Extension will led by Elaine. We welcome Dave Blackburn from the Fair Oak and Horton Heath Street Pastors.

There will not be a service at Holy Trinity next Sunday. St Andrew's Owslebury will celebrate their Patronal Service at 11.00 am and Archdeacon Richard will preach and preside at the Benefice Eucharist.
NB There will not be Evensong next Sunday

The next **Benefice Prayer** gathering - praying for our benefice during the interregnum - will take place at 5 pm NEXT Saturday 25th November at Twyford Church Rooms (at the back of the church). NB Change of venue.
Would anyone be interested in a session called 'Interesting Intercessions'? Sally Dakin would come to the Benefice for this. Please let a Church Warden or Jane Roots know. janer00ts@uwclub.net (2 zeros in the middle!!)

Wreath Display and Christmas Fayre – 3rd December
If you have any unwanted **jewellery or scarves**, Sylvia would be very grateful for them for her stall.
Also required, **good quality raffle prizes** to Susan and Geoff, please.
Elaine is collecting **small jam jars** If you have any to spare, they can be left at any time at the back of the church. Thank you.

Mike's Winter Churchyard tidy will take place on Saturday 2nd December, from around 9 am. Please come along and spare an hour or two; bring your own rake if you have one.

Thank you to all those who contributed in any way to our **shoe box appeal**. They have been delivered to the Samaritan's Purse Charity.

Colden Common Singing and Drama Group's **Christmas Concert of 'Carols and Songs for the Season'** will take place in the church at 7.30 pm on 14th and 15th December. There is a poster in the November Parish Magazine with details of how to obtain tickets (Elaine also has some). Half of ticket sales will come to Holy Trinity's Church funds, the rest to Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

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.

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