

# Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday YEAR B

**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

1<sup>st</sup> : Isaiah 61. 1 – 4, 8 – 11  
 2<sup>nd</sup> : 1Thessalonians 5. 16 – 24  
 Gospel : John 1. 6 – 8, 19 – 28

### 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      Flower arrangers and  
    Christingle assemblers  
    Helen O’Sullivan in Ordination training

The Parish      Sunningdale Mobile Homes Park  
    and Twyford Moors Road

The Sick            Jean Reader                    Peter Griffin  
    Mo Alderman                 Margery Knight

### The Departed

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

### Events

Tuesday	9.30 am	Hymn choosing
	7.30 pm	Bells
Friday	9.30 am	Decorating the church
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.00 pm	Assembling Christingles
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 pm	<b>CHRISTINGLE</b>
	9.00 pm	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST</b>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	<b>COMMUNION WITH CAROLS</b>

**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.

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.

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 shall be collecting for the Children’s Society through the pew envelopes and at Christingle.

### Notices

Gillian will be taking today’s Communion by Extension Service.

**Next Sunday there will not be a service in the morning, but there will be Christingle at 3.30 pm (lay-led) and Christmas Eve Eucharist Service at 9pm (Rev’d Bob Earnshaw from the Clerical Registry), instead of a Midnight Eucharist.**

Gillian will be taking our Christmas morning Communion by Extension service.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December we shall be hosting the **post-Christmas Benefice Eucharist** and we shall also be joined by our friends from the Methodist Church as it is a fifth Sunday. The Service will be taken by Revd Bob Kitching, with Gillian as Deacon.

**This year’s Village Carol Service** will take place this afternoon at 4.00 pm at the Methodist Church. The collection will be for Tear Fund’s Yemen Crisis Appeal. All are welcome, please tell your friends and neighbours.



### The main body of the church will Decorated for Christmas

on the morning of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>** December at 3.00 pm. Team Tingle will have done all the necessary preparations beforehand – THANK YOU! Please let us know if you are able to come along and help on 23<sup>rd</sup> – we are a bit short of helpers this year - and share some seasonal refreshments.



Thank you to Colden Common Music and Drama Group for their wonderful **Christmas Concerts of ‘Carols and Songs for the Season’** which truly set the scene for Christmas.



The next **Benefice Prayer** gathering - praying for our benefice during the interregnum - will take place at 5 pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December at Owslebury.

Fay will soon be allotting favourite numbers for **2018’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!

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