

Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 24th December 2017

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 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 for 9 pm Christmas Eve Service

1st : Isaiah 9. 2 – 7
 2nd : Titus 2. 11 – 14
 Gospel : Luke 2. 1 – 14

Collect for Christmas Eve

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness
 with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen
 x-x-x-x-x



Readings for Christmas Day

1st : Isaiah 52. 7 – 10
 2nd : Hebrews 1 . 1 – 4
 Gospel : John 1. 1 – 14



Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise,
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen
 x-x-x-x-x

We pray for

Our Church	Ministry Team and LLMs Helen O'Sullivan	
The Parish	Kiln Lane, Lordswood, Wardle Road and Highbridge Road	
The Sick	Jean Reader Mo Alderman	Peter Griffin Margery Knight
The Departed	Ann Peeling	
Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time	Keith Walker	

Events

Sat 30th 5.00 pm Benefice Prayers
 Sunday 31st 10.30 am Benefice/Ecumenical Service



Special Charity

During December we shall be collecting for the Children's Society through the pew envelopes and at Christingle.

Notices

Welcome to our Christmas Services with special thanks to the Rev'd Bob Earnshaw from the Clerical Registry for presiding at our 9 pm Christmas Eve Service and Gillian for taking our 9. 30 am Christmas morning Communion by Extension service.

Next Sunday we shall be hosting the **post-Christmas Benefice Eucharist at 10.30 am** 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 Kitchin, with Gillian as Deacon.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to decorate the church or make Christingles. Precious time, well spent, because the church looks and smells beautiful.



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

Fay is now allocating 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!

Alan Hargraves is now our volunteer **Village Agent**. Please see the poster at the back of the church to find out what sort of problems he may be able to help with.

Holy Trinity now has a Facebook page. Please search for Holy Trinity Colden Common and like and share us with your Facebook friends.

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.