

Prayer for the week

Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude.
(Colossians 4.2)

Please pray for:

- Jean Maguire
- Sonia Delauney, Roger Browne, Lyn Hodges, Janet Andrews, Jean Booth, David Date, Yvonne Hay, Mick Quick, Miles Hyett, Jeremy Wordsworth

Mission Partner: Paul and Albana

Paul and Albana are homeschooling Hanniel and he is enjoying his Key Stage Two study books and the extra-curricular activities at Korce music school and the French Alliance. Pray for Hanniel's education and that there will be someone who can come to teach Hanniel so that Paul and Albana can have more time for their church planting ministry. Pray for the church in V and the church plant in B as they get ready to celebrate Christmas. Pray that many will hear the good news of Immanuel – God with us.

Linked Ministry: The Rohingya Refugee Crisis

Lift up Tearfund's Bangladesh team as they work with COAST and other partners to respond to the crisis; pray for strength, wisdom and for the right resources to be available. Pray that aid will get through to those refugees and displaced people who are most in need, and for the Bangladeshi government as they seek to ensure humanitarian support for the Rohingya refugees. Pray for an end to the violence that is happening in Rakhine State. And pray for the peacebuilding work that Tearfund is doing in Myanmar, which is addressing some of the underlying long-term causes of violence and conflict.

Prayer at HT and St Andrew's

Prayer on Mondays: StACC 6 - 6.45pm.
HT 7.30 - 8.30pm

Prayer on Thursdays: HT 7 - 8am

Emergency prayer chain:

If you have an urgent prayer need, you can activate more than 50 people to pray. Please contact Lynne Tisdale (07402931102) or Rosalind Meryon (840230). If you are unable to contact the prayer chain, please pray with friends "For when two or three come together in my name, I am there with them" (Matt.18.20)

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Welcome to Holy Trinity and St Andrew's

We are a Word and Spirit church.
Through clear Bible teaching, worship and
ministry led by the Holy Spirit,
we want to grow in faith
and become more like Jesus.
We believe Jesus is the Hope of the World
and our desire is to bring others
to know Him too.

The Church's prayer for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

3 December 2017

Holy Trinity

9.00am Morning Worship with communion
10.30am Contemporary service with communion

Thursday 7 December

11.30am Seniors' service and Christmas lunch

St. Andrew's

10.00am Tea and toast
10.30am Contemporary Service
7.00pm Open Space

Speakers today:

Holy Trinity	9.00am	Jo Robinson
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St Andrews	10.30am	Anne Purdon
Monkton Combe	11.00am	Susannah Padiachy
South Stoke	9.30am	John Perry



Sylvia Shearer thanks everyone for their love and prayers. She is now home, and is the proud wearer of a pace-maker. She is feeling much better.

Distributing Christmas fliers. There is a map at the back of Holy Trinity: if you are able to deliver a few fliers please choose a road, highlight on the sheet and take a bundle of fliers (within the parish only please!)



Mission Survey Please go to the HTCD website and access the 2017 Mission Survey: (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R5R8PDX>) It will only take you about 5 minutes to let the IMT know how you want HTCD's annual Mission tithe to be spent, by continent, which ministries, which people groups. Ask the office for a paper copy if you prefer. Answers by Thursday 7 December please

Prayer for the Vacancy

Praise God that the profile is nearing completion and pray for those who will be reading it.

Christmas Hampers for CAP clients. If you would like to contribute, please bring to St Andrew's or the church office by FRIDAY 8th, Suggested items: chocolates; Christmas cake/pudding; biscuits; crackers; unperishable foods; new toys; toiletries; gifts for adults; scarves; gloves; Christmas card packs; candles. NO alcohol please.

Hamper helpers urgently needed to put together Christmas Hampers for CAP and Family Matters clients. Please come to StACC on either Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and/or Wednesday 13th December, from 10:00am onwards. Please text Sharon (07962218848) or Amanda (7525855990) if you can help.

Mince pies needed. We would love to serve mince pies after the carol service on 17 December. If anyone would like to donate a box or two (the mini ones are ideal) please bring them to the office by 15 December. Many thanks

Alpha Course starting Weds 10th Jan at StACC for all the parish, with wine & food produced each week by a different home group & using the great new Alpha films from HTB. We need everyone to PRAY for each evening, for the growth of God's kingdom and who you should invite. We also need a team of volunteers to be our prayer support to pray together each Wednesday. PLEASE invite your friends to the Christmas services which should prompt chats about Jesus. This will encourage them to be positive when you invite them to Alpha. Contact Sharon or Steve for further info.

Staff vacancy at StACC

Community Outreach & Church Centre Manager, 20 hours per week. Job specification and application form from Liz in the church office. Interview date: 18th December.

Children's and Youth Group leaders at Holy Trinity this week

Emily North, Louise Kelly, Naomi Buddle
Rosalind Meryon, Margaret Browne
Claire Morrish, Joachim Knedel

Youth leaders:

Rob Hopwood, Gerard Charles

Today

4.30pm Messy Christingle, (StACC) . Please come with your family & invited friends & enjoy craft, a simple Christingle service & a meal afterwards.

Sunday 17 December

9am Morning worship (HT)

10.30am All Age Worship (HT)

10.30am Morning Worship (StACC)

2.30pm Dementia- Friendly Carol Service

6.30pm Carol Service (StACC)

7pm Carols by Candlelight, (HT) with refreshments. A blend of traditional & contemporary music & readings.

Christmas Eve

9am Morning Worship (HT)

10.30am Morning Worship (StACC)

5pm Nativity Service (HT)

11pm Midnight Communion (HT)

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Celebration (HT)

10am Christmas Celebration (StACC,)

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6 December

- **Mothers' Union Christmas service**, 7.30pm StACC. Everyone welcome

Thursday 7 December

- **Seniors' guest service** and Christmas lunch. Do invite your friends and neighbours, and RSVP for lunch to church office, please.

Friday 8 November

- **6+ mile walk** through the Two Tunnels, leaving Chombe, Monkton Combe at 10am.

Saturday 9 December

- **Christmas Concert** by Mendip Male Voice Choir, organised by Friends of Combe Down Surgery, Holy Trinity, 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50, available from the Surgery

Tuesday 12 December

- **Bath Community Gospel Choir**, 7.30pm, St Mary's Bathwick. No charge, but retiring collection. Several HT members sing with the choir - go and hear them sing!

Needed for

Combe Down Primary School Christmas Experience HT, 4th December.

Thank you for the items which have already been given - still a few things needed:

An incense burner – to burn Frankincense
Feather quill pens
Some earthen ware dishes/jugs/large pots – to create a kitchen scene for Mary
A broom – old looking wooden one – besom broom.
Men's leather sandals
Wooden plates or shallow bowls
Shepherd crooks

If you have any of these items to lend, please email Claire and drop them into Church office first thing on Monday!