

# 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 2023

### Holy Trinity

9.00am Morning Worship

10.45am Contemporary  
Worship

Preacher:

Katy Partridge



### St Andrews

10.30am Preacher: Trish Morgan

### 7 December

11.00am Midweek  
Communion Service  
@ HT

Preacher:

William Challis



# Church Family News

**Church Directory for 2024** There is still time to add your name to our membership directory for 2024. Please contact Jane or Peter in the church offices or pick up a membership form from church. Deadline: **Monday 11 December**.

**Christmas Eve Nativity Trail:** Book for our interactive, live nativity taking you on a trail round the church garden & out into the village, meeting all the characters from the



Christmas story. <https://www.htcd.church/events-1/nativity-trail-3>

Please note when selecting your tickets 'Quantity' refers to number of tickets and NOT the number of people in your party.

More tickets have now been released so check the website again

**Urgently required:** we need an innkeeper and wife, a priest, a roman soldier or two, a temple servant and a couple of guides for our Christmas Eve Nativity trail, 2.45-5pm! This is such a fun outreach to the village. Costumes are provided. Not much rehearsal required, you don't even have to know your lines. Do let Sharon know asap if it's going to be YOU who meets our need!

[sharon.blair@htcd.church](mailto:sharon.blair@htcd.church)

**Could you serve coffee** to the parents of Combe Down Primary School after their Christmas Nativity services? Monday 11th (2.30pm) and Tuesday 12th December (10.30am) and Friday 15th (10.30am). Please contact Claire ([children@htcd.church](mailto:children@htcd.church)) if you can help.

**Mince pies needed!** We would love to serve mince pies after the Carol Service on 17 December. If you can donate a box or two (the mini ones are easiest to eat!) please bring them to the office by Friday 15 Dec. Thank you!

**Could you house an Intern?** We are partnering with an international organisation called 'Time for God' and have agreed in principal to host a volunteer intern from January - December. We now need to provide suitable lodging. If you think you might be able to help please email [tim@htcd.church](mailto:tim@htcd.church) as soon as possible.

**Jobs at Holy Trinity** We are advertising two full time roles: Worship Leader and Media & Communications Officer. Full details on the HTCD website or see links below, Please pass on to anyone you think might be interested.

<https://premierjobsearch.co.uk/job/33964/worship-leader/>

<https://premierjobsearch.co.uk/job/33965/media-and-communications-officer/>

**HTCD gives a warm welcome** Please help maintain our church's DNA that we are known as a welcoming church. Every Sunday every one of us regular attenders are urged to look out for people you don't recognise to ensure, if they are visitors or first timers, they feel

# Christmas 2023

- 9 December Dementia-friendly carol service 1.30pm Holy Trinity 
- 10 December 3pm Christmas Treasure Hunt and Christingle (St Andrews)   
Silent Night 7-8pm Holy Trinity. A reflective service with music 
- 16 December Christmas Float 6-8pm Starting from St Andrews
- 17 December Christmas Carols 10.30am St Andrews   
Children's carols 3pm Holy Trinity  
Candlelight carols 7pm Holy Trinity
- 18 December Beer and Carols 5.30pm The Hub Mulberry Park
- Christmas Eve Nativity Trail 3-5pm HT garden. (Booking essential, via HTCD website).   
Midnight Communion 11.15pm Holy Trinity
- Christmas Day Christmas Celebration 10am Holy Trinity

## Dates for your diary

Sunday 3 December  
Christingle service 3pm St James South Stoke. All Welcome



Friday 8 December  
Mendip Male Voice Choir are performing a concert of Christmas Carols and Hymns at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity. All profits to support Otto and Atilla's work in Romania. Tickets £12 to include mulled wine and mince pies, from <https://www.htcd.church/events-1/christmas-concert>



Saturday 9 December  
Coffee morning at St Andrews, 10.30am – 12.30pm with cakes stall and a small tabletop sale to raise funds for Help and Hope, a charity which supports Christians who are persecuted in Pakistan particularly through bombings and violence.

Thank you to the Children's teams this Sunday:  
Jonah's Crew (Creche). Penny S, Rebecca WB, Angie S  
Ruth's Crew: Lorna L, Melanie C, Sue B, Claire M  
Peter's Crew: Elaine H, Gill S, Chris B  
Andrew's Crew (STACC) Lizzie G

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Please pray for:

### Mission Prayers

Please keep praying for Ben and Katy Ray at Arusha in Tanzania as they begin their work with SAFI, which is seeking to develop employment opportunities for disabled people and recognition of their importance and value across the country, especially in the churches. They ask us to pray for God's direction to the right partners for the future.

### Life Project

- Pray for Rich Blake-Lobb CEO for good health and leadership skills.
- For staff and volunteers to end the year well and bring the joy of our Saviour in their words and activities.
- For the makers and their families to know the peace of Christ in their hearts.
- For the Springs worship time, parent drop in and Skills sessions at the Barn to be filled with hope of transforming power over sickness and troubles.

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### Benefice Prayer

**Morning Prayer** on Mondays and Fridays on Zoom at 9am  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81360641930?pwd=QW5HNXVld2pzaS8zODVvZ2s4WEFkZz09>

**Thursdays** at 7am in Holy Trinity

**StACC:** third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

**Emergency prayer chain:** If you have an urgent prayer need, you can activate more than 50 people to pray. Please contact Lynne Tisdale (07402931102).

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### Giving at HT

**By Standing Order:** (preferred) Forms are available at [www.htcd.church/giving](http://www.htcd.church/giving) or from the Welcome table



**QR Code:** On display in the Foyer or here:

**Card reader** for contactless payments (in HT foyer)

**By cheque:** payable to **Combe Down PCC** please

**Online** go to [www.htcd.church/giving](http://www.htcd.church/giving) or click on the GIVING tab at the top of the front page of the website

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### Church Office Contacts

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