

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 the Sunday before Advent

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



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26 November 2023

Holy Trinity

9.00am Morning Worship

10.45am Contemporary
Worship

Preacher:

Shawn Swinney



St Andrews

10.30am Preacher: Malc Morgan

30 November

11.00am Midweek Service
@ HT

Preacher:

James Bradby



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**.

Could you help deliver our Christmas publicity? We are in need of more helpers to deliver our Christmas invitation cards and, without more volunteers, may not be able get them out to all 3,000 homes. John & Pauline can provide a list of streets not yet allocated. We need to deliver by 3rd December – the first Christmas event. Please call 07928 830278. No contribution too small!

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.

Actors still needed for very simple parts, plus refreshment servers and craft helpers. Please let Sharon Blair know if you can help: sharon.blair@htcd.church

Otherwise please pray for the positive impact of this and all our Christmas activities on our neighbourhood.

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) 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 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/>

Thank you to the Children's teams this Sunday:

Jonah's Crew (Creche).

Ruth's Crew: Melanie C, Sue B, Vanessa R, Jane L

Peter's Crew: Elaine H, Claire M

Andrew's Crew (STACC) Di Stubbs

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.
- 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

Wednesday 29 November

Another Chance to hear about Claire's Uganda Trip

Claire is speaking to the Friends Group at St Philip's Church about her trip to Uganda. 2.30pm til 4pm. This is a older generation gathering with worship, refreshments and a talk. If you would like to go please let Claire know so she can let St Philip's know how many chairs and refreshments to get ready.

Friday 1 December

Calling All Crafters Women's Craft

Evening in StACC. 7.30pm. Invite friends and neighbours! Tickets available on the website. Choose a basic ticket (£5) to cover the cost of craft materials. If you would like to make a Christmas wreath as well, choose the £15 ticket. Please note wreaths need to be ordered in advance and we won't be able to upgrade you on the night, **so booking is essential.**



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. .

Please pray for:

- Joel Moore and his family as he is dedicated at Holy Trinity on Sunday.
- Derrick & Nicky's son, Tyrone, who faces several serious health & emotional challenges. Pray for him & the family.

Mission Prayers

A massive thank you from William Challis & Sue Budd to all who helped with the Missions Weekend, which was greatly appreciated by many. Much hard work was involved, from peeling to preaching!

Give thanks that **Pastor Otto** has been able to appoint an Operations Manager, Joe. Pray that Joe's work will set Otto free to focus on and develop the wider ministry in Transylvania, especially amongst people with disabilities.

Anchor Project:

- Rev Rosy Fairhurst developing links with the community centre, & improving facilities at St Clement's to provide opportunities for young apprentices. For a joyful confirmation of 14 youngsters soon & for restored health & thanks for treatment while in Bath.
- For Indi Elcock running a drop in for refugees & asylum seekers & for wisdom and patience in guiding home office applications. For the lunch club supporting elderly and isolated elderly.
- For Meheret to find fellowship with church as a volunteer with the refugees and encourage others as they adjust. To assist with English learning and translation for Eritreans and East African families. For healing of difficult memories and restored links with family.

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).

Giving at HT

By Standing Order: (preferred) Forms are available at 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 or click on the GIVING tab at the top of the front page of the website

Church Office Contacts

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