

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 second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus
Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen



4 December 2022

Holy Trinity

9.00am Morning Worship

10.45am Contemporary
Worship

Preacher: Chris Absolon



St Andrews

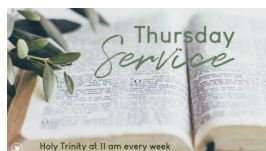
10.30am Contemporary Worship

Preacher: Shawn Swinney

Thursday 8 December

11.00am Midweek traditional
service @ HT

Preacher: Polly Andrews



Church Family News

Fundraising for the purchase of Foxhill Community Centre: thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. There will be an opportunity to hand in your pledges/donations at the services at Holy Trinity and St Andrews this Sunday. If you won't be there, please hand them in at the church office. Thank you!

Christmas Experience : Call for Props

We are staging the Christmas experience for Mulberry Park & Combe Down Schools on Monday 5th December. If you could lend any of the following props, please bring them to church on Sunday. Please make sure you name anything you lend so we can get it back to you.

Needed:

- *men's leather sandals, shepherds crooks or sticks, sheepskin rugs,*
- *An earthenware jug and large bowl,*
- *Star Christmas decorations that light-up,*
- *An incense burner.*

If anyone is free to help decorate the church on Sunday afternoon from 4pm that would be great too.

Email Claire children@htcd.church

Mince pies needed! We would love to serve mince pies after the Carol Service on 18 December. If anyone would like to donate a box or two (the mini ones are best!) please bring them to the office by Friday 16 December. Thank you!

StACction Day 10 December. St Andrew's welcomes willing hands to help clean up the Community Centre car park. Enjoy a physical work out while meeting new people and catching up with friends. Breakfast will be provided beforehand! 9.30 onwards. More info here:

<https://www.htcd.church/events-1/stacction-day-1>

Christmas Hampers for Foxhill families: We would love to bless local families having a hard time this Christmas with the gift of hampers. So please get together with other individuals, other families, or as a homegroup to buy & wrap a hamper for a family. This will delight them & if you're doing this as a family it really helps to show our children how to bless others.

Fill them with Christmas goodies (not pasta and sauce!) as well as a present for each family member.

More information from Sophie Alexander

sophiemralexander@gmail.com and Sharon Blair, who will give you the details of a family to bless. Thank you!

Church Directory for 2023 The deadline for new entries to the 2023 directory is **Friday 9th December**. If you are not yet on the church membership list but would like to be, please contact Jane or Peter in the church offices or pick up a membership form from church, and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you to the Children's teams this Sunday:

Jonah's Crew (Creche). Lydia C, Jo S, Sue D

Ruth's Crew Beth I, Melanie C, Vanessa R, Penny W

Peter's Crew Louise P, Anthony W, Claire M

Christmas 2022



- 7th December** Foxhill Focus Christmas lunch 12.30pm StACC
- 8th December** Seniors' Christmas tea 2.30pm HT
- 11th December** Silent Night 7–8pm HTCD. A reflective, candlelit service, with communion and space to be still,
- 16th December** Christmas Float 6–8pm Starting from StACC.
Mulled wine and mince pies 8–9pm StACC
- 17th December** Dementia-friendly carol service 2pm Holy Trinity
- 18th December** Christmas Carols 10.30am StACC
Church Family lunch 12.30 StACC
Candlelight carols 7pm Holy Trinity
- Christmas Eve** Outdoor Nativity Trail 4–6pm HT garden, Interactive stroll through the Nativity story. Booking now open on the HTCD website.
Midnight Communion 11.15pm HTCD
- Christmas Day** Christmas Celebration 10.30am StACC
Christmas Celebration 10.45am HTCD

The Christmas fliers are now available with full details of all the events.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 3 December

Craft Fair at St Michaels, Monkton Combe 10am–4pm. Drop in for as long or as short a time as you like—make cards, gifts, wreaths, decorations. Refreshments available throughout the day. Something for everyone (including children).

Thursday 8 December

Seniors' Christmas Tea Holy Trinity, 2.30 pm. Afternoon tea and cake, fun quiz, carol singing. Guests welcome so please invite friends and neighbours.

Saturday 10 December

Carol Concert in aid of Peggy Dodd. Holy Trinity 7.30pm. Grenville Jones' 'Welcome Chorus' and the City of Bath Male Voice Choir, Tickets £8 on the door

New Wine 2023

Come to New Wine with us in 2023! It is at the Kent Event Centre, Maidstone (closer than Peterborough where it was held last year).

Holy Trinity and St Andrews will be attending the second week – Tuesday 1st to Saturday 5th August. Save £20 per person by booking in before 19th January. Don't leave it too late! Please let Sharon Blair know if you are coming and contact her or Katy Partridge for further information.

Prayer for the week

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

Mission Prayer

Please pray for:

Please pray for Dave and Sarah North and their family as they come to the end of a busy term and Zambian school year, that Chengelo school will continue to be a place of grace for all pupils and staff, and equip leaders for a life of Christian service across their nations.

The Anchor Project: Bradford, Yorkshire!

- For the team as they have a busy time with Christmas services and events.
- For the work with refugees and Asylum seekers from over 10 different countries.
- For Toddler groups helping families cope with demands on home and budget.
- For lunches and food for the elderly who are isolated and vulnerable.
- For the language teaching and support in job seeking in a new environment.
- To bring God's love and hope this Christmas to all who come through their doors.

Prayer at Holy Trinity

Morning Prayer on Mondays and Fridays on Zoom at 9am
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89360622592?pwd=aS8veU9Tck5jSnlhTFIRdUJXM2wzdz09>

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

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