

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



1 December 2024

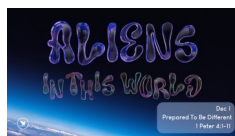
Holy Trinity

9.00am Morning Worship

10.45am Contemporary

Worship

Preacher: Shawn Swinney



6.00pm The 6

Preacher: Ben Notley



St Andrews

10.30am Contemporary Worship

Preacher: Trish Morgan

5 December

11.00am Midweek Communion

service @ HT

followed by lunch

Preacher: William Challis



The Spire Campaign

Please pick up a leaflet from HT for details of our fundraising campaign to raise money to repair the Holy Trinity Spire.

Church Family News

Christmas publicity: There are still some envelopes left in Holy Trinity for delivery, particularly around Combe Down village. If you can help, please pick up an envelope on Sunday.

Midweek service and lunch: Come and join us on Thursday 5th, 11am for our weekly service. This week we will have Communion followed by a cold buffet lunch. For more information, contact Vanessa@htcd.church

Could you help run a small library at St Martins Garden School? There is a lovely little library at the school, but no-one to run it...so the books stay unloved & unread on the shelves. Could you help to run this library? You would ideally spend a morning or afternoon each week to help children select books and borrow them. If you think this might be for you, please speak to Melanie Challis or 'phone Lizzie Norman on 07817 378413. Thank you

Being a faithful Christian in uncertain political times

Are you trying to figure out how we can be faithful and impactful Christians in this time of great political turmoil? A new book by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird – *Jesus and the Powers* – addresses exactly this topic. If you are interested in joining a group to read and study this book (meeting in the new year), please contact Simon Stuart on simon.stuart@arocha.org.

Nativity Trail—not into acting, or craft or serving food??

There is an amazing opportunity just to be with people as they do craft and have refreshments at the end of the Nativity trail. This gives them the chance to chat about what they have seen and we can share the gospel in a lovely low key way with them. Contact Sharon sharon.blair@htcd.church

Mothers' Union bookmarks: From Nov 25th Mothers' Union ,along with United Nations begins 16 Days of Activism to Raise Awareness of violence and Abuse against Women and Girls. This includes Domestic Abuse, Trafficking and Female Genital Mutilation. Please take a bookmark at our services on Sunday to aid your prayers to relieve this suffering and raise status of women and girls around our world .

Christmas Day lunch: We have a couple of people offering lunch on Christmas Day. So please don't sit alone if you would like company. Please let Sharon or Vanessa know if you'd like to join others.

Thank you to the Children's teams this Sunday:

Jonah's Crew (0-3 : Creche).

Mary N, Pauline M, Sue B



Ruth's Crew (3-7 : Church Rooms)

Diana G, Lorna L



Peter's Crew (7-11 : Church Rooms)

Andy P, Neele BF, Peter C

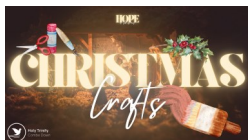


Christmas 2024

Friday 6 December

Craft Evening: 7pm at St Andrews. Bring your friends & neighbours to a fun evening of making Christmas crafts. Book here:

<https://www.htcd.church/events-1/christmas-crafts>



Sunday 8 December

Christingle service 3pm St James South Stoke. All welcome

Wednesday 11 December

Beer (or wine/hot chocolate/or whatever you like!) and Carols at the Hub, 5.30pm.

Friday 13 December

Christmas Carol Float, 6–8pm Starting and finishing at St Andrews, sharing Christmas music and the Christmas message around our neighbourhood. Follow the float and share mulled wine and mince pies together.

Saturday 14 December

Dementia-friendly carol service 1.30pm Holy Trinity
An accessible carol service for everyone but with emphasis on those living with dementia. Followed by Christmas refreshments

Sunday 15 December

Carols by Candlelight St Michael's Monkton Combe 6pm

Silent Night Holy Trinity, 7–8pm. A beautiful reflective service with music and prayer

Sunday 22 December

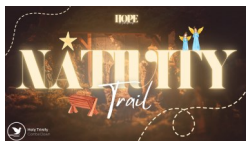
Carols by Candlelight, 7pm Holy Trinity

A beautiful service of familiar carols and seasonal songs in the warm candlelit church. A real start to celebrating the birth of Jesus

Christmas Eve

Nativity Trail: interactive, live nativity taking you on a trail round the church garden & out into the village! 3–5pm. Book your slot here:

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



Midnight Communion, 11.15pm Holy Trinity

Other events

Tuesday 3 December

Many already enjoy the monthly coffee mornings at the Packhorse in South Stoke. The next one, on 3 December, from 10–12 is in aid of St Andrews. Please come along and support : usual cake, friendly chat and a raffle. The pub is providing tea and coffee and suggesting you bring an item of confectionary or toiletries to put into Christmas party bags for the Focus lunch community.

Prayer for the week

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

Please pray for:

Katie Womersley and Thomas Roos getting married in Holy Trinity on Saturday 7 December

Sanctuary Prayer for this week



Mission Prayers:

Please pray for Dave North in Zambia who has broken his arm and needs to travel across the country to Lusaka for treatment.

Pray also for Su and Saphi Davies who are travelling in Costa Rica and the USA with Pastor Otto to visit and learn from disability ministries. Pray that they may learn new ways forward for good practice in Romania.

Morning Prayer on Mondays and Fridays on Zoom at 9am

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Thursdays at 7am in Holy Trinity

StACC: third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Mission prayers: last Monday of month, 7pm on Zoom Contact Sue Budd for link

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

By text: Text HTCD01 and the amount to 70070

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