

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 third Sunday in Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare
the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



15 December 2024

Holy Trinity

9.00am Morning Worship

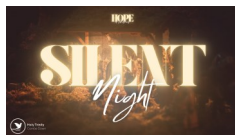
10.45am Contemporary
Worship

Preacher: Shawn Swinney



6.00pm No 6 this week

7.00pm Silent Night



St Andrews

10.30am Contemporary Worship

Preacher: Dave Kingswood (Home for Good)

19 December

11.00am Midweek service @
HT

Preacher: David Jewel



Church Family News

After decades of service the wonderful Sharon Blair is retiring in January. If you would like to give towards a leaving present, to be presented on 12 January, please put cash/cheque donations (**payable to Combe Down PCC please**) in the offertory box in the foyer of HT (in an envelope suitably marked) or deliver to the church office.

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.

Christmas hosting: If anyone has capacity to host one or two people from Church for lunch on Christmas Day, please can you let Vanessa or Sharon know:

vanessa@htcd.church / sharon@htcd.church. Thank you!

Sanctuary Prayer
for this week



Do you have a heart for serving the children in Peter's Crew (7-11's)? We need more volunteers to help lead sessions, and helpers to support children with special needs. Please contact Peter Cooke to find out more by emailing children@htcd.church. Thank you.

HTCD blog: Have a look at the latest HTCD blog post about the visit of Loren Wilkinson to HT in September: <https://www.htcd.church/post/circles-and-the-cross>

Drivers are occasionally needed to help people attend Church on Sunday or on a Thursday morning (11am service). If anyone is happy to be called upon from time to time, that would be very helpful. Please contact Vanessa@htcd.church

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18 December

Mothers' Union: Celebration of Christmas Hope at St Michaels, Monkton Combe at 2.30pm. Readings, carols and mince pies! Everyone is welcome to share our celebrations so do come along.

Friday 20 December

Church dusting! The works on the spire at Holy Trinity have created a lot of dust and debris. Come and join Liz and Jane for a dusting session between 11am and 12 noon

Friday 10 January

Walking, Cycling and Cultural trips to Transylvania in 2025.

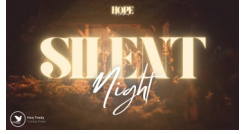
We would love to tell you about our trips to the stunning area of Transylvania in Romania. We will also have feedback from previous participants, talk about how it can impact the charity and answer any questions you may have. 7-8pm at StACC Drinks and nibbles.

RSVP Jon and Penny: G4Genquiry@gmail.com

Christmas 2024

Sunday 15 December

- **Carols by Candlelight** St Michael's Monkton Combe 6pm. Traditional carols and readings telling the Christmas story.
- **Silent Night** Holy Trinity, 7-8pm. A beautiful reflective service with music and prayer



Sunday 22 December

- Holy Trinity morning services as usual
- Christmas Carols St Andrews 10.30am
- **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>
- **Carol Service** 4pm St James South Stoke
- **Carols in the churchyard**, 6pm St Michaels Monkton Combe. Carols, mulled wine and hot chocolate
- **Midnight Communion** 11.15pm Holy Trinity



Christmas Day

- Christmas Celebration 10am Holy Trinity
- Christmas Celebration 10am St Andrews
- Christmas Communion 10am St James South Stoke
- Christmas Communion 10.30am St Michaels Monkton Combe

Boxing Day

- No Thursday Service

Sunday 29 December

- 9am and 10.45am services as usual

Thank you to the Children's teams this Sunday:

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

Debra G, Lydia C, Sue D



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

Linda M, Vanessa R, Penny W



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

Gill S, Katie M, Sharon J, Peter C



Prayer for the week

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

Please pray for:

Ursula Brooke and her family and friends following the death of John last week

Our Christmas services and outreach events this week:

- Carol service at St Michaels on Sunday 15th at 6pm
- Silent Night at Holy Trinity on Sunday 15th at 7pm
- Carol service at Holy Trinity on Sunday 22nd at 7pm

Mission Prayers:

Gerard and Sarah Charles give thanks for opportunities to work with students across the North West, leading seminars on World Mission and speaking at Christmas events in Liverpool and Huddersfield. They ask us to pray that they will create ripples that spread far and wide as people respond to the call to share in God's Mission.

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.

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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