

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 in 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



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8 December 2024

Holy Trinity

9.00am Morning Worship

10.45am Contemporary
Worship

Preacher: Tim Lewis



6.00pm The 6

Preacher:
Christine Absolon



St Andrews

10.30am Contemporary Worship

Preacher:
Simon Guillebaud



12 December

11.00am Midweek service @ HT

Preacher: James Bradby

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

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.

Church Directory final call: contact the office with any amendments or additions for next year's directory. Deadline Friday 13 December.

Clothes rail: does anyone have a spare clothes rail we could borrow for the nativity trail costumes please? Contact Jane (office@htcd.church) if you can help. Thank you.

Sanctuary Prayer
for this week



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>

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.

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.

Thank you to the Children's teams this Sunday:

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

Angie S, Jo S, Judith B



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

Beth I, Diana G, Melanie C



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

Chris B, Peter C



Christmas 2024

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

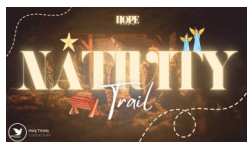
- **Carols by Candlelight** St Michael's Monkton Combe 6pm. Traditional carols and readings telling the Christmas story.
- **Silent Night** Holy Trinity, 7–8pm. A beautiful reflective service with music and prayer

Sunday 22 December

- **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** 11.15 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

Prayer for the week

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

Please pray for:

- Peter and Susie H who have moved to Devon, after many years of faithful service at Holy Trinity & St Andrews.
- Combe Down Primary School's Christmas services in Holy Trinity during this week

Our Christmas services and outreach events this week:

- Beer and Carols on Wednesday
- Christmas Float on Friday
- Dementia Friendly carol service on Saturday

Mission Prayers:

Paul & Albana at Korce in Albania give thanks for continued good contacts with children & for the opportunity to take a group of church members on a day away at a local beauty spot for Bible teaching. They are aware of God's presence with them, strengthening them when life gets hard. They give thanks that their son, is making good progress at school after a diagnosis of dyslexia, & has recommitted his life to Christ. Please pray for Sildi, Risti, Kleo & Antonio to receive Christ in their lives.

Unseen

For their Big Give fundraiser 3-10th December in aid of front line services (helping survivors of exploitation to recover from trauma). Providing consistent case workers, housing and care brings wellbeing and hope. Pray for Lauren as she coordinates.

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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