

Readings for The Sunday Next Before Advent

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Ezek.34. 11-16, 20-24 Page 865-866
Eph. 1. 15-end Page 1188
John 18. 28-38 Page 1173-1174



FOR YOUR PRAYERS Zimbabwe and its people as they look to the future

All who live in BowWow.

The Churnside Benefice as we consider our service pattern for the future.

Jennifer, Don, Joan and Liz as they prepare for Advent.

The Cirencester Foodbank and all the good work they do.

All those organising the Advent Workshop and all the children who will attend.

All who are seeking God's intervention, guidance or healing in their lives.

Lord we offer you ourselves this day -
For the work you want us to accomplish,
For the people you want us to meet,
For the words you want us to utter,
For the silence you want us to keep,
For the places you want us to enter,
For the new ways you want us to think.

Go with us along the way and enable us to realise your presence
at all time and in all places.

Almighty God, send down upon those who hold office in national and local Governments or Councils around the world, the spirit of wisdom, charity and justice, that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their positions of responsibility to promote the well-being of all their people.

Our Benefice Mission Statement

Growing in our relationship with God,
Caring for the whole Church Family,
Sharing the good news of Jesus in love and action.

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
26 th November	9.30am	Coffee & Church	Pr
Sunday Next	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Before Advent	10.00am	Morning Praise	Sidd
Christ the King	6.00pm	Compline	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
30 th November	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
3 rd December	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Advent Sunday	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	CW
	2.00pm	Advent Workshop	SC

SC - South Cerney CW - Cerney Wick Sidd - Siddington Pr - Preston
Morning Prayer is said each day in All Hallows at 8.30am. (Monday to Saturday).

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MESSAGES FROM JENNIFER

Here are the details of the Christmas services:

Sunday 10th December	6pm Carol Service	All Saints' Preston
Saturday 16th December	4.30pm Carol Service	Holy Trinity Cerney Wick
Sunday 17th December	4pm Carol Service	All Hallows South Cerney
	6.30pm Carol Service	St Peter's Siddington
Monday 18th December	7pm Carols around the Cross	South Cerney
Friday 22 nd December	6.30pm Carol Singing	Siddington Village Hall
Sunday 24 th December Christmas Eve	2.30pm Crib Service	St Peter's Siddington
	5pm Crib Service	All Hallows South Cerney
	11.30pm Midnight Mass	St Peter's Siddington
	11.30pm Midnight Mass	All Hallows South Cerney
Monday 25 th December Christmas Day	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints' Preston
	9.30am Family Communion	Holy Trinity Cerney Wick
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Siddington
	10.30am Family Communion	All Hallows South Cerney

The next United Benefice service will be at 10am on Sunday 31st December at All Hallows Church South Cerney. All welcome. Please note there will be no Thursday Communion on 28th December.

This year there will be Carol Services in each of the residential homes in the benefice. We are looking for people to come and join in the singing as we take the church to those who are unable to attend. The services are: 3pm on 19th December at The Lakes Care Home, 11am on 20th December at Mulberry Court and 3pm on 22nd December at Hunters Care Home. For more information or to volunteer please speak to Jennifer.

Thank you to all who attended the Benefice Meeting on 19th November to discuss the challenges we are experiencing with the current benefice service pattern. It was a positive meeting and it was excellent to have members from each of our different churches there. Copies of a questionnaire are available at the back of each church for those unable to attend the meeting. Please hand your completed questionnaires in by Sunday 17th December. Thank you.

INVITATION CARDS

Next Sunday invitation cards will be available in all the churches in the benefice. If you have a neighbour or friend you would like to ask to come to a Carol Service or one of the services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, then please take one or two of the cards, fill them in and make it your personal invitation.

OPEN MORNING

On Thursday 30th November there is an Open Morning at Ann Edwards School from 9.30am – 11.30am. Go along and see what they do to inspire pupils to achieve, strive and develop. More details on the church notice board. Please do look at the notice board in All Hallows Church porch, there are posters there for many different and diverse events and groups.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Are you able to help at our Advent Workshop on Sunday 3rd December to be held at Ann Edwards School from 2pm to 4.30pm?

The children's team have lots of lovely crafts for the children to make but we need adult helpers or young people (secondary school age) who can assist during the course of this lovely afternoon. Please contact Carolyn Tel. 861299.

KNITIVITY

Over the last few weeks the South Cerney Knitvity Group have been knitting away to produce yet another figure for the large knitted nativity scene in Gloucester Cathedral and also some small animals! This will be on display from Tuesday 5th December until 6th January. On Saturday 9th December there will be a Christmas Market in the Cloisters and every hour from 11am – 4pm a Carol Service with different choirs from around the city. It is well worth a visit.

COFFEEPOT IS ON THE 2ND SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

Christmas Coffeepot is on Saturday 9th December at 10.00 am. We will be serving our usual coffee, tea, hot chocolate and soft drinks, together with our delicious cakes, cheese scones and toasted teacakes. We will be presenting our cheque for all the donations we have received throughout the year to Graham Harris, who with his wife Juliette are the founding members of the charity Signpost. They are doing some amazing work with the homeless in Cirencester, together with many other organisations helping those living in very difficult situations.

Carol Adams

CHRISTMAS CARD

Thank you to all the posties, who over the next 10 days will be delivering the parish Christmas card to every house in South Cerney and Cerney Wick.

HUNTERS CARE CENTRE – COME DINE WITH US

Hunters Care Centre would like to invite members of the local community to join us at our beautiful home for lunch. This is an opportunity to join residents for lunch and you will receive a warm and friendly welcome. Lunch is free of charge (maximum of 8 people per booking) – simply contact Hunters (01285 653707) for more details and to make a booking.

CIRENCESTER FOODBANK

The following letter has been received from Marieke Guy on behalf of the Cirencester Foodbank:

Dear All Hallows – South Cerney. I am writing on behalf of the Foodbank in Cirencester to thank you for your generous donation in October of 62.85kg of food that will help families in crisis in Cirencester and the surrounding area to put food on the table. In October schools, churches, the WI and other groups donated an incredible 4.2 tonnes of food – mostly through Harvest Festivals in schools and churches – amazing! We are grateful for all of your ongoing support. As Christmas approaches we would appreciate donations of Christmas related items that have a long shelf life, so chocolates, Christmas puddings, tinned deserts etc. We also continue to need tinned meat, long-life milk, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, instant mash, rice pudding, sponge pudding and long –life juice. Thank you very much in advance.