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The Churnside Benefice

All Hallows South Cerney, All Saints Preston, Holy Trinity Cerney Wick and St Peter's Siddington

Today is 30th November 2025

The First Sunday Of Advent

A warm welcome to you

Today's services

10.00am	Benefice Communion – followed by refreshments and prayer ministry	All Hallows
4.00pm	Messy Advent	All Hallows

This week in the parishes

Monday 7.30pm	Compline	Zoom
Thursday 10am	Holy Communion	All Hallows

Sunday 7th December

9.30am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments and prayer ministry	All Hallows
11.15am	Family Service refreshments at 10.30am	St Peter's

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BENEFICE SERVICE

Today, Sunday 30th November, at 10am our Benefice Service will take place at All Hallows Church followed by refreshments and prayer ministry.

COMPLINE

The next Zoom Compline service will be at 7.30pm on Monday 1st December.

BLUE NOTES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7pm on Saturday 13th December 2025, All Hallows Church, South Cerney. With special guests Counter Measures. Donations can be made on the door. There will be refreshments and a raffle. All proceeds will be to Mindsong, Music For Dementia.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

There will be 30 beautifully decorated trees on display in All Hallows Church, South Cerney. There will be seasonal refreshments, Made in South Cerney stall, plus other stalls and children's games. There will be a raffle which will be drawn at 4.30pm on 8th December. The opening times are:

6pm - 8pm on Friday 5th December.

12noon – 6pm on Saturday 6th December.

1pm – 6pm on Sunday 7th December.

12 noon – 5pm on Monday 8th December.

LIGHTHOUSE

The next Lighthouse will be on Monday 15th December starting at 10.30am. Lighthouse is a relaxed space to be creative, explore faith, enjoy lunch and fellowship together. We start with tea and coffee and an opportunity to be creative with a variety of fun activities related to the theme and also time to chat with others. After this, we all come back together and are led in a time of informal worship. Finally, there is a delicious lunch to share, including a pudding.

LONGFIELD COMMUNITY HOSPICE

Now is the chance to sign up to dispose of your Christmas Tree in the most eco-friendly way possible and raise money for Longfield Community Hospice. In return for a voluntary donation, Longfield Hospice's team of volunteers will collect your trees from your home at the end of the festive season and take them to be chipped for chippings to be reused locally, making this the most eco-friendly way to dispose of your tree. Hoping to collect and recycle more trees than ever this year, Longfield in partnership with Just Helping, is aiming to raise more than £85,000, which could help fund over 1,000 hours of Hospice at Home care, or support free wellbeing, bereavement and counselling services for those in Gloucestershire.

To arrange collection of your tree, simply visit www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree and enter your postcode, where you can make a voluntary donation to your local community hospice. Bookings can be made from 14 November until 6th January 2025

The fundraising team are also looking for volunteers, vans to collect Christmas trees, and tree chippers from Saturday 10th to Tuesday 13 January 2025. To volunteer either with your time or if you have a van or chipper, then please contact the team on 01483 886868 or email christmas.trees@longfield.org.uk

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday 20th December we will be holding a Benefice Men's Breakfast in the United Church from 9.00am – 11am. An opportunity for men to meet together, chat together and eat together. Email for more information: vicar@churnsidechurches.co.uk

FAITH AND FINANCE – A FINANCIAL WELLBEING CONFERENCE

'Faith and finance' will be taking place in March 2026. It's a new diocesan event designed to help us think more clearly, confidently, and faithfully about money, in our personal lives, our households, and our wider communities. Full booking details will be released in the New Year, but for now, if you are interested, save the date: Saturday 21st March 2026, from 10am to 4pm at St John's Church, Churchdown.

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Readings for First Sunday Of Advent

Isaiah 2. 1 – 5

Romans 13. 11 – end

Matthew 24. 36 – 44



COLLECT FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please remember the needs of the church and the world in your prayers.

Prayers are especially invited for:

The family and friends of Keith Williams as his ashes are interred.

Hunters Care Home, Mulberry Court, The Lakes Care Centre,
Box Bush, Elizabeth Way.

All who live in Thompson Road.

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

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always and particularly this Advent time.

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.