



# INTER-LINK



## The Churnside Benefice

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

**Today is 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**The Second Sunday Of Christmas**

*A warm welcome to you*

### Today's services

9.30am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments and prayer ministry	All Hallows
11.15am	Family Service – refreshments at 10.30am	St Peter's
4.00pm	Messy Church	All Hallows

### This week in the parishes

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

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am	Morning Praise	All Saints
9.30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity
11.15am	Church Family Communion – refreshments at 10.30am	All Hallows

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## **MESSY CHURCH**

**4pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Messy Church is a service of worship with craft, games, stories, singing and other fun activities for families. The services are followed by a light tea including sandwiches, crisps, fruit and a sweet treat. The theme for the January service will be Messy Healing.

## **COMPLINE**

The next Zoom Compline service will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## **LIGHTHOUSE**

The next Lighthouse will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 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.

## **WINTER KIDZ!**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026, St Peter's Church is organising an afternoon of fun activities for the whole family called 'Winter Kidz', which will be held in the Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Activities will include creative crafts, an edible craft, colouring, puzzles and much more. There will also be story, singing time & refreshments. The event is free and open for children of all ages.

## **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 there will be a Benefice Christingle Service at 3pm at All Hallows Church. This service is for all ages and everyone is welcome to attend. The service will be followed by refreshments. If you are able to help with the refreshments or make a cake, then please let Jennifer know.

## **SOUP LUNCH**

12 noon to 2pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at All Hallows Church. Come and enjoy a choice of homemade soups in our beautiful church.

## **CAKE & CO AT ALL HALLOWS**

The 'Cake & Co' coffee mornings will continue through 2026, raising money for local groups and charities. The next 'Cake & Co' will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10am until 12 noon and then on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy lots of tasty cake and good company.

## **LONGFIELD COMMUNITY HOSPICE**

There is still time to sign up to dispose of your Christmas tree in the most eco-friendly way possible and raise money for Longfield Community Hospice. To arrange collection of your tree, simply visit [www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree) and enter your postcode, where you can make a voluntary donation. Bookings can be made until 6th January 2026. Volunteers are being sought with vans to collect Christmas trees, and tree chippers from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026. 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](mailto:christmas.trees@longfield.org.uk).

## **RESOURCES TO GROW YOUR FAITH IN 2026**

The New Year brings an opportunity to refresh your connection with faith, praying or reading the Bible. These resources offer various ways to connect with and explore the Christian faith:

Bible in One Year – <https://bibleinoneyear.org/en>. The leading daily Bible app to walk you through each day's readings.

Lectio365 – [24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365](http://24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365). A short daily devotional app to help you pray the Bible each day.

Daily Hope Phone Line – call 0800 804 8044. A free phone line offering hymns, prayers and words of comfort.

Ask Alexa – say "Alexa, open the Church of England". Ask questions, hear prayers and more.

The Alpha course – <https://alpha.org.uk>. Explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting at a church near you.



## **Readings for Second Sunday Of Christmas**

Jeremiah 31. 7 – 14

Ephesians 1. 3 – 14

John 1. (1 – 9) 10 – 18



### **COLLECT FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life:  
lead us to seek him among the outcast  
and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake.

### **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 Avril Rollings as they prepare for her funeral.

Everyone who organised, contributed to and attended the many  
Christmas services which took place across the benefice.

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

Dear Lord, let me not take those I love for granted,  
or be blind to the marvel of their presence,  
to the sound of their voices, the joy of their companionship  
or the beauty of their love.

May their minor faults and failings  
which sometimes cause me discomfort,  
be seen as trivial transgressions compared to the marvel of the gift  
that you have loaned to me for only a short while.

Help me to love them today  
as if tomorrow, you would call them home to you.

### **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.