

## WHO'S WHO

### Associate priest (on sick leave)

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#### Grunty Fen Group Safeguarding Administrator

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#### Administrator for Haddenham, Wilburton, Wentworth & Witchford

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## Grunty Fen Group part of the Ely Villages Benefice

Sharing together God's welcoming love

Holy Trinity Haddenham  
St Peter's Wilburton

St Peter's Wentworth  
St Andrew's Witchford

**December 7 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



## WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

### SERVICES TODAY

10.00	Morning Prayer, Witchford
10.00	Holy Communion, Wilburton
10.00	Café church, Haddenham

### ADVENT CANDLE PRAYERS

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen**

### COLLECT

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**

*Or*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### READINGS:

Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72.1-7,18,19, Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

### NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00	Holy Communion, Wentworth
10.00	Morning Prayer, Wilburton
10.00	Morning Prayer, Witchford
10.00	Iona Morning Prayer, Haddenham

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 35.1-10, Psalm 146.4-10 or *Canticle*: Magnificat, James 5.7-10  
Matthew 11.2-11

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- for peace in the world and, especially at this time, in Sudan, the Middle East & Ukraine and those who suffer in forgotten conflicts.
- For all who are unwell or anxious, especially: Robin, Eirwen (Wiggie), Freddie, Tia-Marie, John & Annie, Rev Jill, Marina & Tony, Enid & Paul and Fred & Kay.
- For all who are victims of natural disasters and all in need of food & shelter.
- For all who are lonely or fear they are forgotten.
- For Chris and Kathy Hollingshurst as they prepare to join us in the Benefice.
- We remember David Stazicker and pray for Elizabeth and all his family and friends as they mourn.

## CALENDAR

### Monday 8 December

09.30 Celtic morning prayer  
13.00 Foodbank, Haddenham

### Thursday 11 December

10.30 Coffee & crafts, Witchford

### Friday 12 December

19.00 Christmas concert, Witchford (St Andrew's hall)

### Saturday 13 December

10.00 Christmas coffee morning, Wilburton  
16.00 Christingle, Witchford

### Sunday 14 December

10.00 Holy Communion, Wentworth  
10.00 Morning Prayer, Wilburton  
10.00 Morning Prayer, Witchford  
10.00 Iona Morning Prayer, Haddenham

### Monday 15 December

09.30 Celtic morning prayer  
13.00 Foodbank, Haddenham

### Wednesday 17 December

10.00 Coffee morning, Witchford  
11.30 Food swap, Witchford

### Sunday 21 December

10.00 Holy Communion, Haddenham  
10.00 Morning Prayer, Wilburton  
10.00 Morning Prayer, Witchford  
10.00 Morning Prayer, Wentworth  
18.00 Village carol service, Haddenham  
18.00 Family carol service, Witchford

## NOTICES

### Appointment Announcement:

The Acting Bishop of Ely is pleased to announce that The Revd Christopher Paul Hollingshurst, currently Canon Residentiary in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Guildford, is to be Team Rector of The Isle of Ely Villages Team Benefice, subject to satisfactory DBS check. Chris' institution date is still to be confirmed but it is anticipated to be sometime in the Spring.

### Rotas at Haddenham

We are very short of welcomers on our rota at the moment and would appreciate

anyone coming forward to take on that role. It would not be every week! We also need people to join the cleaning rota (about 1-2 hours, once every 5 weeks at present, less often if there are more folk). We are always happy to add anyone to the list of readers or intercessors (help with the latter is available).

### Deanery synod vacancy

There is a 'casual vacancy' for Wilburton which was not filled at the APCM. Please would interested persons contact Elizabeth Stazicker (Deanery Lay chair) at: [eliz.stazicker@gmail.com](mailto:eliz.stazicker@gmail.com) if they would like to offer to represent the parish in this important way; the Deanery synod meets 3 times each year.

**Silent Prayer at St Peter's, Ely** Held in the Choir Stalls on Friday mornings from 10.30 - 11.10. Followed by coffee next door. Contact: Sarah Martin 07908 570748

## WHAT'S ON

### WILBURTON

**Christmas coffee morning** December 13th 10-12 noon.

### WITCHFORD

**Christmas concert** Friday 12th December 7p.m. With the Isle Singers in St Andrew's Hall refreshments, retiring collection

**Christingle** Saturday 13th December in the church 4 p.m.

**Family Service of lessons and carols** on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6 p.m.

### Food Swap

FREE FOOD is available at our Foodswap in the porch outside St Andrew's Hall at Witchford on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month overnight. Sealed and in date food can be left for those in need to collect overnight 11.30 am Wed-1230 Thurs.

### Coffee morning

Please come and join us in St Andrew's hall every 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10 - 1130. £5 for which you receive coffee/tea, cake and a strip of raffle tickets. All welcome.

### Coffee and Craft morning

Second Thursday of the month 10.30-12.30 at St Andrew's Hall, Witchford.

### SUTTON

#### Christmas Tree Festival

at St Andrew's, Sutton. Now until 27 December. Open daily 9.30am - 3.00pm.

### MID-WEEK AND OTHER WORSHIP AT CHURCHES IN THE BENEFICE

#### COVENEY:

**Morning Prayer** (CW) now said at St Peters Monday to Friday at 8am.

**BCP Holy Communion** 9am on the 1st Sunday of the month.

**Forest Church** 3pm on 3rd Sunday of the month, especially welcome are families

**Celtic evening prayer** 6pm on the fifth Sunday of the month

#### SUTTON:

**Choral evensong and sermon** 6.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month

~~**Midweek BCP communion** Wednesday at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.~~

Postponed until Ash Wednesday February 18th

#### STRETHAM:

**Bible study House group** Mondays 7.45-9.30pm, contact Sara 07771 593347