

# INTER-LINK

## The Churnside Benefice

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

# Today is 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 The First Sunday Of Christmas A warm welcome to you

## Today's services

10.00am	Benefice Communion	All Hallows
	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	
9.30am	Holy Communion – followed by	All Hallows
11.15am	refreshments and prayer ministry Family Service – refreshments at	St Peter's
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4.00pm	Messy Church	All Hallows

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#### BENEFICE SERVICE

Today (28<sup>th</sup> December) there will be a Benefice Service at 10am at All Hallows Church followed by refreshments.

#### THURSDAY COMMUNION AT ALL HALLOWS

There will not be a Thursday Communion service at All Hallows Church on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

#### **MESSY CHURCH**

## 4pm on Sunday 4th 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

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. 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. 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.

### 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. 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 Christmas**

Isaiah 63. 7 – 9 Hebrews 2. 10 – end Matthew 2. 13 – end



#### COLLECT FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Please remember the needs of the church and the world in your prayers.

Prayers are especially invited for:
Our PCCs, Treasurers, Safeguarding Officers and PCC Secretaries.
For all who will be working over the New Year to make this a safe and special time of year.

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

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this New Year and all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame,
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

This New Year, we are reminded that by Your amazing grace, each day is new, fresh and bursting with love, from here to eternity.

#### **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.