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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 21st December 2025

The Fourth Sunday Of Advent

A warm welcome to you

Today's services

9.30am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments and prayer ministry	All Hallows
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
4.00pm	Carol Service	All Saints

This week in the parishes

Christmas Eve	2.30pm	Crib Service	St Peter's
	4.00pm	Crib Service	All Hallows
	9.30pm	1 st Communion of Christmas	St Peter's
	11.30pm	1 st Communion of Christmas	All Hallows
Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Communion	All Saints
	9.30am	Family Communion	Holy Trinity
	10.30am	Family Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Family Communion	All Hallows

Sunday 28th December

10.00am	Benefice Communion	All Hallows
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 21st December

4pm Carol Service - All Saints Church, Preston.

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

2.30pm Crib Service - St Peter's Church, Siddington.

4pm Crib Service - All Hallows Church, South Cerney. Children are invited to come dressed as an angel, shepherd or king. Extra headaddresses will be available on the day.

9.30pm First Communion of Christmas - St Peter's Church, Siddington.

11.30pm First Communion of Christmas - All Hallows Church, South Cerney.

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am Family Communion - Holy Trinity Church, Cerney Wick.

9.30am Family Communion - All Saints Church, Preston.

10.30am Family Communion - St Peter's Church, Siddington.

10.30am Family Communion - All Hallows Church, South Cerney.

Children are invited to bring one of their presents to show to the congregation.

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

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL VISITOR INFORMATION FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Anyone planning to visit the Cathedral during the Christmas and New Year period should check the website for details of opening times and services.

gloucestercathedral.org.uk

BENEFICE SERVICE

Our next Benefice Service will take place on Sunday 28th December at 10am at All Hallows Church followed by refreshments and prayer ministry.

COMPLINE

The next Zoom Compline service will be on Monday 5th January 2026.

WINTER KIDZ!

On Saturday 17th 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 2 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.

SOUP LUNCH

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

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE SLEEPING ROUGH THIS WINTER...

You can report the sighting online by contacting StreetLink via their website – thestreetlink.org.uk. You can connect someone sleeping rough to services that will take care of them. Alert StreetLink of the sighting and the charity will put them in touch with local services that can support them. All you have to do is create an account, which takes less than a minute, and input the time and location of the sighting, along with any other relevant information. The details are then referred to charities, outreach teams and local councils who will then do their best to contact the rough sleeper. ***thestreetlink.org.uk***

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 to your local community hospice. Bookings can be made from until 6th January 2025. Volunteers are being sought with vans to collect Christmas trees, and tree chippers from Saturday 10th to Tuesday 13th 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.



Readings for Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Isaiah 7. 10 – 16

Romans 1. 1 – 7

Matthew 1. 18 – end



COLLECT FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Prayers are especially invited for:

The village newsletter and the teams who produce and distribute them.

Our Churchwardens.

For all those working over Christmas to make this a safe and special time of year.

Our choirs and the bell ringers, for all their hard work over 2025.

All who have attended and supported our churches throughout 2025.

All who live in Upper Up.

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

'Then pealed the bells more loud and deep.

God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!

The wrong shall fail,

The right prevail,

With peace on earth, good will to men!'

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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.