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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 14th December 2025

The Third Sunday Of Advent

A warm welcome to you

Today's services

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints
11.15am	Church Family Communion – refreshments from 10.30am	All Hallows
4.00pm	Carol Service	St Peter's

This week in the parishes

Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Hallows
Saturday	4.00pm	Carol Service	All Hallows

Sunday 21st December

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

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 14th December

4pm Carol Service - St Peter's Church, Siddington followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 20th December

4pm Carol Service - All Hallows Church, South Cerney.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Tree Festival in any way. Those who decorated trees, those who helped set it all up and of course, take down, those who bought and sold raffle tickets, those who acted as stewards and not forgetting those who supported it all by coming to have a look at the amazing displays.

It was all brilliant and we could not have managed without any one of you. It was a real village community event although we had people come from as far away as Gloucester and Oxford. Thank you to those who knitted, sewed, crafted and pasted for the Made in South Cerney stall. There are still a few jars of mincemeat left (£3 a pot) so contact Joan Townsend if you would like some. It was lovingly made by those who come along to Lighthouse.

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

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.

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 Third Sunday Of Advent

Isaiah 35. 1 – 10

James 5. 7 – 10

Matthew 11. 2 – 11



COLLECT FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with 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:

Kathleen Edge.

Carole Wilkinson.

All who live in Upper Siddington.

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

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.

At Advent, we should try the key to our heart's door. It may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas.

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.