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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 11th January 2026

The First Sunday Of Epiphany

A warm welcome to you

Today's services

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

This week in the parishes

Thursday	10am	Holy Communion	All Hallows
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Sunday 18th January

9.30am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments and prayer ministry	All Hallows
11.15am	Holy Communion – refreshments at 10.30am	St Peter's
3.00pm	Benefice Christingle service	All Hallows

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LIGHTHOUSE

The next Lighthouse will be on Monday 12th 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 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 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 18th 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 27th 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 14th February from 10am until 12 noon and then on Saturday 11th April 2026. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy lots of tasty cake and good company.

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On Saturday 22nd November, St Peter's Church organised a Christmas Fayre in Siddington Village Hall for the first time for over 10 years. We were delighted to welcome so many people and children to it and would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make it such a festive occasion and to everyone who donated items for the Fayre. The afternoon raised the fantastic sum of £1,760 for the church. Much of it will be used for the repair work required on the spire and the windows of our beautiful 950-year-old church.

PARISH GIVING

There are Parish Giving Schemes for each of our churches in the benefice. If you would like more information on how to join any of the schemes, then please do ask for more details.

CHORISTER VOICE TRIALS APPLICATIONS OPEN

Gloucester Cathedral and The King's School Gloucester are looking for talented girls and boys from Years 2, 3 and 4 to take part in their chorister voice trials this coming March.

The dates for the voice trials are:

- Wednesday 4th March 2026 – Girls
- Thursday 5th March 2026 – Boys

The deadline for applications is Friday 6 February 2026.

To find out more about the chorister voice trials

visit: <https://www.thekingsschool.co.uk/about-us/choristers>

BBC RADIO GLOUCESTERSHIRE

You may be interested to listen to a programme on BBC Radio Gloucestershire which is hosted by Caroline Martin on Sunday mornings. It is described as 'thought provoking news and features ... with faith in mind'. Full details of how to tune in can be found at bbc.co.uk.



Readings for the First Sunday Of Epiphany

Isaiah 42. 1 – 9

Acts 10. 34 – 43

Matthew 3. 13 – end



COLLECT FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Prayers are especially invited for:

Avril Rollings.

Children, staff and governors of Ann Edwards Church of England Primary School and Siddington Church of England Primary School.

The churchwardens at our churches.

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

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of all nations,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Amen.

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.