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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 8th November 2026

Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

A warm welcome to you

Today's services

8.00am	Holy Communion	All Hallows
9.30am	Remembrance Service	All Hallows
10.50am	Act of Remembrance	War Memorial
10.45am	Remembrance Service	All Saints
4.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Peter's

This week in the parishes

Thursday	10.00am	Service of the Word	All Hallows

Sunday 15th November

9.30am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments and an opportunity to receive prayer	All Hallows
11.15am	Holy Communion - refreshments from 10.30am	St Peter's

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CERNEY WICK REMEMBERS 2026
Until Friday 13th November, Holy Trinity Church at Cerney Wick will be decorated with silhouette figures, village poppies and information boards about the 5 men from the village who died in WW1. The church will be open daily until 4pm and all are very welcome to visit to view the displays.

LIGHTHOUSE
The next Lighthouse in All Hallows Church will be on Monday 9th November 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 to a time of informal worship. Finally, there is a delicious lunch to share, including a pudding.

WHAT FUTURE FOR OUR RURAL CHURCHES?
7pm on Thursday 12th November 2026 at Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester.
In a lecture by Dame Fiona Reynolds, High Sheriff of Gloucester, will argue that our precious and unique heritage of church buildings is in danger of being lost. The talk will explore some possible solutions. £12 in advance or £15 on the door to include a glass of wine and nibbles from 6pm. Book online at www.ghct.org.uk

SOUP SATURDAY
Come and enjoy a bowl of warming soup (choice of 3), followed by a piece of cake and a hot drink on 14th November between 12-2pm, Preston Village Hall. Usual price of £5. Looking forward to seeing you.

DEANERY LAY WORSHIP LEADER COMMISSIONING SERVICE
There will be a Deanery Lay Worship Leader Commissioning Service at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, on Saturday 14th November at 2pm. For more information, please contact Emma Anderson (Cirencester Deanery Operations Lead - eanderson@glosdioc.org.uk).

CHALLENGE FORTNIGHT

The Challenge Fortnight will conclude on 15th November. We have challenged ourselves to walk, run or cycle the equivalent distance between the 42 cathedrals of the Church of England. To mark the end of the challenge, everyone is invited to join a group walk, leaving All Hallows Church at 2.30pm on Sunday 15th November. We will return to the church for refreshments and a celebration**.**

ALL HALLOWS ADVENT FAYRE

On Saturday 21st November between 2pm and 5pm we will be having an Advent Fayre in All Hallows Church. There will be festive refreshments including mulled wine and hot chocolate with marshmallows, a raffle, tombola, made in South Cerney stall, nearly new gift stall with gift wrapping service, festive games, reindeer races, nativity treasure hunt and festive photo booth.

To support the fayre, we are looking for donations for the tombola, nearly new gift stall of good quality items that could be a gift for someone else this Christmas, items for the Made in South Cerney stall, cakes for the refreshments and festive items for the hampers (please see the list at the back of church for items needed). We also need help setting up on Friday 20th November from 1pm, help to run the stalls on the day, as well as help to tidy up on the day. If you are able to help or would like any further information, then please get in touch with Jennifer.

ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

From 4th - 6th December, St Peter's Church will be hosting the biannual Christmas Tree Festival. If you are able to help with the Christmas Tree Festival, or have any ideas then please get in touch with Jennifer.

CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed for annual leave on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November. The office will reopen at 9am on Tuesday 17th November.

Readings for Third Sunday Before Advent
Remembrance Sunday
Amos 5. 18 – 24
1 Thessalonians 4. 13 – end
Matthew 25. 1 – 13

COLLECT FOR THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through 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 Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal 2026.
All who will attend the benefice remembrance services.
Dot Stephens.
All who are seeking God's intervention, guidance or healing in their lives.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.
We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We remember with thanks and sorrow, those who gave their lives in world wars and conflicts past and present.



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.